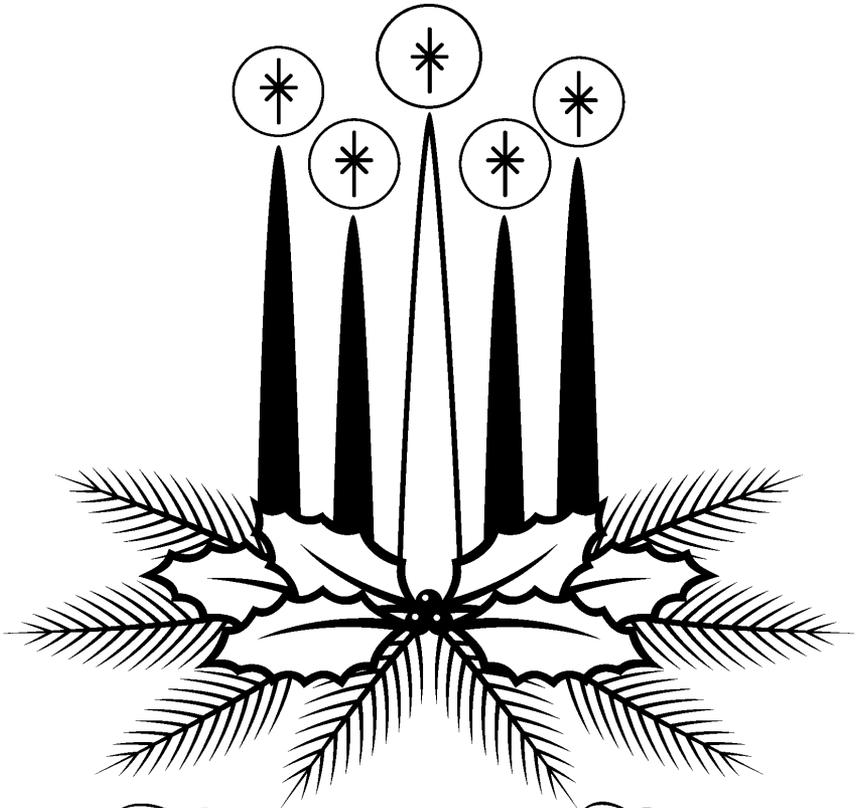


Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



Christmas Eve SERVICE

December 24, 2013

5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.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. 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. **If you would like to meet with a Stephen Minister during the holiday season, please contact the office.



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Pre Service Music

Prelude “Quiet Songs of the Holy Night” by Lani Smith
Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation

Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

L: Many ages after God created the heavens and the earth, when man and woman were formed in God's own image; long after the great flood, when God set the rainbow in the clouds as a sign of the covenant; twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah; thirteen centuries after Moses led God's people to freedom; eleven centuries from the time of Ruth and the judges; a thousand years from the anointing of David as king; in the sixty-fifth week as Daniel's prophecy takes note; in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the founding of the city of Rome; the forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus; in the sixth age of the world, all earth being at peace, Jesus Christ, eternal God, Son of the eternal Father, willing to hallow the world by his coming in mercy, was born of the virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. Today is the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, God made flesh.

Gathering Hymn “Angels We Have Heard on High” #289

Greeting

P: Today Christ is born: Alleluia, Alleluia! 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.**



Prayer of the Day

C: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Please be seated

Hymn

5:00 & 7:00

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

#275

Anthem

11:00

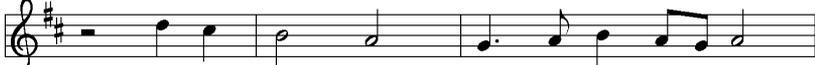
“Before the Marvel of this Night”

Carl Schalk

Chancel Choir

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

C:



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Second Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 2:1–14

God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸In

that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

#282

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: Hear us, O God,

C: your mercy is great.

P: Almighty God, we entrust to you all for whom we pray, confident that you fulfill your promises through 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

“Still, Still, Still”

by Dan R Edwards

Please stand as you are able

Offering Prayer

P: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our 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, 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 bread of God comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Come, eat, and live.

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: 276, 277, 279, 271

Prayer after Communion

P: We give you thanks, O God, that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life, you give us food for our journey. As you led the magi by a star, as you brought the holy family home again, guide us on the way unfolding before us. Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our 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.

The Gospel of the Incarnation: John 1:1–14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Hymn of Light: “Silent Night, Holy Night!”

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P: Go in Peace, Share the Good News.

Postlude

“He is Born”

arr. By Alice Jordan



Good Evening and Welcome to Grace!



In our prayers: LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Vivian Feilmann, Dolores Johnson, Shyral Nelsen (Deanna Weber's mother), Duleep Singh, Brian Vance, and the others we name before you...

