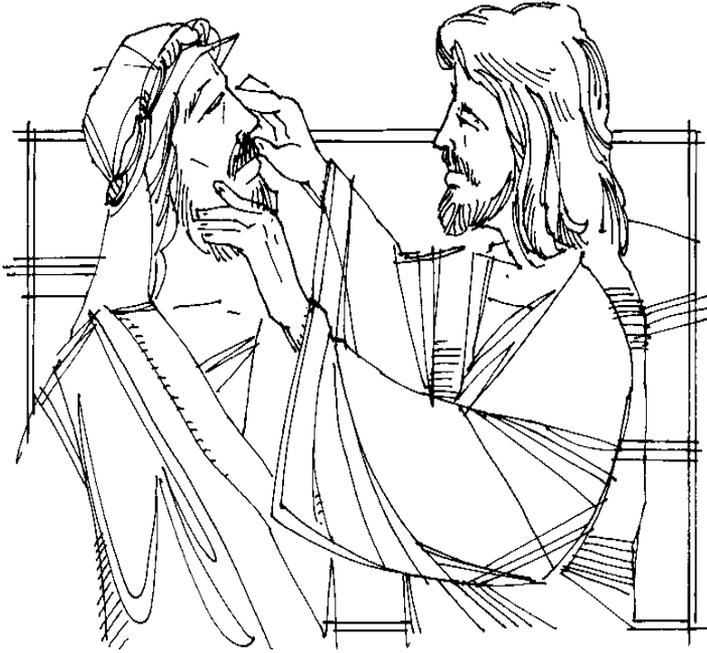


Grace Lutheran Church



Transfiguration of our Lord

March 2, 2014

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

“Here I am to Worship”

Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Loving and forgiving God,

C: Too often we been blind to truth. 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

“10,000 Reasons”

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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.

Prayer of the Day

C: God of revelation, your son, Jesus, brought sight to a blind man and closed the eyes of the ones who refused to see. Open our eyes so that we may see you clearly, for the sake of the one who reveals himself in light and truth, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please be seated

Gospel Acclamation

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 9:1-18

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must

work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Children's Sermon

Gospel: John 9:28-41

²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are

you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Sermon

A.J. Houseman

Please stand as you are able

Hymn

"Mighty to Save"

Verse 1

Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Chorus 1

Saviour
He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 2

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow

Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

(Bridge)

Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King Jesus
Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King

10:45 Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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This morning we will celebrate the Holy Baptism of Joviana Jenne Reyes. Parents are Elvin and Kellie Reyes. Sponsors are Douglas and Hilary Hoffman.

Creed *(8:15 only)*

**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.

Amen.

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

Malaria Swat Team Temple Talk

The Offering

Offertory

“Sweetly Broken”

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

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



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:

- Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia, Alleluia (x2)**
- Amazing Grace...(chorus)
- Jesus Loves me...(Chorus)
- Onward Christian Soldiers...(Chorus)

All in All

Verse 1

You are my strength
 When I am weak
 You are the treasure
 That I seek
 You are my all in all
 Seeking You as a precious jew'l
 Lord to give up I'd be a fool
 You are my all in all

Chorus 1

Jesus Lamb of God
 Worthy is Your name
 Jesus Lamb of God
 Worthy is Your name

Verse 2

Taking my sin
 My cross my shame
 Rising again I bless Your name

You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Chorus 1

Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

We Fall Down

Verse 1

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

Chorus

And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy is the Lamb

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

“Be Thou my Vision”

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

UNI Musicians

Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!



In our prayers: LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Drake Carney, Dolores Johnson, Lucy Krauss, Delores Larson, 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.

Quarters received today and every first Sunday are designated to fight hunger.

Please note the Wednesday evening schedule has changed. You can find the current weekly schedule on the Grace website at gracedm.org or in acrylic holders on the walls in the front entrance and the hallway just outside Grace Hal.

The Ash Wednesday Soup Supper will be served by Martha Circle. The sign-up for the remaining soup suppers is on the kitchen bulletin board.



