

# Grace Lutheran Church



“But let  
**Justice**  
roll on like a river,  
**Righteousness**  
like a never-  
failing stream!” AMOS 5:24

**The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

November 10, 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.*

**Prelude**

“As the Deer” M. Nystrom arr. S. Geschke  
*Grace Bells*

*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.

**C: Amen**

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: Too often we have filled our worship with empty rituals. We have put ourselves before others. We have failed to follow 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.**

**Hymn**

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

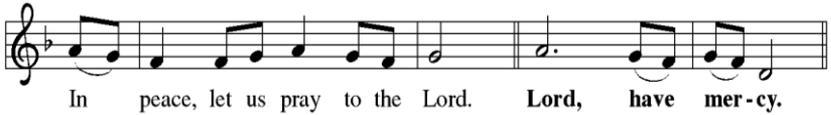
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**Greeting**

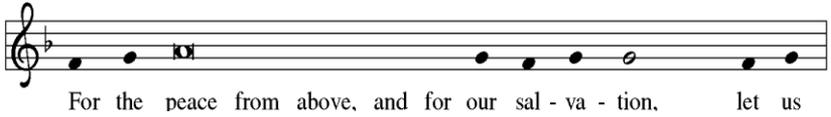
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

# Kyrie



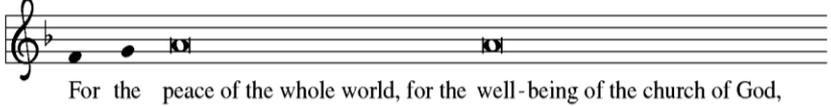
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



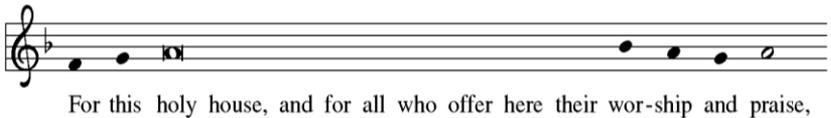
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty 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*

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

Detailed description: This block contains the first part of the canticle. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first line of music is a refrain: 'This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -'. The second line continues the refrain: 'lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The third line starts the first verse: '1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us'. The fourth line continues: 'free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and'. The fifth line continues: 'strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.'

*Refrain*

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

Detailed description: This block contains the second part of the canticle. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first line of music is a refrain: 'This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -'. The second line continues the refrain: 'lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The third line starts the second verse: '2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the'. The fourth line continues: 'hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and'. The fifth line continues: '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, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

**C: God of justice, receive our worship with grace. Help us to back up our words and thoughts with action. Fill us with compassion, peace, and justice. Amen**

*Please be seated*

### **Lesson: Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24**

The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years before the earthquake. <sup>2</sup>And he said: The LORD roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds wither, and the top of Carmel dries up. <sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

<sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals. I will not look upon. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L: the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Anthem** "Stand Up and Bless The Lord" arr. by Anna Laura Page  
*Praise Bells*

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Sermon**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn** "Let Justice Flow Like Streams" #717

### **Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:45)**

*This morning we celebrate the Holy Baptism of Charlie Marlin Gee and Penelope Guevel.*

*Parents of Charlie Marlin Gee are Bradley & Megan Gee. Sponsors are Marcas & Meredith Reischl.*

*Parents of Penelope Guevel are Nick & Shayla Guevel. Sponsors are Joe & Tessa Guevel and Cory & Lindsay Nielsen.*

### **Creed (8:15 only)**

**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**

P: Let us pray,

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

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**

**The Offering**

**Offertory**

**8:15** "Amazing Grace, Virginia Harmony: arr. D.Grotenhuis  
*Chancel Choir*

**10:45** "Deep River" by Lani Smith

*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.

**Preface**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heav - en 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. 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.**

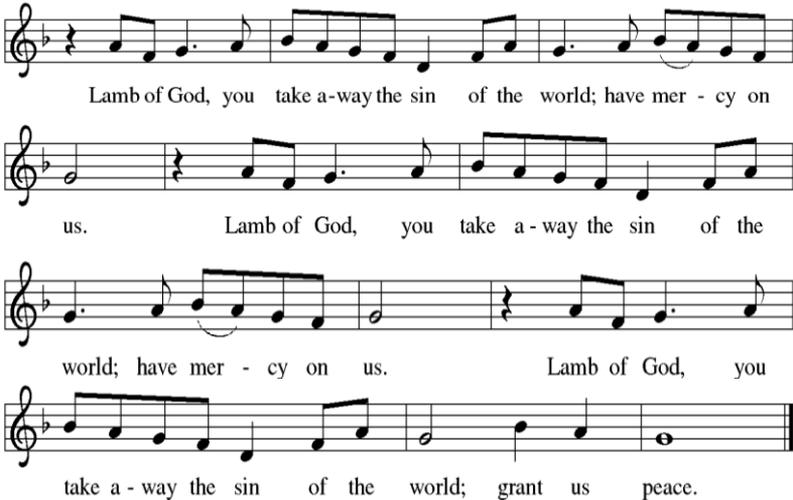
**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

### Invitation to Communion

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.

*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 sin of the world; grant us peace.

