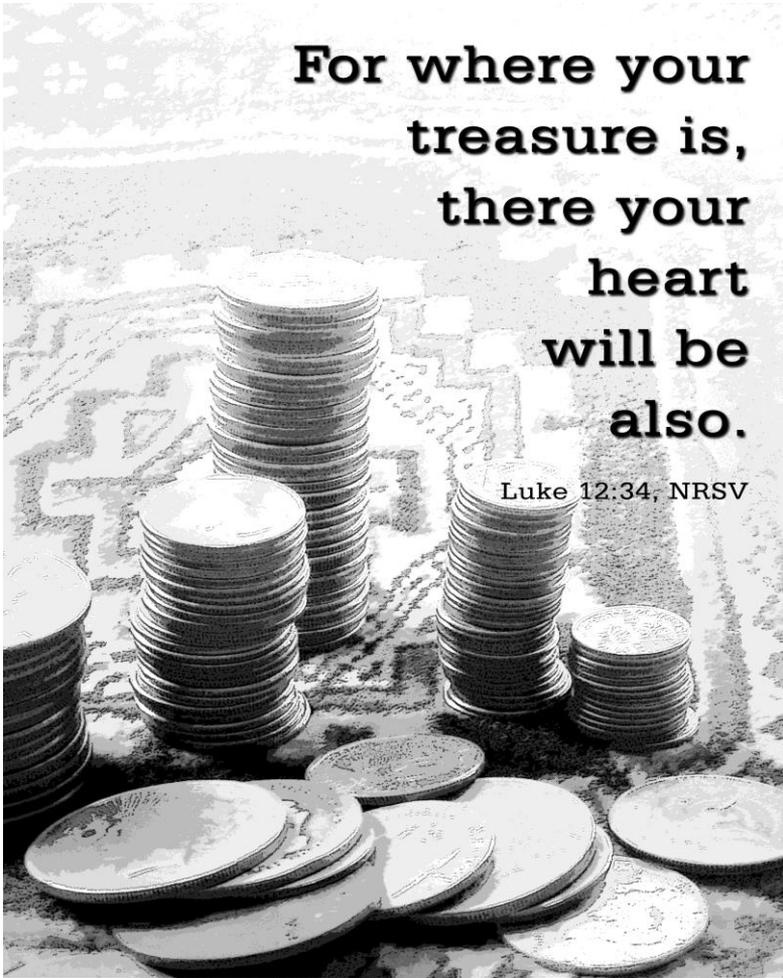


Grace Lutheran Church



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2013

9:00 a.m.

The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to bring the good news of God's saving grace, through Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection to all to be free to be the people of God.

Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

***Welcome!** Please sign the Attendance Registrations sheets which are found in each pew. Visitors, please also sign the guest book at the Welcome Center, and please join us for coffee and education hour activities after the service.*

***Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers.*

***A nursery is available** if your children become restless during the service. Heather Nelson or another daycare staff member will be the attendant each Sunday morning. If there is no one in the nursery, check in the daycare office. The service is also broadcast in the in the Gathering Hall.*

***Communion** – We welcome all people to the Lord’s table to receive Holy Communion. Children not instructed are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are not able to come forward to take communion, please notify an usher before the service. Then try to sit by the side aisle and the pastor will commune you in your pew.*

***When by intinction:** Receive the host (wafer), then dip the host into the chalice (cup) to receive wine (red) or grape juice (clear); depart by the side aisle. Gluten free wafers and a separate glass chalice are available by request on the pulpit side (left when facing altar).*

***When by pouring chalice:** Receive a cup. Receive and eat the bread. Proceed to the wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to have grape juice, take a rose colored glass from the inner ring of the tray; grape juice will be in the outer most chalice on both sides. Communion bread is gluten free.*

***Stephen Ministers** are available upon request. If you would like to meet with a Stephen Minister, please contact the church office.*

Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

Prelude “Lord Jesus Christ, Turn Thou to Us”

by Johann Gottfried Walther

Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we come to you for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to you. Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to you. Show us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Please be seated

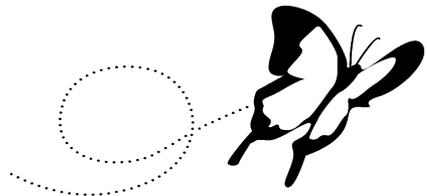
First Lesson: Genesis 15:1–6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

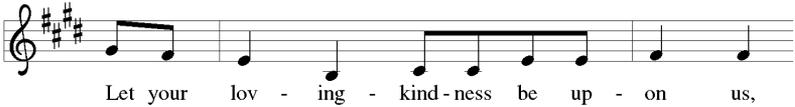
After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God



Psalm 33:12–22



¹²Happy is the nation whose God¹ is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to¹ be God's heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks¹ down from heaven, and sees all¹ humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly en-¹throned and watches all who dwell¹ on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions¹ all their hearts and observes¹ all their deeds. R**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size¹ of the army, nor are warriors rescued by¹ their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain¹ hope for victory; despite its great strength it¹ cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear¹ you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your¹ steadfast love,

