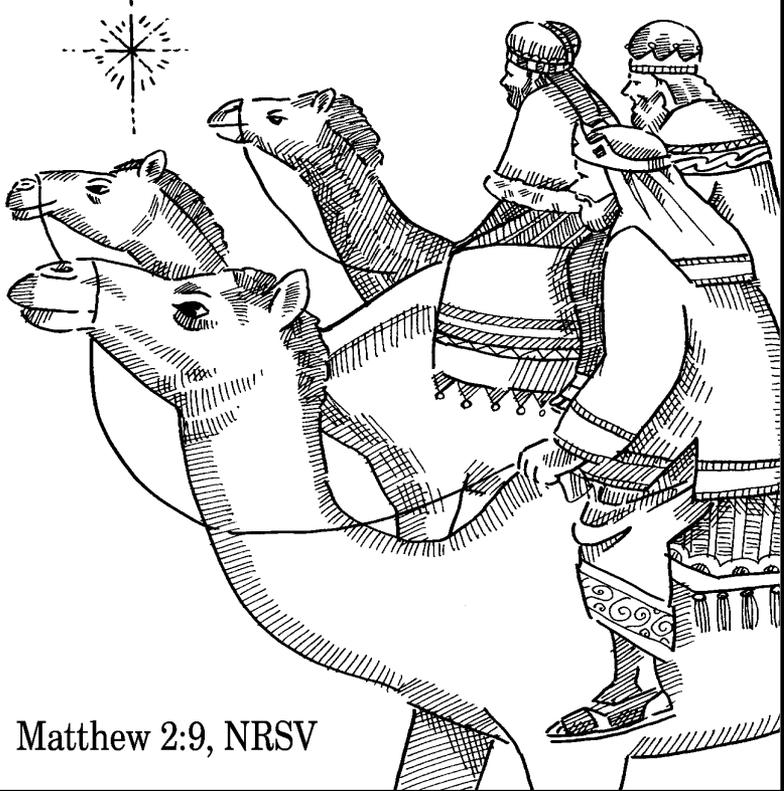


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... and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.



Matthew 2:9, NRSV

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 2014

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. 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.*

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Prelude

“Procession of the Magi”

by George Blake

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.

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 tried to find truth and meaning in all the wrong places. We have let our fears and resentments guide us. We have neglected the needs of others. Forgive us for all we have thought, done, and said. Forgive us for what we have failed to do or say. Restore us to right relationship with you. 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

“We Three Kings”

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10:45 Please remain seated for the candlelight procession.

With Courtney Brandsfield, Sierra Carney, Emma Mattes, Isaac McCleary, Lydia McCleary, Sarah Voelker, Ben Wonderlin

We Three Kings of Orient Are

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain;
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty night;
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891, alt.
 Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891

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

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the

2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for

4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



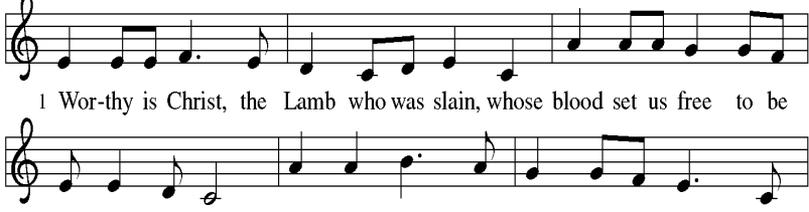
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Canticle of Praise

Refrain

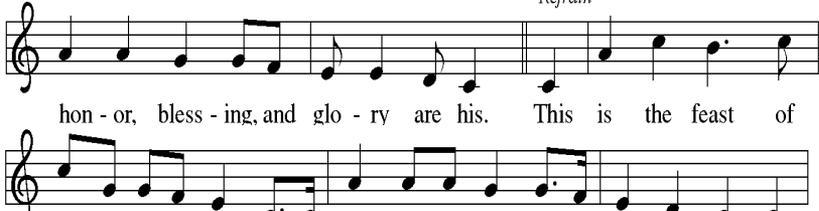


This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.



