

Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310

IF ANYONE IS
THIRSTY, LET
HIM COME
TO ME
AND DRINK.

JOHN 7:37



The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 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. 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

“By Peaceful Waters”

by Felix Mendelssohn, arr. By Lani Smith

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 tried to quench our thirst in waters that can never truly satisfy. 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

“Awake My Soul and With the Sun”

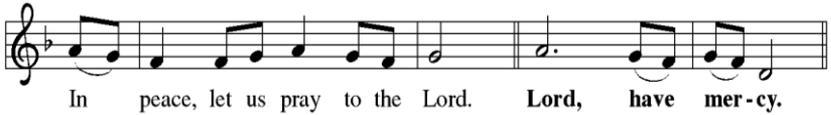
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Greeting

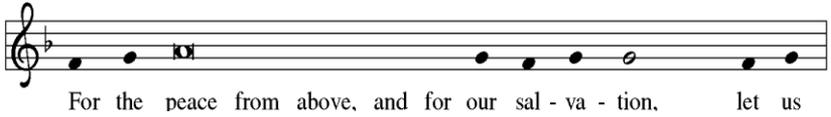
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



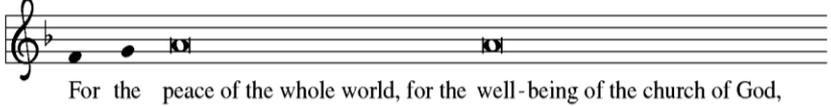
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



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



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



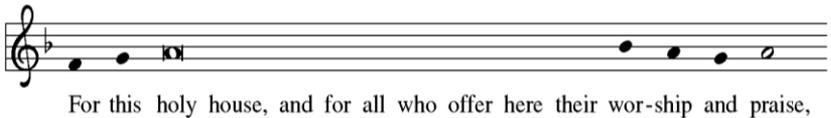
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



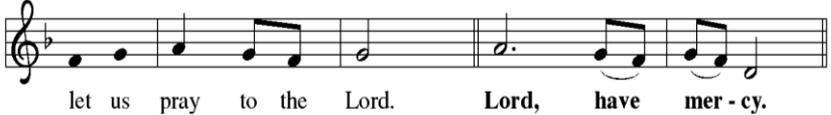
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



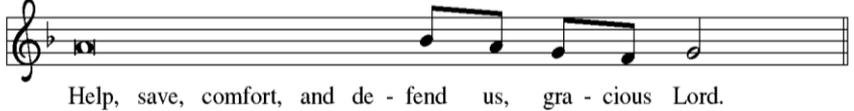
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 begins 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 begins 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 all who thirst, you sent your son, Jesus, to bring the living water of eternal life to all the earth. Quench the thirst of all who long for your word, your truth, and your presence, for the sake of him who gave everything to save all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please be seated

8:15 Anthem “Brother James’ Air” setting by Douglas E. Wagner
Chancel Choir

Children’s Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

C:

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

L: In those who obey the¹ word of Christ,* the love of God has¹ reached perfection. (1 John 2:5)

Gospel Acclamation

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Seventh Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 7:37-52

³⁷On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified. ⁴⁰When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, "This is really the prophet." ⁴¹Others said, "This is the Messiah." But some asked, "Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he?" ⁴²Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" ⁴³So there was a division in the crowd because of him. ⁴⁴Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. ⁴⁵Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why did you not arrest him?" ⁴⁶The police answered, "Never has anyone spoken like this!" ⁴⁷Then the Pharisees replied, "Surely you have not been deceived too, have you?" ⁴⁸Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him?" ⁴⁹But this crowd, which does not know the law — they are accursed." ⁵⁰Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus before, and who was one of them, asked, ⁵¹"Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?" ⁵²They replied, "Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee."

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn

“Shall We Gather At the River”

#423

10:45 Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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This morning we will celebrate the Holy Baptism of Remington Martin Andersen. Parents are Justin and Carolyn Andersen. Sponsors are Manuel Ruiz and Terin Stanfley.

(8:15 only)

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: 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

" Still are the Waters"

by Rick Parks

Please stand as you are able

Offering Prayer

P: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.

Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior 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: 785, 423, 817

P: Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

P: Lord, it is good for us to be here, for we have tasted your glory in this holy meal. Continue your goodness as we go out from here. Open our eyes to see your face shining in every person, and send us to be your servants in every place, for you are the life and light of all, both now and forever.

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. Christ is your Light.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“By Peaceful Waters”

by Felix Mendelssohn, arr. By Lani Smith

Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!



In our prayers: LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Dolores Johnson, Duleep Singh, Brian Vance, the family of Vivian Feilmann and the others we name before you...

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and the blessings he bestows to us by Tammy and Chuck Denton.

Quarters received today and every fourth Sunday are designated for Msindo.

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



Special Congratulations to Moe and Charlotte Nielsen from their children and family on their 57th Wedding Anniversary, Saturday, February 22.



Education Opportunities

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

Adult Forum

February 23: join us in Grace Hall for a short video and discussion. We will look at some videos from NOOMA. NOOMA is a series of short films that take a fresh look at Jesus' teachings.

March 2: UNI reps about campus ministry



Adult Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall II. There will be **no Tuesday evening Bible study** for the time being. Watch for the group to resume during Lent.

Super Wednesday Supper February 26 will be served by Altar Guild.



Cinnamon Roll Sunday is today!

Single cinnamon rolls as well as plates of 4 cinnamon rolls will be available for purchase (freewill offering). Proceeds will go towards 2015 National Youth Gathering and High School Summer Trips.

7th-12th grade students and families: Please sign up to hand out and collect plant sale orders on Sundays in March. We need help before and after each service. Sign up at Volunteer Central. Thank you!

