

# Grace Lutheran Church



## **The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 15, 2013

8:15 a.m. and 10:45 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 between services.*

***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.*

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**Prelude** "Sheep May Safely Graze by J.S. Bach" arr. By Dorothy Wells  
*Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation*

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: Loving and forgiving God,

**C: Although you have never failed us, we often fail to trust in you.**

**Forgive us for all we have thought, done, and said. Forgive what we have failed to do or say. Renew us to new life in your kingdom. 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.**

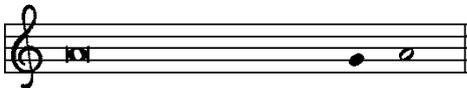
**Gathering Hymn** "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" #769

## Greeting

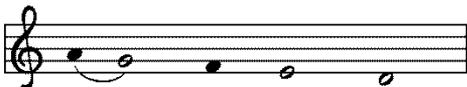
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

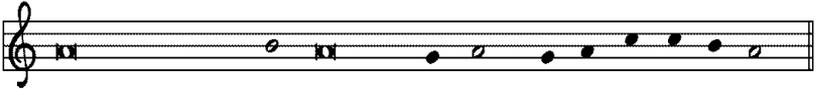
## Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



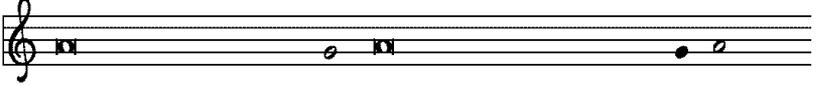
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



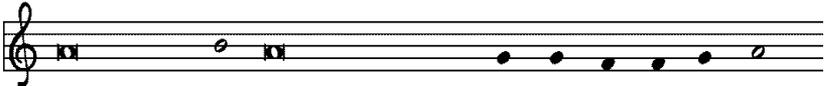
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

## Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
 free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and  
 strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. 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 and hon - or and glo - ry and  
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
 has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**C: God who provides all necessary things, we may not always understand the ways in which we are tested. But we know that you will always provide for us when we are in need. Help us to trust. Help us to obey. Amen**

*Please be seated*

### **Lesson: Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup>Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup>Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.

## **Presentation of Bibles**

**Kindergarten-** Kiernan Hutton, Allison Olson, Carleigh Ridnour, Sophia Royster

**Third Grade-** Kiley Brandsfield, Jamie Briggs, Eryn Lenhart, Kyra Lenhart, Maya Lenhart, Elizabeth Lewis, Maya Uehling Lint, Mira Voelker

## **Lesson Continues**

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup>Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

## **Blessing of Backpacks**

## **Lesson's Conclusion**

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

L: the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**10:45 Anthem** "Glory to the King of Kings"  
*Men of Grace*

Thompson

## **Sermon**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn** "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" #800

## **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 the People**

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: With full confidence in your mercy and love, we pray all these things in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our savior and Lord.

**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**

" O Lamb of God"

by Benton Price

*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, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

**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 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. The table of life is spread before you. Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

*Please be seated*

### Lamb of God



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



**Quarters** placed in the offering plate today, and every third Sunday are for Food Pantry.

**Stephen Ministry** is a one-to-one care giving ministry for those experiencing personal problems such as grieving or crisis situations. A Stephen Minister will be **available in the Upper Room** each Sunday morning between services to listen and offer prayer.

Contact Howard Kulzer at 280-7991 or [hkulzer@mchsi.com](mailto:hkulzer@mchsi.com)

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### **Education Opportunities**

**Sunday School classes** and **Adult Forum** meet at 9:30 after coffee time.

Today's forum is a Bible study called *From Duty to Delight*. Come discover the abundant life God intends for you in a Christian life of discipleship that leads to a joy-filled life. Being a faithful follower of Jesus is a delight and a privilege! The Bible study is presented by Dr. Mark Allen Powell – a powerful and engaging speaker – in a series of video presentations. Join us!

**Adult Bible Study** meets Tuesday mornings from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall II. Tuesday evening Bible Study meets Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. Pastor Mike leads both studies.

