

Grace Lutheran Church

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

Luke 13:17, NRSV



The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 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 “Little Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Major” by Bach
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 “How Firm a Foundation” #796

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-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



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 Amen

Please be seated

First 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



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

²**Bless the LORD, ¹O my soul, and forget not ¹all God's benefits—**

³who forgives ¹all your sins and heals all ¹your diseases;

⁴**who 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.

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

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

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

Special Music: Adam and Marty Dostalík, trombone duet

Children's Sermon

Second Lesson: Hebrews 12:18–29

Using images of Moses from the Old Testament, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ.

There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.")

²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the

sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken — that is, created things — so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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 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

Temple Talks

The Offering

Offertory

“Lyric Piece”

by Susanna Keeney

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 system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: '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,' and 'heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.' The piano accompaniment features block chords and simple bass lines.

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: 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”

#858

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Variations on "All Praise to Thee"”

by Robert Hilf



Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!

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

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Lenora and Norm Iverson in honor of family.

Quarters placed in the offering plate today, and every fourth Sunday are for Msindo.



Happy Birthday to: Scott Honsey, Tim Nelson, Richard Randolph, Philip Snyder, Brandon Niemuth, Palma Williams, Susan Halblom, Todd Prescott, Janet Gross, Leonard Ringgenberg, Janet Habick, Eleanor Carlson, Gary Nehmer



Happy Anniversary to: Scott and Julie Honsey, Bruce Mumm and Christie Rosheim, Gary and Sharyn Nelson, Jerry and Diane Westercamp, Norman and Leonora Iverson, Joshua and Kristene Shortell, Kurt and Kathy Bowermaster, Martin and Kari Dostalick

Thank you, Rev. Bill Kallestad, for sharing your wisdom and leadership with us this morning.

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 three co-leaders: one for kindergarden-2nd, one for 3rd grade and one for 4th-5th graders. 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 a.m. September 15 through mid-May. The time commitment 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 bdfalnery@gmail.com

Calling all cooks!

Super Wednesday and the community meals are beginning on September 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 fun-loving cast of Grace members is hard at work preparing a mystery play to be presented in Grace Hall on Saturday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. 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.

Men of Grace will begin rehearsals Wednesday, September 4 at 7:30 p.m. All tenors and basses are invited to join us! The men will be leading worship through October 20. Please contact Sherry Kocek, Director of Ensembles at skocek@msn.com for more information.

Welcome to Grace!

Pastor - Michael Schmidt

Preaching Pastor – Rev. Bill Kallestad

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 – Denny Rehder

Lector – Karen Taylor

Children’s Sermon – Carol Woodruff

Communion servers – Karen Taylor, Amy Schmelzer, Susanne Carney,
Kenzie Carney

Acolytes – Matt Farrell and Danielle Russell

Altar Guild – Tammy Denton, Cindy Peeler

Counters – Mark Stumme and Carter Woodruff

Coffee Servers – Karen Taylor

This Week at Grace

Sunday, August 25

9:00 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion (Rev. Bill Kallestad preaching)

10:00 a.m. – Coffee and Fellowship

Tuesday, August 27

7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 28

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers

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

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

Thursday, August 29

9:00 a.m. – Quilters

Saturday, August 31

8:00 a.m. – Grace Bike Group

Sunday, September 1

9:00 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion (Rev. Doug Johnson preaching)

10:00 a.m. – Coffee and Fellowship



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