

Grace Lutheran Church

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The entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Luke 13:17, NRSV



The Season of Pentecost

August 21, 2013

6:30 p.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.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

***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. 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).*

Prelude

Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation

Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

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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.

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



- 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,



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 - thy 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, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Please be seated

Lesson: Isaiah 58:9b–14

The Lord promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 103:1–8

R 
The LORD crowns you with mer - cy and stead - fast love.

¹Bless the LORD, ¹O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's ¹holy name.

²Bless the LORD, ¹O my soul, and forget not ¹all God's benefits—
³who forgives ¹all your sins and heals all ¹your diseases;

⁴who redeems your life ¹from the grave and crowns you with
steadfast ¹love and mercy; R

⁵who satisfies your desires ¹with good things so that your youth is
renewed ¹like an eagle's.

⁶O LORD, you provide ¹vindication and justice for all who ¹are
oppressed.

⁷You made known your ¹ways to Moses and your works to the chil-
dren of Israel.

**⁸LORD, you are full of compas-¹sion and mercy, slow to anger and
abounding in¹ steadfast love. R**

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 13:10–17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?" ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn

“We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

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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

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

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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: 483, 595, 666

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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Good Evening and Welcome to Grace!

In our prayers: LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Vivian Feilmann, Diane Jessen, Marvin Malmin, Duleep Singh, Brian Vance, and the others we name before you...



Happy Birthday to: Tom McCleary, Marvin Johns, Janice Nordeen, Mark Mattes, Grace Schroeder, Janet Trentmann, John Gronert, Linda Gronert, Chris Hidalgo, Scott Honsey, Tim Nelson



Happy Anniversary to: Ernest and Cheryl Weatherington, Scott and Julie Honsey, Bruce Mumm and Christie Rosheim, Gary and Sharyn Nelson, Jerry and Diane Westercamp

Do you like being with kids? Do you like hearing the wonderful insights of young people? Then you should consider being a Sunday School co-leader for the coming year. The Education Committee is looking for 3 co-leaders- One for the K-2nd grade class, one for the 3rd grade class and one for the 4th-5th grade class. There is already one co-leader in place for each class. Co-leaders take turns, so you are not tied down to every week. Sunday School is 9:30 to 10:30 am on Sunday morning starting September 15 through mid May. Time requirement is the education hour and usually 1-2 hours of preparation time the weeks that you lead. If you are interested or have questions please contact Beth Flannery at 288-5880 or bdflannery@gmail.com (new email address)

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.

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!

This Week at Grace

Thursday, August 22

9:00 a.m. – Quilters

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 student recital in Sanctuary

Monday, August 26

4:00 p.m. – TOPS

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. - AA Groups

Tuesday, August 27

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

6:00 p.m. – TOPS

7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 28

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers

9:30 -11:30 a.m. – LSI Staff Meeting

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

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

Welcome to Grace!

Ministers – The People of God

Pastor - Michael Schmidt

Preaching Pastor - Rev. Stephen Sherer

Director of Laity Ministries - Stephanie Johnson

Director of Music Ministries - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

Ensemble Director – Sherry Kocek

Grace Kids Care Director - Heather Nelson

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