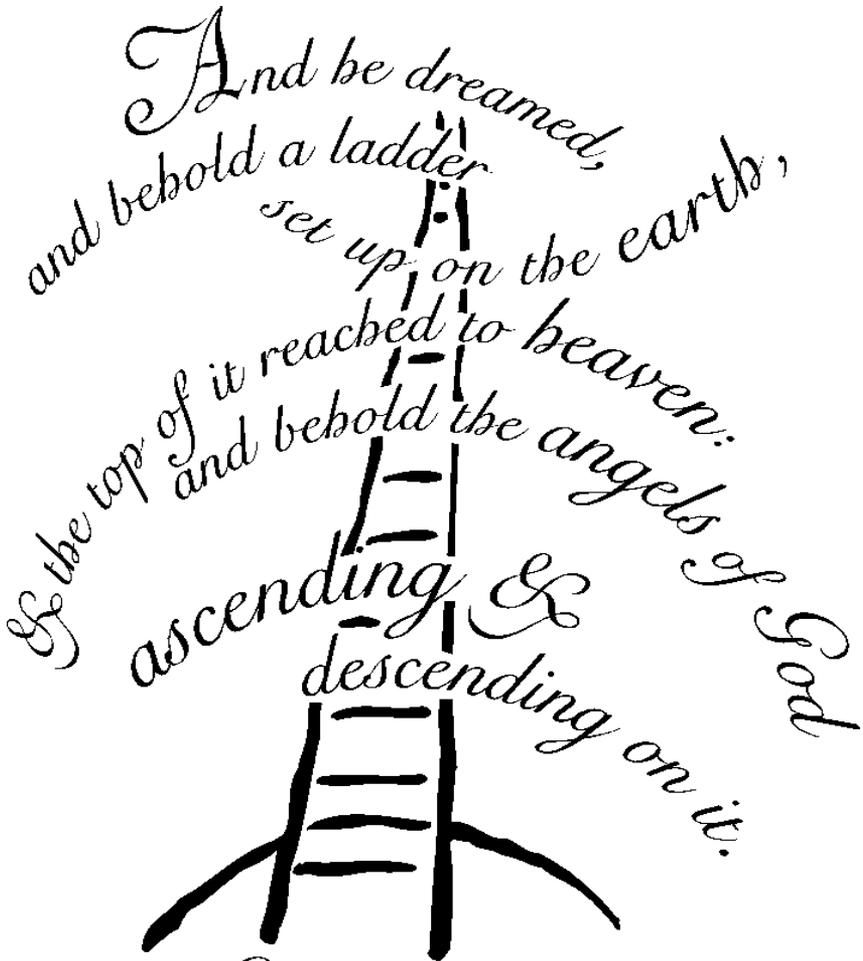


Grace Lutheran Church



Genesis 28:12

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 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.*

***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 on each Sunday morning between services to listen and offer prayer.*

Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

Prelude

"Jacob's Ladder"

by Franklin Ritter

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: So often we desire to make our blessings happen by force or conniving. 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 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

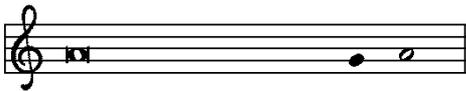
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Greeting

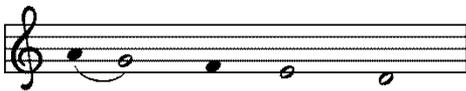
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

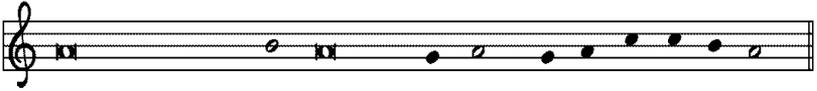
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



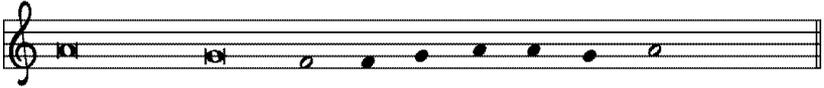
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