A Stephen Minister will *not* be on site in the upper room tonight, during the Christmas Day services, or Sunday December 29.

If you are in need of a listening ear, encouragement or prayer support during the holidays, please contact the office and we will put you in contact with a Stephen Minister.



**Join us for
Christmas Day worship at
10:00 a.m.**

For the full schedule of Holiday worship times and schedule changes, please pick up the weeks calendar. The calendars can be found in acrylic holders on the walls in the front entrance and the hallway just outside Grace Hall each week. You may also see the up-to-date calendar online at gracedm.org at any time.

Prayer Service on the Feast of the Holy Innocents

sponsored by

the Des Moines Area Ecumenical Committee for Peace

Sunday, December 29th at 3 pm Grace Lutheran Church

For several years this committee has sponsored this service for the whole community. It commemorates the slaying of every child two years old and younger by Herod the Great as he sought to be sure the new "King" (Jesus) would be killed. The service lifts up the plight of children around the world who suffer because of war and poverty. Customarily, the offering is divided between a local agency and an international agency involved with helping children.

Poinsettia deliveries: If you have signed up to deliver poinsettias, please wait to pick up the poinsettia until December 25. Thank you for helping to spread some Christmas cheer!

Altar Flowers

There are still dates available to sign up for altar flowers in 2014 including January. The 2014 Altar Flower Chart is hanging up on the brick wall in the Gathering Hall. Cost is \$38.00.

Year End Office Deposit

Please make sure any contributions that are mailed or left at the church office for deposit in 2013 are in by

11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 30.

This will be our final office deposit of the year.

Men in Mission will meet Thursday January 2nd at 6pm for our monthly meeting. Our speaker for the evening will be our own Emmy Award winning Amy Schmelzer, KCCI Senior News Director who will discuss what it takes to put on a daily newscast. We hope you can join us - new members are always welcome.

Welcome to Grace!

Pastor - Michael Schmidt

Director of Laity Ministries - Stephanie Johnson

Director of Music Ministries - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

Grace Kids Care Director - Heather Nelson

Office Administrator - Jacquelyn Holmes

Office Assistant - Michelle Voelker

Custodian – Todd Haugen

Ushers – 5:00 Rick Fry, Kevin Krause, Norm and Lenora Iverson

7:00 Mike Carney, Jay and Ginny Wangerin

11:00 Chuck Denton, Paul Nelson, Jay Wangerin, Leslie Denton

Liturgist – 5:00 Paul Kallenbach 7:00 Janet Habick 11:00 Doug Johnson

Lector – 5:00 Karen Taylor 7:00 Julie Honsey 11:00 Kate Schaller

Communion servers – 5:00 Carol Woodruff, Karen Taylor, Kate Schaller, Aaron Brandsfield

7:00 Janet Trentmann, Julie Honsey, Kate Schaller, Sandy Briggs

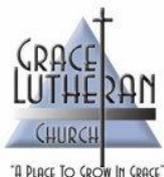
11:00 Carla Peterman, Kathy Bowermaster, Kate Schaller, Ardis Schmelzer

Acolytes – 5:00 Ben Wonderlin, Courtney Brandsfield 7:00 Bobby

Briggs, Sierra Carney 11:00 Haley Dostalick, Sarah Voelker

Altar Guild – Gail Peterson, Michelle Voelker, Jane Ridnour, Connie Heuton, Diane Jessen, Rita Stackhouse

Counters – 5:00/7:00 Jeff Farrell and Mike Carney



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Christmas Eve 2013 Music offerings

*Please sit back and enjoy these offerings from our members
prior to each service*



~ 5 p.m. service ~

- 4:45 - Feliz Navidadby Feliciano arr. McLeanBen Wonderlin, piano
Winter Romanceby Bober, Ellen & Ben Wonderlin, piano
4:50 - Minuet No. 3Emma Mattes, violin
4:55 - Rich Snyder piano



~ 7 p.m. service ~

- 6:45 - O Holy Night Kent & Angela Weaver and family
6:50 - Breath of Heaven by Amy Grant, Janet Habick, soprano
6:55 - Joyce Lewis and Mary Jane Tesdall vocal duet



~ 11 p.m. service ~

- 10:35 - Bell Carol.....arr. by Jerry Ray, Sarah Voelker, piano
10:40 - Little Prelude in F Major Bach,Sawyer Shiffler, organ
10:45 - Adam & Marty Dostalík trombone duet
10:50 - Adam Dostalík piano
10:55 - Jesus the Christ has Come Denny Rehder, autoharp
11:00 - O Come, All Ye Faithful arr. Hal H Hopson, Grace Bells
Still, Still, Still.....arr. Cathy Moglebust, Grace Bells