

Grace Lutheran Church



The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 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 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 “Fugue on the Kyrie” by Francois Couperin
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 walked in a darkness of our own making. 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 “Arise Your Light Has Come” #314

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,

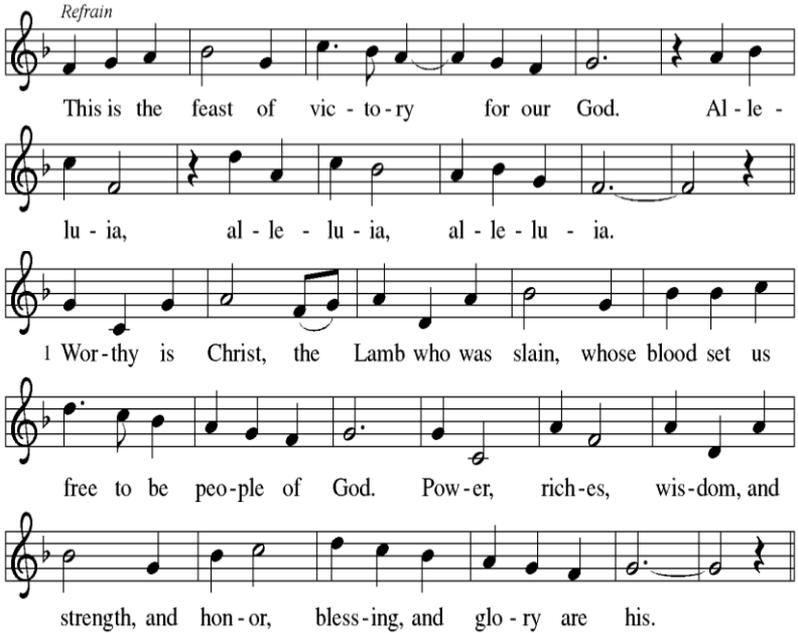
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

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.

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.

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: Light of Life, turn our darkness into light. Turn our warring into peace. Turn our exile into homecoming. With grateful anticipation we wait. Amen

Please be seated

Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-7

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow

continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Anthem

8:15

“Arise, Shine!”
Chancel Choir

John Carter

10:45

"I am the Light of the World" by June Fischer Armstrong
Youth Choir

I am the light of the world,
I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me
will never walk in the dark,
will never walk in the dark,
but have the light of life.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn

“Christ, Be Our Light”

#715

10:45 Reception and Welcome of New Members

Brady Bogue, Jolee Feeney and Jeremy Israel

After the Address and Questions:

P: Let us welcome this sister and these brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

8:15 only. (10:45 please proceed with the litany below)

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.**

Litany for Malaria

We remember our neighbors around the world,

Let us walk in your light.

We ask for the strength to give,

Let us walk in your light.

We cry out for peace in war-torn lands,

Let us walk in your light.

We yearn for wholeness for our bodies, hearts and minds,

Let us walk in your light.

We grieve for those who have died,

Let us walk in your light.

We seek your healing from all disease,

Let us walk in your light.

We beg for wisdom for doctors, generosity from corporations, inspiration
for scientists and endurance for care-givers,

Let us walk in your light.

We place our lives in your hands; shape us with your purpose,

Let us walk in your light.

We put all our hope in you, O God. We trust in your mercy and find comfort in your grace. As we remember those individuals and communities suffering from malaria, we pray for your light to enter into the world and shine brighter than any darkness. Let it be a pathway illuminated by your love.

Let us walk in your light. Amen.

Prayers of the People

P: 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

"Walk in the Light"

by Robert Hughes

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures.

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is more rhythmic and includes some triplet-like patterns. The lyrics are written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures.

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: 781, 661, 886

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 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #834

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

8:15 "Festive Voluntary by Purcell" arr. By Lani Smith
10:45 "Little Prelude and Fugue in F Major" by Bach.
Sawyer Shiffler

Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!



In our prayers: LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Vivian Feilmann, Diane Jessen, Dolores Johnson, Joyce Lewis, Shyral Nelsen (Deanna Webber's mother), Duleep Singh, Robert Schmidt (Pastor Mike's father), Brian Vance, the Family of Frances Engquist, and the others we name before you...



Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Beverly, Jessica and Danielle Russell in loving memory of Robert "Bob" Schossow, a Great-Grandpa, Grandpa, Dad and friend.

Quarters received today and every third Sunday are designated for the Food Pantry.

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

Education Opportunities

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

Today's forum: LSI Presentation.
Nov. 24 Forum: Thanksgiving 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 Chicken Casserole served by the Ridnours. Now we're looking for help with December and January –both months are wide open!

Happy Birthday to: Lyle Black, Gloria Moon, Madison Roberts, Richard Hirschauer, Susan Johnson, Nick Medhurst, Kelley Riordan, Zachary Kulzer, Ashley Lund

Birthdays omitted last week: Kurt Bowermaster, Jason Bradwell, Zachary Jensen, Larry Buell, Linda Moravec, Carol Mattes, Kristene Shortell, Wilma Frost, Gary batten, Mark Ridnour, Joseph kenneback, Haley Dostalick, Emma Mattes

Happy Anniversary to: Hilary and Jon Farver, Gary and Melinda Scholten, Marvin and Lorna Johns

Malaria Campaign Month

In addition to providing nets and medicine it is important to provide education about malaria transmission, prevention, symptoms and treatment. \$100 trains a village health team to help treat and prevent malaria in their community. (www.elca.org/malaria)

Monroe Crossing: Bluegrass Gospel Quintet Concert

Saturday, November 23rd at 7:00 p.m., hosted by Grace Lutheran Church. Freewill donation for admission (suggested \$10 individuals, \$25 families). For more information check out the great posters around the church. Monroe crossing is a member of the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame!

Flower Chart

The 2014 Altar Flower Chart is hanging up on the brick wall in the Gathering Hall. Prices are \$38.00 for each Sunday. Heartfelt thanks for each member who has signed up to pay for the flowers in 2013. Every Sunday was covered and Grace did not have to use any budget funds because of your generosity. If you would like to help pay for flowers to adorn the altar, choose a Sunday available on the chart and sign your name. You will receive a phone call prior to the Sunday you choose for information you would like placed in the bulletin dedicating the flowers.



Grace Fellowship Holiday Dinner

December 1, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Sign up before and after services November 10, 17 and 24. The \$10 cost 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 Dostalik and his dad! Plan to come and enjoy!



8th 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: TONIGHT

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

Why: The Youth Room has been renovated - new TV, DVD player, music, video games, wi-fi, 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)**

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 1st 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!!

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 Carol Krause, Jerry Westercamp, Mike Peterman, Kevin

Drury 10:45 Jay Wangerin, Mike Carney, Rick Fry, Gary Nelson

Liturgist – 8:15 Matt Jordahl 10:45 Janet Habick

Lector – 8:15 Ro Zimany 10:45 Kristina Hutton

Children's Sermon – Carol Woodruff

Communion servers – 8:15 Julie Honsey, Delores Larsen, Mindy Scholten, Stephanie Johnson

Acolytes – 8:15 Devin Ashton, Robert Briggs 10:45 Hannah Jensen

Altar Guild – Carol Woodruff, Diane Jessen

Counters – 8:15 Chuck Denton and Mike Peterman
10:45 Mark Stumme and Chris Lawson

Coffee - Diane Jessen and Connie Heuton



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