Happy Birthday to:

Donald York, Renee Mulvihill, Matthew Heid, Kimberly Carballo, Brent Culp, Katherine Scholl, Pressly Reha, LaVonne Mitchell, Jack Chenoweth

Happy Anniversary to:

Gus and Kari Berven



Education Opportunities

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

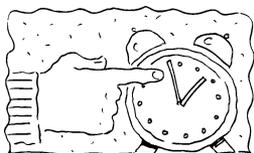
Adult Forum

March 2: UNI reps talk about campus ministry

March 9: “Catching Fire Becoming Flame”- a video series on prayer and spiritual transformation



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



SET YOUR CLOCKS

Ahead!

Daylight Savings Time next week!

Spring ahead Saturday night

March 8th!

Cinnamon Roll Sunday thanks you! Just over \$550.00 was raised last Sunday for the 2015 National Youth Gathering and Summer Trip fund.

Join us for fun, food and fellowship 5:00 p.m. Sunday March 9. Grace fellowship is meeting, with Bill Henderson providing music and stories about Mary. A light supper will be served. All adults are invited.



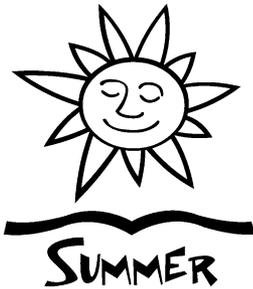
**Annual Grace Youth Plant Sale
Fundraiser (and Garage/bake sale)!
Saturday May 17, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Plant sale order forms are available in the Gathering Hall at Volunteer Central, in the Friendly Visitor, and on the church website. Orders are due no later than Sunday March 30th.

7th-12th grade students and families: Please sign up to hand out/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 10 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.



It's time to start thinking about summer! VBS registration forms are now available both on our website in the Links section, and in the Gathering Hall. The week for 3-5 year olds is June 9-13, and for grades K-5 is June 23-27. Pick up a flyer and share it with your friends. The program is free to all, but you *must* pre-register by the deadline. Register early before spaces fill. See you at the "Workshop of Wonders"!

The Kingdom and the Cross Book Study

Please join us for a six-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.

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.

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

Preaching today – A.J. Houseman

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 John Farver, Jim Rundle, Jon Rissman 10:45 Lonnie and Diane Jessen, Norm Trentmann, Jay Wangerin

Children's Sermon – Pastor Mike

Temple Talk – Brad Lindt

Lector – 8:15 Carol Woodruff 10:45 Charlotte Nielsen

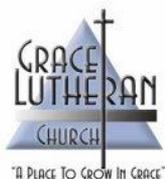
Communion servers – 8:15 Carla Peterman, Jan Gross, Jenie Schmidt, Julie Honsey

Acolytes – 8:15 Devin Ashton, Matt Farrell 10:45 Ben Wonderlin

Counters – 8:15 Jon Rissman and Mike Carney

10:45 Carter Woodruff and Jeff Farrell

Coffee – Karen Taylor



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John 9:1-41

Key Verse: “Jesus said, ‘As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.’” John 9:5

Time: 30-33 CE

Background: At the time of Jesus, people believed that physical or mental disabilities or challenges were caused by sin, either of the disabled or their parents. Jesus started the conversation in today’s reading by stating the man’s blindness was not caused by sin, but could be used to show the power of God’s goodness. Many of Jesus’ words and actions were to show how God’s people had misinterpreted God’s intentions for God’s people over the years. Jesus came to help people come to right relationship with God. The Pharisees were confused by Jesus’ works because he healed on the Sabbath, which was contrary to God’s law. How could a man of God break God’s law? They didn’t understand that the Sabbath was to serve humanity, not the other way around.

Community: Are there people today who are still blamed for their misfortune (poverty, addiction, homelessness)? How might we become instruments of healing for those people?

At Home: What stands in your way of being able to see clearly God’s intention for you and your life? Ask God to remove all barriers so that you can see God’s light in your life and follow God.

Read This Week:

Monday, Mar 3, *Jesus Heals on the Sabbath*, John 5:1-18

Tuesday, Mar 4, *The Authority of the Son*, John 5:19-29

Wednesday, Mar 5, *Good Shepherd*, John 10:1-18

Thursday, Mar 6, *Witnesses to Jesus*, John 5:30-47

Friday, Mar 7, *Feeding the Five Thousand*, John 6:1-15

Saturday, Mar 8, *Jesus Walks on Water*, John 6:16-21

Next Week: Sunday, Mar 9, *Raising Lazarus*, John 11:1-44