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

Refrain



hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. 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 - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: **God of wisdom, you sent your son to be a guiding beacon of truth for your lost children. Shine your light of truth in us, and through us, so that we might light the way for others, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen**

Please be seated

Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold,

frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" #817

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 Intercession

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Grateful for your everlasting faithfulness, we lift our hearts and our prayers to you, merciful God, in the name of your son, 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 "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"

by Mattias Weckmann

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, God of pow'r and might,

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody in the treble staff consists of chords and single notes, with lyrics placed below. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, maintaining the same key signature and structure.

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment, with the lyrics "heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry." appearing below the treble staff.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment, with the lyrics "Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." appearing below the treble staff.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The fifth system continues the melody and accompaniment, with the lyrics "Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." appearing below the treble staff.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The sixth system concludes the piece with the final melody and accompaniment, with the lyrics "Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." appearing below the treble staff.

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.**

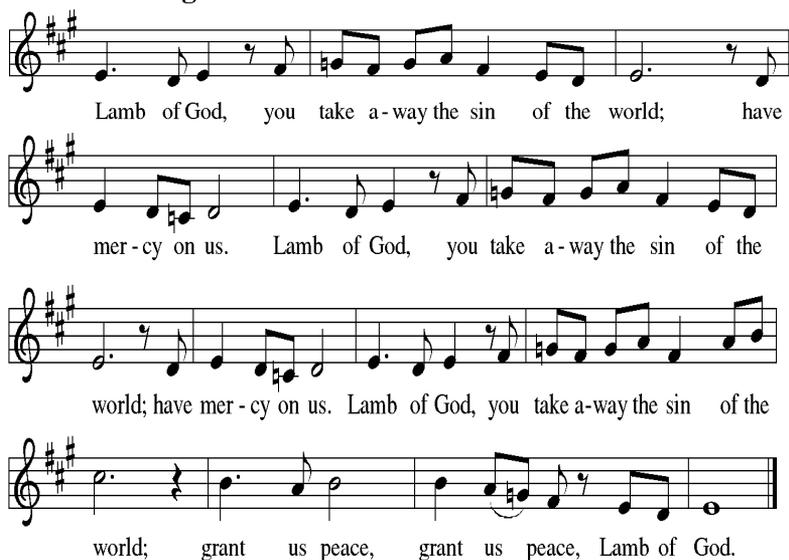
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

Invitation to Communion

P: 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.



Communion Song



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, Lamb of God.

Distribution Hymns: 759, 818, 335

Please stand as you are able

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.

Hymn

“Crashing Waters at Creation”

#455

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Fanfare for the New Year”

by David Paxton

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, Brian Vance, the family of Josh Martin (nephew of the Wonderlins), and the others we name before you...

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Diane and Lonnie Jessen in celebration of family.

Quarters received today and every first Sunday are designated for Hunger.

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



Happy Birthday to: Julie Honsey, Tammy Denton, Amy Schmelzer, Paul Calahan, Joseph Mattes, Laura Ziesman, Kathy Roat, Catherine Lewis

Happy Anniversary to: Eric & Heather Nelson, David & JoAnn Gronert

January 5: Time of Fellowship

January 12: A Pet Project

Super Wednesday Supper: Ham and Mashed Potatoes will be served by Kristin Medhurst and Beth Flannery.





*Coming
Next Week*

Where is the Calendar?

You can find a printed calendar in two places:

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.

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 – 8:15 Kevin Krause, Chuck Denton, Leslie Denton

10:45 Paul Nelson, Rick Fry, Jay Wangerin

Children's Sermon – Pastor Mike

Liturgist – 8:15 Paul Kallenbach 10:45 Kristina Hutton

Lector – 8:15 Alex Davik 10:45 Stephanie Johnson

Communion servers - Alex Davik, Doug Johnson, Jenie Schmidt, Stephanie Johnson

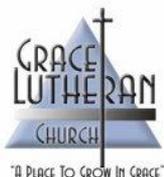
Acolytes – 8:15 Sarah Voelker, Haley Dostalick 10:45 Ben Wonderlin

Altar Guild – Mindy Scholten, Barb Zimany

Counters – 8:15 Jon Rissman and Chuck Denton

10:45 Mark Stumme and Alex Davik

Coffee – Jane Ridnour



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