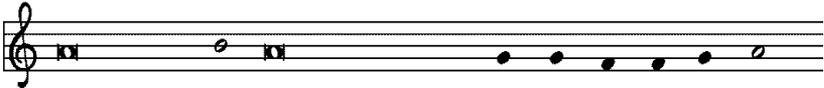
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 of good gifts, your blessings are abundant. Your promises are true. You provide for our every need, even when we don't deserve it. We are grateful for your faithfulness to us. Amen.

10:45 Anthem

Special Music

Sherry Kocek

Children's Sermon

Please be seated

Lesson: Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." ²He said, "See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. ³Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. ⁴Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die."

¹⁵Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob; ¹⁶and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. ¹⁷Then she handed the savory food, and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob. ¹⁸So he went in to his father, and said, "My father"; and he said, "Here I am; who are you, my son?" ¹⁹Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me." ²⁰But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the LORD your God granted me success." ²¹Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." ²²So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." ²³He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Reflection (Pastor Mike)

Lesson continued:

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place — and I did not know it!" ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Reflection (Pastor Mike)

Please stand as you are able

Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

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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 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 "Elevation by Alexandre Guilmant"arr. By Lani Smith

Please stand as you are able

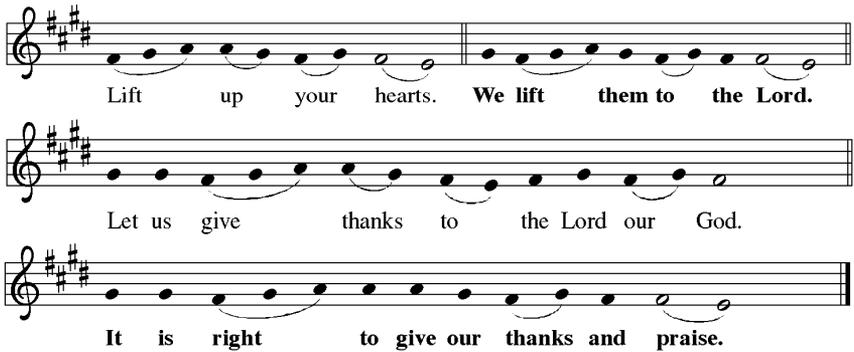
Offering Prayer

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

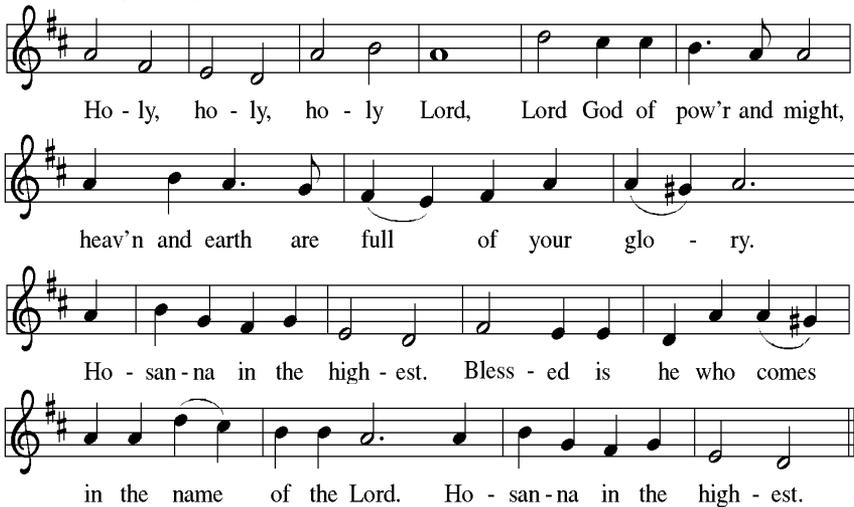
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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

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*. Join us even if you missed last week, and 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.

