

Grace Lutheran Church



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Dec 8, 2013

8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion Services

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 "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" by J.S. Bach

Welcome

Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #631

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

8:15 – The Lund Family 10:45 - The McCleary Family

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way for the kingdom of heaven is near. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit, that we may be a light shining in the darkness welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune
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Prayer of the Day

C: God of mountains and valleys, when we walk in the fresh air of the tallest mountains, you are with us. When we walk through the stale air of the valley of death, you are with us. We rejoice in your ever faithful presence. Amen.



Please be seated

Reading: Ezekiel-Liturgist, Lord-Lector, Bones- ALL

Ezekiel (Liturgist): The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me,

Lord (Lector): Mortal, can these bones live?

Ezekiel: I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then he said to me,

Lord: Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: “O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

Ezekiel: So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me,

Lord: Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: “Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”

Ezekiel: I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me,

Lord: Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say,

Bones (ALL): Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.

Lord: Therefore prophecy, and say to them, “Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall

know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Children’s sermon

10:45 Anthem

“Lo, How a Rose”
Chancel Choir

Praetorius/Baker

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

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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

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: With humility we ask for your faithful attention. With gratitude we accept your goodness. We pray all these in the name of Emmanuel, God with us.

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

“Advent Noel”

by Charles Alexis Chauvet, arr. By Michael Ryan

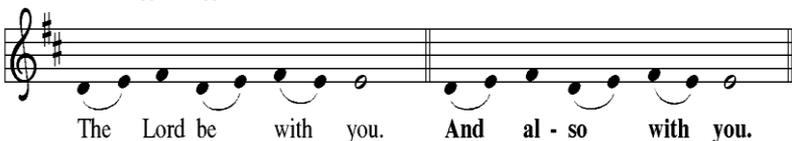
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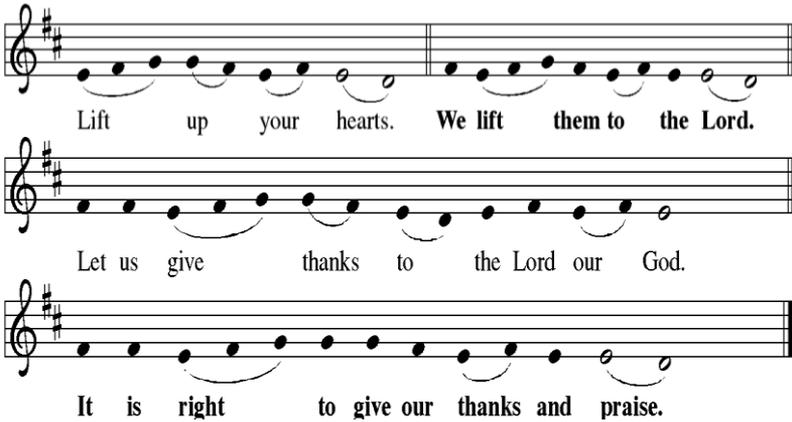
Offering Prayer

P: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

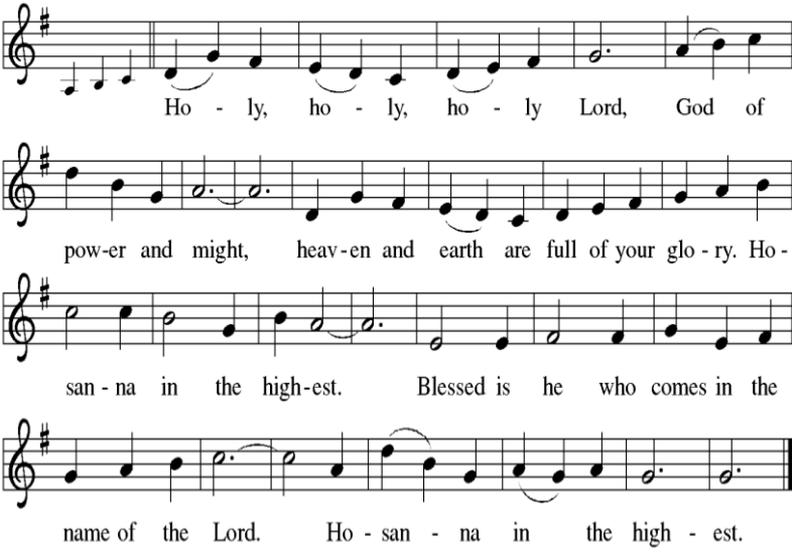




Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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. Blessed 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 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

Come to the table where Christ comes to make a home in you.

Welcome to the feast.

Please be seated

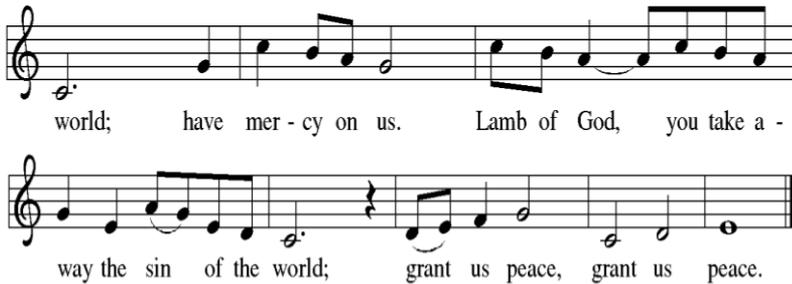
Lamb of God



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, grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns: 614, 744, 403, 824

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

P: God of wonder, we give thanks that you have fed us once again with this foretaste of the feast to come. Strengthen us through this gift to serve our neighbor with joy, that all may come to see your glory reflected in the lives of your people; 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

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Come Thou Long expected Jesus”

by Rowland H. Pritchard, arr. By Jeff Bennett



Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!