**Distribution Hymns:** 423, 468, 770, 733

*Please stand as you are able*

**Prayer after Communion**

P: We give you thanks, shepherding God, that you have gathered your scattered flock again this day, feeding us richly with the food of Paradise. Accompany us as we serve you all the days of our lives, and gather us with the saints in the day of our death; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer 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**

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

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**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

“Duo”

by Guillaume Lasceux

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**Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!**



Praying for...

**In our prayers:**

LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Vivian Feilmann, Diane Jessen, Joyce Lewis, Shyral Nelsen (Deanna Webber's mother), Duleep Singh, Robert Schmidt (Pastor Mike's father), Brian Vance, and the others we name before you...



**Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God by Bill and Torry Henderson, dedicated to the memory of our parents.

The flowers in the Gathering Hall are to the glory of God and to honor the baptisms of Penelope and Charlie.

**Quarters** received today and every second Sunday are designated for Malaria.

A **Stephen Minister** is available in the upper room between services for people who need a listening ear, encouragement and prayer support.

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## Education Opportunities

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

**Today:** Fellowship

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



**Super Wednesday Supper:** will be served by the confirmation students this week.

November's dinner calendar is full - THANK YOU!  
Now we're looking forward to December and January – both months are wide open!



**Happy Birthday to:** Gary Scholten, Emily Dungan, Yaritza Marquez, Randy Taylor, Zoe Noel Lawson

**Happy Anniversary to:** Achmed and Joan Johnson

## Malaria Campaign Month

If left untreated or if infections recur, malaria can cause complications such as organ failure, anemia, respiratory distress or death. \$50 provides enough medicine to treat 25 people infected with malaria.

([www.elca.org/malaria](http://www.elca.org/malaria))

## Altar Guild Meeting

The Altar Guild will be today at 9:30 a.m. in Grace Hall 2. The Altar Guild is in need of additional members for 2014. If you are interested in learning more about Altar Guild you are invited to attend the meeting. For information please contact Sue Anderson, 279-2690 or Gail Peterson, 224-4514.



### 8 through 12 graders!

What: The "Everything Party" - hang out, pizza, dessert, video games, music and more!

Who's Invited: High School Youth and 8th Graders

When: Nov. 17, 2013

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Why: The Youth Room has been renovated - new TV, DVD player, music, video games, wifi, etc. - come see what's new!

Hope to see you there!

RSVP: Please text or call Eric Weber at [515.210.6960](tel:515.210.6960)

## Fellowship Dinner



### Grace Fellowship Holiday Dinner December 1, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Sign up starting November 10 – before and after services – also on Nov 17 and 24. \$10.00 will cover a delicious dinner of turkey, ham balls, and all the trimmings, plus a mystery dessert provided by the committee. PLUS a program of music featuring our own Adam Dostalík and his dad! Plan to come and enjoy!

### **Combat Hunger 2013**

Every day, many of our friends and neighbors struggle to put enough food on the table to feed their families. On November 1<sup>st</sup> that struggle became more difficult when an increase in benefits made to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) at the federal level in 2009 expired. The average family who depends on SNAP will lose \$36 per month in benefits and many of them will turn to local food banks for additional assistance.

The Food Bank of Iowa sponsors **Combat Hunger** every fall and this year, the need is clearly greater than ever. You can fulfill the mission that Jesus Christ has given to all of us to help those less fortunate than ourselves by donating canned or non-perishable food items to the **Combat Hunger** drive here at Grace until November 20th. Please place your donations in the boxes located in the entry way and the Gathering Hall. Thank You!!

### **Mark your Calendars!**

Grace Lutheran Church is hosting the bluegrass gospel quintet Monroe Crossing on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. More information coming soon!

### **This Week at Grace**



**Where is the Calendar?** You'll find the full sheet calendar alongside the monthly newsletter in both the entrance hall and the hallway just outside Grace Hall.

**Why?** We are doing such a great job recycling the bulletins, very few calendars are being taken home. This way we can print fewer calendars in a larger, easy to read style and still save paper.

- "This Week at Grace" will be visible to anyone and everyone who walks in the entrance, all week long.
- The calendar is also available online at [gracedm.org](http://gracedm.org)

## Welcome to Grace!

**Pastor** - Michael Schmidt

**Preaching Pastor** - The 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** – 8:15 Carol Krause, Jerry Westercamp, Mike Peterman, Kevin Drury  
10:45 Jay Wangerin, Mike Carney, Rick Fry, Gary Nelson

**Liturgist** – 8:15 Mary Helt 10:45 Kristina Hutton

**Lector** – 8:15 Kate Schaller 10:45 Ro Zimany

**Children's Sermon** – Malaria Swat Team

**Communion servers** – 10:45 Carol Woodruff, Stephanie Johnson, Kate Schaller, Lori Fry

**Acolytes** – 8:15 Sawyer Shiffler 10:45 Isaac McCleary, Lydia McCleary

**Altar Guild** – Carol Woodruff, Diane Jessen

**Counters** – 8:15 Mike Peterman and Carter Woodruff

10:45 Chris Lawson and Tom McCleary

**Coffee** - Ross Peeler

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