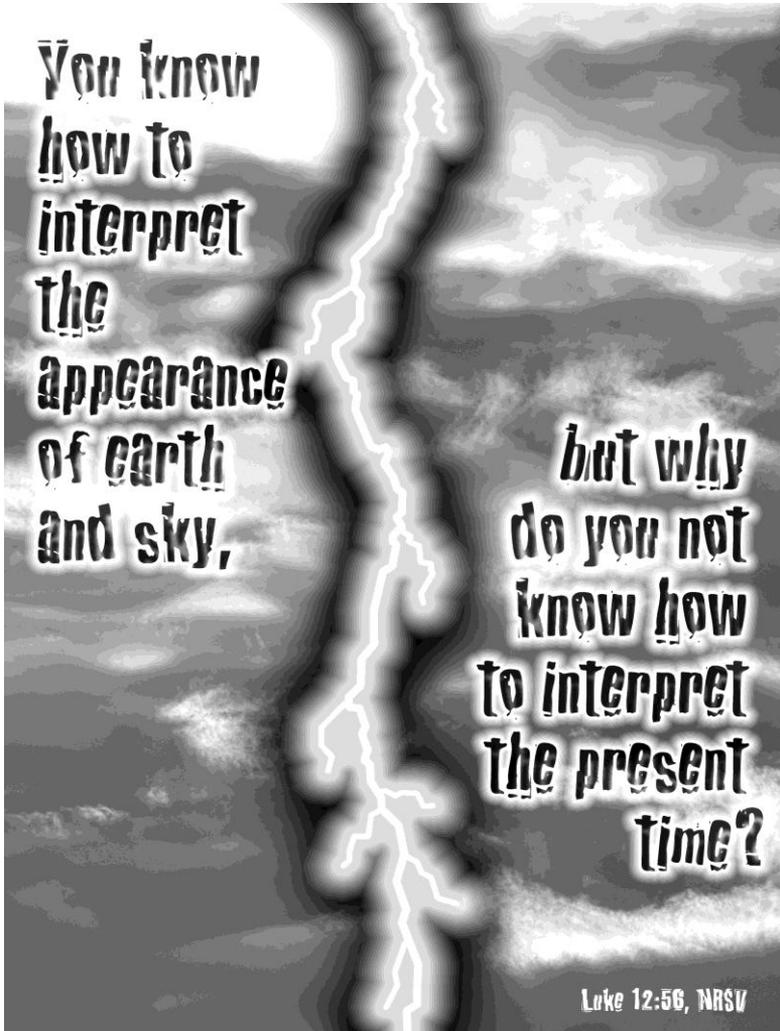


# Grace Lutheran Church



## **The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 18, 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.*

# Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

**Prelude**      “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”      arr. By Cindy Berry  
*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**                      “Let the Whole Creation Cry”                      #876

## **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.

# Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



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



1 Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



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: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*Please be seated*

### **First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:23–29**

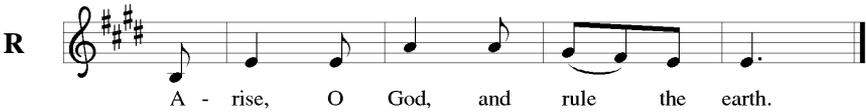
*Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.*

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back — those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

L: the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 82



<sup>1</sup>God stands to charge the divine coun-<sup>1</sup> cil assembled, giving judgment in the midst<sup>1</sup> of the gods:

<sup>2</sup>"**How long will you<sup>1</sup> judge unjustly, and show favor<sup>1</sup> to the wicked?**

<sup>3</sup>Save the weak<sup>1</sup> and the orphan; defend the hum-<sup>1</sup> ble and needy;

<sup>4</sup>**rescue the weak<sup>1</sup> and the poor; deliver them from the power<sup>1</sup> of the wicked. R**

<sup>5</sup>They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander a-<sup>1</sup> bout in darkness; all the foundations of the<sup>1</sup> earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup>**Now I say to you,<sup>1</sup> 'You are gods, and all of you children of<sup>1</sup> the Most High;**

<sup>7</sup>nevertheless, you shall<sup>1</sup> die like mortals, and fall like<sup>1</sup> any prince."