Lutheran Day on the Hill

Join with LSI on Monday, March 10th for Lutheran Day on the Hill as they meet with legislators about critical issues facing children, families and adults in Iowa. The day begins with an advocacy overview from guest speakers before moving to the Capitol to meet with legislators. Contact Julie Honsey at honsey.julie@gmail.com if you are interested in being part of a group representing Grace. The deadline for registration is Thursday, March 6th (February 23rd if you're interested in being guaranteed a T-shirt). For more details visit www.LSIowa.org/LDH or call 866-584-5293.

The Kingdom and the Cross Book Study

Please join us for a 6 week study of the book, "The Kingdom and the Cross." We will take a Lenten journey with author James Bryan Smith to experience a closer understanding of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. We will meet on Sundays during the education hour (9:30 - 10:30) beginning March 9th through April 13. We welcome you to join us for all 6 weeks or whenever your schedule allows. The discussions are easy to engage in without attending every meeting or even reading the material. However, we encourage you to read the short chapters for your own pleasure and growth. The reading does enhance great discussions. Please contact Cherie Rissman (270-0278) for further details and for the book.

Winter Jam

Mark your calendars! March 28th @ 7pm is the Winter Jam (Christian rock concert) at the Wells Fargo Arena." It's \$10 at the door (no presales). If you are interested please contact Eric Weber ericjweber6@gmail.com

A Place at the Table

Join the Social Ministry Team at Grace in hosting a night at the movies for sister congregations in Conferences 10 and 11 at 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 2nd. We will be showing the movie *A Place At the Table*. The movie depicts some of the circumstances of 50 million Americans (1 in 4 children) who don't know where their next meal is coming from. It will change forever how you think about the hungry. All congregations in the Southeastern Iowa Synod are being encouraged by the synod to show the movie with Grace anxious to lead the way by offering up an opportunity for congregations in the Des Moines area to gather together to view the movie and learn about hunger in the United States. Sarai Rice, the Director of DMARC, will give opening comments and lead a discussion about how congregations can work toward eliminating hunger in the Des Moines Area following the movie. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

Called Together in Mission (CTIM) is coming up on March 8 from 8:30am-3:00pm in Cedar Rapids. This annual synod event includes a keynote address, lunch, and a variety of workshops from which to choose. This year's theme is designed around each of us being an everyday evangelist called by God to boldly live out our faith and share Jesus' love. The cost is \$20 and the registration deadline is **February 28**. Go to www.seiasynod.org/ctim or pick up an information/registration packet at Volunteer Central in the Gathering Hall. Workshop topics include Sharing Faith Through Art, The Power of Listening, Bringing Social Change, Reaching our Youth, and Evangelism Through Words.

Do you have a desire to help people from all cultures and backgrounds gain the skills and tools they need to thrive in a new country? Volunteer as an ESL teacher with Lutheran Services in Iowa and make a difference! LSI will provide extensive training and all curriculum and teaching materials needed. Previous teaching experience is not required, and a one-year commitment is preferred. Pick up a flyer at Volunteer Central, and contact Lauren Gentry at Lauren.Gentry@lsiowa.org or 271-7387 for more information.

Welcome to Grace!

Pastor – Rev. 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 Larry Nordeen, Dave Gronert, Bruce Bergman, Len Ringgenberg

10:45 Norm Trentman, Jay Wangerin, Bill Jensen, Barb Burley

Children's Sermon – Stephanie Johnson

Liturgist – 8:15 10:45

Lector – 8:15 Julie Honsey 10:45 Jeff Farrell

Communion servers – 10:45 Ellen Wonderlin, Jeff Farrell, Ardis Schmelzer, Lori Fry

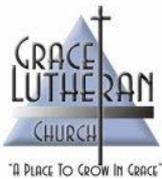
Acolytes – 8:15 Haley Dostalick 10:45 Payton and Zoe Lawson

Altar Guild – Carol Woodruff, Diane Jessen

Counters – 8:15 Carter Woodruff and Mike Carney

10:45 Mark Stumme and Tom McCleary

Coffee – Youth – Cinnamon Roll Sunday



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February 23, 2014
John 7:37-52

Key Verses: “On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink.’” John 7:37-38a

Time: 30-33 CE

Background: By this point in John’s gospel, Jesus’ teaching was beginning to intrigue, confuse, and anger people. Some were starting to believe he was the Messiah based on his teachings and signs. Others felt threatened by his words and sought to kill him.

The Festival of Booths was one of three major pilgrimages requiring Jews to travel to Jerusalem for the celebrations. The festival included ceremonies that celebrated light and water. Jesus indicated he was the source of living water and light, which amounted to blasphemy. Some debated his origin to gather proof of his blasphemy so that he could stoped.

Community: How often do those who argue or debate, do so with closed ears, seeking only to prove a point, rather than to learn? What debates have you heard recently that have been closed? Which have been open? What have been the outcomes of the debates? How could you listen with openness so that you can respond with kindness, justice, and peace?

At Home: How often is Jesus your source of living water, power, understanding, or decision-making? Be intentional this week about turning to Jesus as your source of all that you do and say.

Read This Week:

Monday, Feb 24, *Praise for God’s Care for Jerusalem*, Psalm 147:1-3
Tuesday, Feb 25, *Praise for God’s Care for Jerusalem*, Psalm 147:4-6
Wedy, Feb 26, *Praise for God’s Care for Jerusalem*, Psalm 147:7-11
Thurs, Feb 27, *Praise for God’s Care for Jerusalem*, Psalm 147:12-16
Friday, Feb 28, *Praise for God’s Care for Jerusalem*, Psalm 147:17-20
Saturday, Mar 1, *Jesus and John the Baptist*, John 3:22-36

Next Week: Sunday, Mar 2, *Light of the World*, John 9:1-41