**Super Wednesday Supper:** Served this week by the Malaria Swat Team. The menu will be a *smashed* potato bar. The freewill offering beyond the cost of the meal will go toward the malaria campaign. Let's *smash* our fundraising goal!

**Happy Birthday to:** Jessen (Sept. 14), Laural Brown, Richard Voelker, Lorna Johns, Stephen Bloomberg, Karen Mann, Rev. Michael Schmidt, Sophia Anderson, Sonny Hutton, Sarah Helt, Frank McKinney, Cindy Wheeler, Michael Vernon, Chris Lehfeld, Marlin Nielson, Anthony Royster

**Happy Anniversary to:**  
Michael and Nicole Vernon

**Evening with the bishop:** Join Bishop Michael L. Burk for a time of conversation and fellowship on **Tuesday, September 17 from 6:30-8:00pm at St. James Lutheran Church in Johnston**. Listen to his

thoughts and hopes for ministry, and share your own stories of life and ministry together in Christ. The theme for the evening flows out of our synod assembly, "When Hungry Hearts Find Bread."

**Women of the ELCA invites all women to our Fall 2013 Gathering**

at Christ Lutheran Church, 6411 SE 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, on September 21, 2013. The program, "2 couples..2 centuries" will be presented by Pastor Katherine Yarnell. Join us for inspiration and fellowship. Registration is at 9:00 a.m., and our Love Gift offering will be presented to Orchard Place in des Moines. There's also our regular offering for the Synod. For more information, call Jane White, 515-256-6437.

**Good and Beautiful God Book discussion groups:** the Tuesday group meets at 6:00 P.M. The Sunday group will begin on October 27 and end January 12.

**College care packages**

We, as a church family, would like to stay connected with our college-bound members. Please provide us your child's college address so we may send an occasional care package along with notes of encouragement. Please email addresses to: [cherierissman@gmail.com](mailto:cherierissman@gmail.com).

**Make a joyful noise!**

This fall we're offering two new opportunities for members who would like to play in a bell choir. If you're a beginning bell ringer ages 8 and up, welcome to Beginner's Bell Choir. Meet Wednesdays from 5:30-6 p.m. in Msindo Hall Bell Room.

For anyone with at least 2 years of bell ringing experience, the Praise Bells Intermediate Bell Choir will meet Wednesdays from 6-6:30 in the bell room.

Carol Woodruff will be directing these two bell choirs. Please contact Carol at 971-5609 or [cl.woodruff@mchsi.com](mailto:cl.woodruff@mchsi.com) with questions.

**Calling all cooks!**

Super Wednesday and the community meals began on Sept. 11. Thank you to all who signed up through October! You are much appreciated! Sign up in the kitchen or e-mail Jane at [jrid8@aol.com](mailto:jrid8@aol.com).

**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.

## **Campfire with Lakeside – A Benefit Cookout**

Saturday, September 28  
5:00 pm-7:00 pm Walnut Woods State Park  
ParkLodge 8951 SW 52nd Ave West Des Moines

Pork burgers and all the trimmings!  
Freewill donation for meal  
Silent Auction Activities for the entire family  
(*see below for information on silent auction*)  
Campfire with S'mores

Auction items include:  
Neon signs, standees, Iowa football tickets,  
Original artwork and photography; quilts; Lakeside memorabilia  
such as cabin signs, a sail, and much more.

### **Items needed for Silent Auction!**

Look in your closets or ask your friends for possible items for the auction. Items may be *pies (we need pies, we would LOVE pies!)*; antiques; art work; Photography; tickets to sporting events, social events, concerts, theatre, opera; a round of golf; gift cards; collectibles; designer purses; wine or food; gift baskets; anything big or small.

*Any and all items will be greatly appreciated. Especially pies!*

Take your auction item to:  
St John's Lutheran Church,  
600 6th Ave, Des Moines.

If you need us to pick up your auction item, please call the camp at (712) 336-2109 and we'll make arrangements.

