

# Grace Lutheran Church

For all who  
exalt themselves  
will be humbled...

Luke 14:11, NSRV



**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 1, 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.*

**Prelude** “Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness” setting by Anne Krentz  
*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 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.**

**Hymn**

“Around You, O Lord Jesus”

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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.

# 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, 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*

### First 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.*

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

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.

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

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

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be <sup>1</sup>in their house, and their righteousness will <sup>1</sup>last forever.

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

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be gener- <sup>1</sup>ous in lending and to manage their af- <sup>1</sup>

fairs with justice.

**6For they will nev-<sup>l</sup>er be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlast-<sup>l</sup>ing remembrance. R**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any<sup>l</sup> evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting<sup>l</sup> in the LORD.

**8Their heart is established and<sup>l</sup> will not shrink, until they see their desire up-<sup>l</sup>on their enemies.**

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

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

**Special Music:**

“Fantasie No. 2”

by Telemann

*Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg, oboe*

## Children’s Sermon

### Second Lesson: Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

*The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God’s love toward us in Jesus Christ.*

Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?” <sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to 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 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. <sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>When 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; <sup>9</sup>and 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. <sup>10</sup>But 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. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." <sup>12</sup>He 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. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And 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** "Dedication by Frederick Archer" arr. by Edward Broughton

*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

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.

**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.

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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The accompaniment consists of block chords and simple rhythmic patterns.

### **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,**

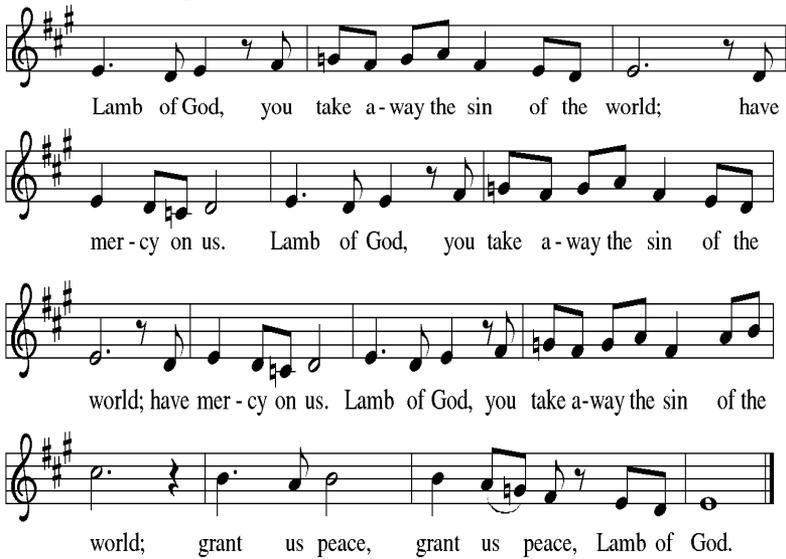
**and the power, and the glory,**

**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:** 461, 423, 697

*Please stand as you are able*

## Prayer after Communion

P: We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; 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**

“Sent Forth By God's Blessing”

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## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** "March from "Overture in the Occasional Oratorio"

by G.F. Handel, arr. By Thomas Chesterton

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## 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 Denny Fry, and the others we name before you...

**Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God by Valerie and Brent Culp in honor of their 24th wedding anniversary.

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

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**Happy Birthday to:** Cindy Peeler, Michelle Voelker, Heather Nelson, Nylya Bartelt, John Donnenwerth, Bill Henderson, Richard Snyder, Kiley Brandsfield, Nely Ruiz, Dennis Rehder



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:** Brent and Valerie Culp, Todd and Elizabeth Prescott, Donald and Gail Peterson, Charles and Tammy Denton, Arnold and Willa Mae Johansen, Aaron and Martha Page, Donald and Gladys 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.

**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.

I would like to thank the Rev. Doug Johnson and the Rev. Bill Kallestad 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

**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!

**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](mailto:bdflannery@gmail.com)

### **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).

**Men of Grace** will begin rehearsals Wed. Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m.! All Tenors and Basses are invited to join us! The men will be leading worship through Sun. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Sherry Kocek, Director of Ensembles at [skocek@msn.com](mailto:skocek@msn.com)

### Welcome to Grace!

**Pastor** - Michael Schmidt

**Preaching Pastor** – Rev. Doug Johnson

**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** – Julie Honsey

**Children's Sermon** – Stephanie Johnson

**Communion servers** – Amy Schmelzer, Alex Davik, Ardis Schmelzer, Karen Taylor

**Acolytes** – Haley Dostalik

**Altar Guild** – Gail Peterson, Rita Stackhouse

**Counters** – Tom McCleary and Chuck Denton

**Coffee Servers** – Norm and Lenore Iverson

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