In our prayers: LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Vivian Feilmann, Dolores Johnson, Shyral Nelsen (Deanna Weber'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 Marion and Gary Nehmer in remembrance of Kevin and in thankfulness for the gifts God has given us.

Quarters received today and every second Sunday are designated for the Stop Malaria Campaign.

Education Opportunities

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

Today's forum: Goodbye cake reception for Sherry Kocek

December 15: Companion Congregation Committee

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



Are you new to Grace and interested in finding out more about us? Come to the **New Member Class** from 1-2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall with Pastor Mike.

Super Wednesday Supper: will be served by the Ridnours.

Please – we really need groups, individuals, or families to sign up to serve dinners in January and February as the Ridnours will not be in town. Thank you!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to: Robert Ziesman, Brian Barks, Felicia Adams, Joy Averill, Rosemary Randolph, Salvador Rodriguez, Steve Young, Burke Shiffler, Kari Dostalick, Jack Frost, Dorothy Singh, Sherry Brindley, Bradley Ashton, Thomas Garcia, Stacie Holst, Anthony Garcia

Happy Anniversary to: Thomas & Rebecca Selander, Gregory & Darlis Honnold



Advent Wreath Lighting

Would you or your family like to light the advent wreath this month? The 8:15 services are still available. Contact Pastor Mike or Stephanie Johnson in the office.



Bells and Brass Concert

Tonight at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Bring a friend to share the lovely Christmas music from our own Grace Bells, Youth Bells, Grace Brass and Chancel Choir. Cookies, coffee and cider to be served after the concert in Grace Hall.



Children's Christmas Program

The program will be presented at the 10:45 service on Sunday, December 15. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 14 from 10 a.m. – noon. Students will be rehearsing during the Sunday school hour (9:30—9:50) every Sunday, including December 15.

Star Tree

Help make Christmas wishes come true for someone from LSI's Early Childhood Program or Mosaic's local group homes. Please select a star from the Star Tree in the Gathering Hall. Please limit toys & gifts purchased to \$25 or less. Gifts should be turned in to Grace by December 18.



Christmas Eve Pre-service music:

We're continuing our lovely tradition of musical offerings before the Christmas Eve services at 5, 7, and 11. There is a sign-up available at Volunteer Central. We look forward to hearing from you!

A reminder to the members of Martha Circle that our Nov/Dec meeting is this Thursday, December 12th. Please bring an ornament for the our Christmas tree, that we will be decorating as part of our meeting. If you can't attend the meeting, feel free to place an ornament on the tree anytime. Hope to see everyone on Thursday. Thank You!

Poinsettia deliveries to homebound members: There are several members of the Grace family who cannot make it to church but would greatly appreciate a visit and a gift of Christmas cheer. A sign-up sheet for delivering poinsettias is located at Volunteer Central. Please consider bringing a plant to one or more of the people on the list. You may pick up your poinsettia(s) for delivery anytime after the Christmas Day worship service. Thank you!



Weekly e-news

Are you signed up for the weekly enews? If you'd like to be added to the distribution list, or if your email has changed, please contact Kathy Bowermaster at kbowerma@hotmail.com. We will use this list for the daily Advent devotions as well, but you can easily opt out of the emails at any time. Thanks for helping us keep our lists current.

Hope For Hurting (Immigrant) Families – You’re invited to an ecumenical service at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 600 6th Avenue, Tuesday, December 10 at 7 p.m. Join with others in prayer, music, and testimonials to keep immigrant families together, free from detention and deportation while a way is opened to them to acquire legal citizenship. “For inasmuch as you welcome the stranger, you welcome me.” – Matthew 25:35

If you are able, please bring a dish of cookies or bars for a fellowship gathering following the service. Thank you.

Vern Naffier
Member of the Ecumenical Planning Committee



If you are beginning to think about your Christmas gift giving, the Social Ministry Team would like you to consider how your gift giving can be a blessing to those who make the gifts you purchase as well as to those who receive your gift. At the Social Ministry Center in the Gathering Hall there are several copies of the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog and Lutheran World Relief’s Christmas Gift catalog. The catalog items range from scarfs, jewelry, baskets and clothing items made by people from all over the world, to barnyard animals and bicycle ambulances for third world communities, to food and vaccinations for orphaned children. Stop by the Center to look over the catalogs. Take one home or visit them online at www.ELCA.org/goodgifts or www.wow.com/Lutheran+World+Relief.

Advent decorations

Advent is a season that moves us. This movement is one from darkness toward light, from exile into freedom, from hope to joy. This year, we are decorating the sanctuary in such a way as to enhance this narrative. Pay attention to the changes in the sanctuary and the way that they too tell the story of this movement toward light, freedom, and joy as we prepare for the birth of the Nativity of our Lord.

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 Linda Biegger, Dee Hummel, Tim Nelson, Larry Nordeen

10:45 Mark Stumme, Jay Wangerin, Tom McCleary

Liturgist – 8:15 Steph Johnson 10:45 Janet Habick

Lector – 8:15 Ro Zimany 10:45 Jeff Farrell

Children’s Sermon – Carol Woodruff

Communion servers – 10:45 Jeff Farrell, Ellen Wonderlin, Jenie Schmidt, Kate Schaller

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

Altar Guild – Rita Stackhouse, Connie Heuton, Gail Peterson

Counters – 8:15 Jon Rissman and Carter Woodruff

10:45 Chris Lawson and Chuck Denton

Coffee – Norm and Lenora Iverson



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