¹⁹**to deliver their¹ lives from death, and to keep them alive in¹ time of famine. R**

²⁰Our innermost being waits for¹ you, O LORD, our helper¹ and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoic-¹es in you, for in your holy name we¹ put our trust.**

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD,¹ be upon us, even as we place our¹ hope in you. **R**

Children's Sermon

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to

receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Twelfth Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke Luke 12:32–40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" #771

Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of mercy, hear the cries of your people, and answer us according to your steadfast love; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

**All: God of love, have mercy on us. Pour out your Spirit upon us.
Center us in worship. Hold us in grace. Strengthen us in love. Send
us forth in mission. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all,

C: And also with you!

Please be seated

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory “Offertoire”

by Charles Alexis Chauvet

Please stand as you are able

Offering Prayer

P: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C: Amen

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical score for 'Great Thanksgiving' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff contains 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff contains 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff contains 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The melody is simple and uses mostly quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

The musical score for 'Holy, Holy, Holy' is written in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system has the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'. The second system has 'ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'. The third system has 'heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim our Lord's death until he comes.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen**

Invitation to Communion

P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the feast.

Communion Song

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Distribution Hymns: 856, 886, 616

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

P: O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

#767

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“God Is My Strong Salvation” by Gilbert M. Martin

Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!

In our prayers: LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Barb Burley, Vivian Feilmann, Diane Jessen, Marvin Malmin, Duleep Singh, Brian Vance, the family of Dana’s cousin, and the others we name before you...

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Bonnie and Don Swanson in honor of their 40TH wedding anniversary.

Quarters placed in the offering plate today, and every first Sunday are for Malaria.



Happy Birthday to: Linda Ulrick, Ruth Ann Allen, Paul Johnson, Maria Jacobo, Josefina Ruiz, Milton Heiser, Darlene Stuckle, Angela Hansen, Rachel Welty, Connie Heuton, J. (Alex) Pilon, Adam Dostalík, Cheryl Weatherington, Jordan Carter



Happy Anniversary to: Donald & Bonnie Swanson, John & Sharon Schwemler, James & Sherry Merkwán, Gary & Marion Nehmer, Dennis & Patricia Rehder, Ralf & Inga Hoifeldt, Lathrop & Sally Preston, Chris & MeLissa Lawson, Sean & Melinda Stickrod, Dale & Pat Bordt, Virgil & Gayle Olson, John & Carol Rudisill

SWAHILI WORDS of the WEEK

Peace Be With You is **Amani iwe kwenu**

Yes is **ndiyo**, while No is **hapana**.

Jina langu ni My name is

Bwana asifiwe (bwah-na ah-see-fee-way) Praise the Lord

Kwa heri (kwah heh ree) means good bye

Habari means how are you?

The reply is **Nzuri** which means good or fine.

Karibu means welcome.

The reply is **Asante** which means thank you

or **Asante sana** (thanks very much).

Jambo means hello. The reply is **Jambo**.

Saturday Bike Ride

Grace Bike Group meets every Saturday at 8:00 a.m. to ride to the downtown Farmers Market. It is a 7 mile trip. If you are interested, contact Brian Barks to be added to the email list. bebarks@aol.com

This Week at Grace

Sunday, August 11

9:00 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. – Coffee and Fellowship

10:00 a.m. – Grace Garden Workday

Monday, August 12

10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

4:00 p.m. – TOPS

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. - AA Groups

Tuesday, August 13

10:30 a.m. - Pastors' Text Study

6:00 p.m. – Companion Congregation Committee

6:00 p.m. – TOPS

7:00 p.m. – Committee Night

8:00 p.m. – Stewardship Committee

Wednesday, August 14

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers

6:30 p.m. – Worship with Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. – “*Just Desserts*” rehearsal

Thursday, August 15

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – First Circle Friends

9:00 a.m. – Quilters

6:45 – 9:00 p.m. – Embroidery Guild

Sunday, August 18 – Rev. Doug Johnson Preaching

9:00 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. – Coffee and Fellowship

10:00 a.m. – Photo Day

Welcome to Grace!

Pastor - Michael Schmidt

Director of Laity Ministries - Stephanie Johnson

Director of Music Ministries - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

Ensemble Director – Sherry Kocek

Grace Kids Care Director - Heather Nelson

Office Administrator - Jacquelyn Holmes

Office Assistant - Michelle Voelker

Custodian – Todd Haugen

Ushers – Norm Trentmann, Jay Wangerin

Liturgist – Hal Turner

Lector – Karen Taylor

Children’s Sermon – Stephanie Johnson

Communion servers – Karen Taylor, Doug Johnson, Ardis Schmelzer, Stephanie Johnson

Acolyte – Matt Farrell

Altar Guild – Tammy Denton, Cindy Peeler

Counters – Jeff Farrell and Tom McCleary

Coffee Servers – Kate Schaller, Karla Swanson

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