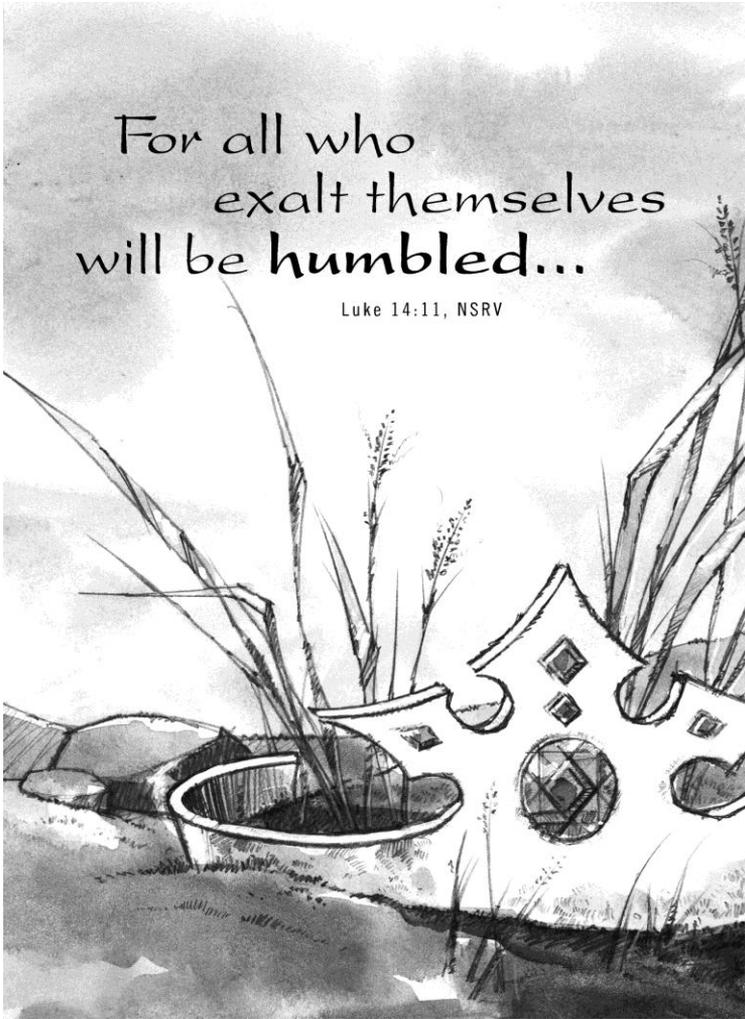


Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310

For all who
exalt themselves
will be humbled...

Luke 14:11, NSRV



The Season of Pentecost

August 28, 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.*

***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).*



Summer

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Prelude

Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation

Hymn

“Around You, O Lord Jesus”

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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 with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

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



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



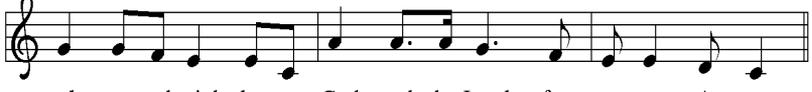
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -



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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Please be seated

Lesson: Proverbs 25:6-7

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 112



The righ-teous are mer-ci-ful and full of com - pas-sion.

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who ¹fear the LORD and have great delight in ¹God's commandments!

²Their descendants will be mighty ¹in the land; the generation of the upright ¹will be blessed. **R**

³Wealth and riches will be ¹in their house, and their righteousness will ¹last forever.

⁴Light shines in the darkness ¹for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full ¹of compassion.

⁵It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending and to manage their af- |
fairs with justice.

**⁶For they will nev- | er be shaken; the righteous will be kept in
everlast- | ing remembrance. R**

⁷They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors; their heart is steadfast,
trusting | in the LORD.

**⁸Their heart is established and | will not shrink, until they see their
desire up- | on their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast
forever; they will hold up their | head with honor.

**¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and
| pine away; the desires of the wick- | ed will perish. R**

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7–14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to mimic God's gracious hospitality to the poor and the broken.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the

poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn "Now We Join in Celebration"

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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: Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Into your hands, O Holy One, we entrust all for whom we pray, confident in your abundant and abiding mercy; through Jesus Christ our

Savior.

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: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

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

Good Evening and Welcome to Grace!

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



Happy Birthday to: Richard Randolph, Philip Snyder, Brandon Niemuth, Palma Williams, Susan Halblom, Todd Prescott, Janet Gross, Leonard Ringgenberg, Janet Habick, Eleanor Carlson, Gary Nehmer, Cindy Peeler, Michelle Voelker, Heather Nelson, Nylya Bartelt, John Donnenwerth, Bill Henderson



Lois Slye will be celebrating her 90th birthday on September 9th. Her family knows she would appreciate your thoughts on that day, so we are suggesting a card shower.



Happy Anniversary to: Norman and Leonora Iverson, Joshua and Kristene Shortell, Kurt and Kathy Bowermaster, Martin and Kari Dostalík, Brent and Valerie Culp, Todd and Elizabeth Prescott, Donald and Gail Peterson

Men in Mission will meet at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, September 5. Speaker will be Peggy Whorton of the Iowa Department on Aging Resources.

I would like to thank the Rev. Bill Kallestad and the Rev. Steve Sherer for their leadership in worship while I have been recovering from surgery. Things are going well and I look forward to being back at work next week. Thank you! *Pastor Mike*

Saturday morning Grace Bike Group: We meet in the parking lot between 7:45 and 8:00 A.M. and leave for the Des Moines Farmers Market at 8:00 A.M.

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. (*A sign-up sheet for bringing desserts for the reception is in the Gathering Hall. You can bring them on the evening of the performance or drop them off earlier in the week. Thanks for your treats!*) Our cast thanks you for your support in advance!

Welcome to Grace!

Ministers – The People of God

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

Pianist – Kent Weaver

Altar Guild – Tammy Denton, Cindy Peeler