<sup>8</sup>**Arise, O God, and<sup>1</sup> rule the earth, for you shall take all nations<sup>1</sup> for your own. R**

**Special Music:** *Denny Rehder*

## Children's Sermon

### Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

*The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.*

**Chapter 11** <sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. <sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — <sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead

by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented — <sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. **Chapter 12** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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 12:49–56**

*Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.*

<sup>49</sup>I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." <sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn**

“Faith of Our Fathers”

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**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**

“Faith of Our Fathers”

arr. By Bryce Inman

*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 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 contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'. The second system contains 'ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'. The third system contains '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: 528, 779, 472**

*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**

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

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**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

“Village Dance”

by John Knowles Paine



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**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 Roy Mann in memory of Bernice Mann.

**Quarters** placed in the offering plate today and every first Sunday of the month are for Food Pantry.



**Happy Birthday to:** Beverly Russell, Michael Best, Ruth Berven, Alyssa Weaver, Patricia Anderson, Brent Ridnour, Cooper Mortenson, Tom McCleary, Marvin Johns, Janice Nordeen, Mark Mattes, Grace Schroeder, Janet Trentmann,

John Gronert, Linda Gronert, Chris Hidalgo



**Happy Anniversary to:** Kenneth & Eleanor Carlson, Robert & Sheryl Sauerman, Ernest & Cheryl Weatherington

**Calling all cooks!** Super Wednesday and the community meals are beginning on Sept. 11. September 18 is covered but everything else is open and waiting for YOU to cook your special casserole, set up your sandwich bar, or dial P for pizza. Sign up now to get the date that works best for you or your crew – Jane Ridnour has menus and ideas to help. It's so EASY and FUN! Sign up in the kitchen or e-mail Jane at [jrid8@aol.com](mailto:jrid8@aol.com).

**Mark your calendar:** A cast of fun-loving members of Grace is hard at work preparing a mystery play to be presented in Grace Hall on Saturday, September 7 at 7:00pm. You won't want to miss this hilarious "whodunnit" called *Just Desserts*. Come for a fun evening of fellowship to kick off Celebration Sunday weekend, and stay for the dessert reception afterward. Our cast thanks you for your support in advance!

### SWAHILI WORDS of the WEEK

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

The Grace Garden is slowly starting to produce. Even with the crazy summer weather we've had, **Grace has donated 40 pounds of produce to the food pantry in the last four weeks.** Please consider helping us out in August and September with watering or harvesting. The signup calendar is in the Gathering Hall. Not sure what to do? Join us on the second Sunday of each month (after the service) or the fourth Wednesday of the month before the service.

Everyone Welcome: There will be an **Adult Forum meeting** today after worship in the conference room. We will be exploring ideas for this year's Adult Forum/education hour. We would love to have you attend if you are interested!"

## This Week at Grace

**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

10:00 a.m. – Adult forum meeting

**Monday, August 19**

4:00 p.m. – TOPS\*

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. - AA Groups\*

**Tuesday, August 20**

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Drake University Operation Headstart\*

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

6:00 p.m. – Lydia Circle

6:00 p.m. – TOPS\*

**Wednesday, August 21**

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers

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

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

**Thursday, August 22**

9:00 a.m. – Quilters

**Friday, August 23**

*Newsletter deadline*

**Saturday, August 24**

8:00 a.m. – Grace Bike Group

**Sunday, August 25** – Rev. Bill Kallestad preaching

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

10:00 a.m. – Coffee and Fellowship

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. – Sherry Kocek studio recital\*

*\*These activities/events using Grace facilities are sponsored/planned by groups outside Grace. Some events/meetings are closed to the public; however Grace members may be active in some of these groups/activities and may welcome visitors and new members. Contact the church office or check the Grace website ([www.gracedm.org](http://www.gracedm.org)) for more information.*

## 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** – Stephanie Johnson

**Lector** – Ro Zimany

**Children's Sermon** – Carol Woodruff

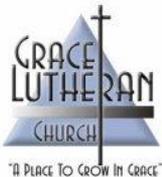
**Communion servers** – Julie Honsey, Karen Taylor, Jan Gross, Kate Schaller

**Acolytes** – Sierra Carney, Emma Mattes

**Altar Guild** – Tammy Denton, Cindy Peeler

**Counters** – Mike Carney and Jon Rissman

**Coffee Servers** – Karen Taylor



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