Please let us know about your auction item before September 20.

Thank you!

## 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** – 8:15 Jon Rissman, Jim Rundle, John Farver, 10:45 Norm and Lenora Iverson, Jay Wangerin, Bill Jensen

**Liturgist** – 8:15 Paul Kallenbach 10:45 Stephanie Johnson

**Lector** – 8:15 Karen Taylor 10:45 Amy Schmelzer

**Bible presentation** – Youth Education Committee: 8:15 Kara Jordahl and Beth Flannery; 10:45 Tammy Denton and Beth Flannery

**Communion servers** – 8:15 Julie Honsey, Stephanie Johnson, Jenie Schmidt, Karen Taylor

**Acolytes** – 8:15 Haley Dostalick, Emma Mattes 10:45 Danielle Russell

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

**Counters** – 8:15 Jon Rissman and Carter Woodruff 10:45 Mark Stumme and Alex Davik



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## **This Week at Grace**

### **Sunday, September 15** *Backpack Blessing and Bible Sunday*

**8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion Worship Service**

9:15 a.m. – Coffee served in Grace Hall

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – “From Duty to Delight” Bible Study series

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – Educational Hour

9:30 a.m. – Grace Brass

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Stephen Minister in Upper Room

**10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion Worship**

### **Monday, September 16**

10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

4:00 p.m. - TOPS

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. - AA Groups\*

6:00 p.m. – Stephen Supervision

### **Tuesday, September 17**

8:45 – 10:15 a.m. – Adult Bible Study

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

6:00 p.m. – Good and Beautiful Book discussion group

6:00 p.m. – TOPS\*

6:00 p.m. – Lydia Circle

### **Wednesday, September 18**

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers

5:00-5:30 p.m. - Cherub Choir (vocal choir) in Chapel on lower level  
(Preschool-Grade 2)

5:00-5:30 p.m. - Youth Choir (vocal choir) in the Choir Room  
(Grades 3-6)

5:00-6:00 p.m. - Supper served in Grace Hall I

5:30 p.m. - Book Discussion in Library

5:30-6:00 p.m. - Chapel Chimers (hand bell choir) in the Bell Room  
(Grades 3-5)

6:00-7:30 p.m. - High School Hangout Time

6:00-7:00 p.m. - Lectionary Study in the Conference Room

6:00-6:30 p.m. - Intermediate Ringers Choir (hand bell choir) in the Bell  
Room (Grades 6-12)

6:00-7:00 p.m. - Kids' Hour in Gym and Room 101

**Wednesday, September 18, *continued***

**6:30 p.m. - *Holy Communion Worship Service in the Sanctuary***

6:30-7:30 p.m. - Confirmation parents meeting

6:30 p.m. - Brass Practice in Chapel on lower level

6:30-7:30 p.m. - Grace Bells in the Bell Room (9th grade & up)

7:30 p.m. - Men of Grace Music Team in the Choir Room

**Thursday, September 19**

9:00 a.m. – Quilters\*

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – First Circle Friends

6:45 – 9:00 p.m. – Embroidery Guild

7:00 p.m. – Hannah Circle

**Friday, September 20 *Newsletter deadline***

**Saturday, September 21**

7:45 a.m. – Grace Bike Group

9:00 a.m. – WELCA Clusters 10/11 Fall Gathering at Christ Lutheran,  
Des Moines

**Sunday, September 22,**

***Lutheran World Relief donation collection***

**8:15 a.m. – *Holy Communion Worship Service***

9:15 a.m. – Coffee served in Grace Hall

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – “From Duty to Delight” Bible Study series

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – Educational Hour

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – Adult Forum

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Stephen Minister in Upper Room

9:30 a.m. – Grace Brass

9:30 a.m. – Grace Fellowship – conference room

**10:45 a.m. – *Holy Communion Worship***

*\*These activities/events using Grace facilities are sponsored/planned by groups outside Grace. Some are closed to the public, however some may welcome visitors and new members, including those where Grace members are involved.*