Adult Bible Study, led by Pastor Mike, meets Tuesday mornings from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall II.

Super Wednesday Supper: Served this week by: Beth Flannery and Kristen Medhurst



Happy Birthday to: Jeanine Rutter, Aaron Thompson, Finnegan Holst, Susanne Carney, Angela Ringgenberg, Cory Johansen, Michael Meadows, Thomas Rutter, Ella Oberhart, Karla Tillotson, Barb Powers, Bruce Mumm, Jeanette Best, Jeryl Janson, Gregory Honnold, Helen Schroeder, William Kallestad, Joshua Curry, Marvin Malmin, Ross Peeler

Happy Anniversary to: Joshua and Sharena Appenzeller, Tom and Mary Jo McCleary

Confirmation Retreat September 28 at the Honsey Farm

Meet at Grace at 9:00 a.m., lunch served at noon. Leave for Honsey farm at 12:30; return to Grace by 6 p.m.

Active Grace: Don't forget to turn in your miles every week! Next week we'll update how far we've 'walked'.

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.

Plan ahead for October:

Oct 13: 1-2 p.m. New member class with Pastor Mike. Gathering Hall

Oct. 19: 5-7 p.m. Have some fun with your family and friends from Grace at Geisler Family farms! We will all gather at the firepit 5-7 p.m. between 5-7, however you are welcome to explore the farm before during or after. Your choices include hay rides, a corn maze, corn pit kids tractor track, pumpkin patch and more! Everyone is welcome!



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 with questions.

AMOS is sponsoring a Restorative Justice Conference on Saturday, October 19, 9:00 a.m.-noon at Plymouth UCC Congregational located at 42nd and Ingersoll Avenue in Des Moines. The event is free and open to the public with daycare being provided. No registration is required. Topics to be addressed include:

- What is restorative justice?
- AMOS Court Watch-lessons learned.
- School Mediation
- Racial Profile Project

For more information call 515-279-2234.

Contact Julie Honsey (282-8817) if you are interested in attending the event

Women's retreat at Lutheran Lakeside: Calling all women for Women Up! Lutheran Lakeside is hosting another women's retreat this year on Oct. 18-19. Come for a weekend of worship, Bible study, relaxation, and learning from 5 p.m. Friday to 3 p.m. on Saturday. There is no registration cost, but participants are asked to "pay it forward" with a freewill donation to the camp. For more information, contact Valerie Culp at 965-5972, go to www.lutheranlakeside.com or pick up a brochure in the Gathering Hall.

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 a.m. – Matt Jordahl 10:45 a.m. – Doug Johnson

Lector – 8:15 Amy Schmelzer 10:45 Ro Zimany

Children's Sermon – Beth Flannery, McKenzie Carney, Drake Carney

Communion servers – 10:45 Susanne Carney, Gail Peterson, Kenzie Carney, Don Peterson

Acolytes – 8:15 Sarah Voelker 10:45 Ben Wonderlin, Emma Mattes

Altar Guild – Gail Peterson, Rita Stackhouse

Counters – 8:15 Jon Rissman and Mike Peterman 10:45 Chris Lawson and Chuck Denton

Coffee - Darlene Stuckle & Rosella Dingman

This Week at Grace

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

Monday, September 23

10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

4:00 p.m. - TOPS

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. - AA Groups*

Tuesday, September 24

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 - cafe

6:00 p.m. – TOPS*

7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 25

7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Daycare Pictures, Gathering Hall

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers

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

5:00-5:30 p.m. - Youth 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 25, *continued*

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

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 26

9:00 a.m. – Quilters*

9:30 a.m. – Martha Circle

Saturday, September 28

7:45 a.m. – Grace Bike Group

9:00 a.m. – Confirmation Retreat – Honsey Farm

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Lakeside Camp Benefit Cookout, Walnut Woods State Park

Sunday, September 29

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

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.*

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