

Grace Lutheran Church



The Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 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 ages 3 and above are welcome at the parents’ discretion, after meeting for instruction with the pastor. 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 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. 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. **Exception:** There will not be a Stephen Minister in the Upper Room on Palm Sunday or Easter.*

Prelude

8:15

“Sanctus”

by Charles Gounod, arr. by Martha Powell Setchell
Piano/organ duet with Kent Weaver

10:45

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

arr. Ed Hogan

Grace Brass

Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation

Please stand as you are able

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: Despite our best efforts, we fail to acknowledge you. We are guided by anger or fear. We put our own needs before the needs of others. Forgive what we have thought, done, and said, and what we have failed to do or say. Cleanse our hearts and restore us to your favor. 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

“Great God, Your Love Has Called Us”

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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.



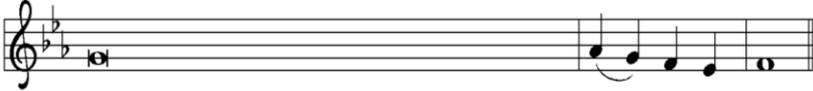
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



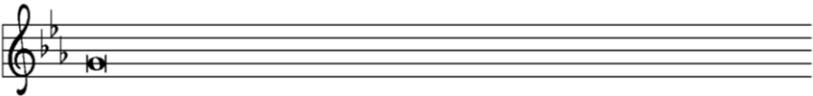
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



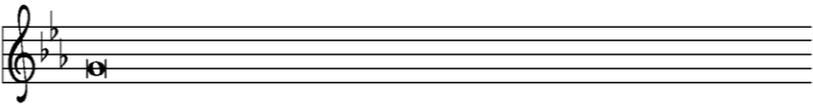
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

C: God of transparency, your son, Jesus spoke openly to the world, even when his life was in danger. Give us courage to speak our truth to the world despite our fears, for the sake of him who is truth, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Psalm 17: 1-7



8:15 Anthem "What Wondrous Love Is This" arr. Ed Hogan

Grace Brass

10:45

"Sanctus"

by Charles Gounod, arr. by Martha Powell Setchell
Piano/organ duet with Kent Weaver

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Gospel Acclamation

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

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

Gospel: John 18:12-27

¹²So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. ¹⁴Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

¹⁵Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." ¹⁸Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

¹⁹Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." ²²When he had

said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" ²³Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" ²⁴Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. ²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Please be seated

Sermon "Love to the End: Faithful Love"

Please stand as you are able

Hymn "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

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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

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: With gratitude for your mercy, we humbly lift our prayers to you, in the name of your son, Jesus 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 “Voluntary” by Mozart, arr. by George Blake

Please stand as you are able

Offering Prayer

P: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through 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-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

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. All who thirst, all who hunger, come and be filled with the goodness of God.

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: 599, 335, 491

Prayer after Communion

P: God of mercy, we give you thanks for seating us at your table and serving us with the food of eternal life. We who once were dead are now living members of your Son, awakened by the breathing of your Spirit. Send us out to awaken others to the mystery of your love, which is revealed to all the world in the one who came to give himself away, 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 "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" #351

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Canzona" by Dietrich Buxtehude

Midweek Lenten services continue each Wednesday until Holy Week with a soup supper from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and a worship service at 6:30 p.m. The Companion Congregation Committee will serve supper on March 26.

Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!



In our prayers: LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Drake Carney, Dolores Johnson, Lucy Krauss, Delores Larson, Brian Vance, the family of Duleep Singh, and the others we name before you...

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



Happy Birthday to: Rick Harmon, Mary Jo McCleary, Beau Brindley, Ryan Nordeen, Stephanie Johnson, Sierra Carney, Zara Preston, Alexson Calahan, Sharon Schwemler

Happy Anniversary to: Randy and Karen Taylor



Education Opportunities

Sunday School and Adult Forum begin each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

March 23: Lutheran World Relief Kit Packing

March 30: Time of Fellowship

Stories of Grace Congregational Lunch and Meeting after 10:45

The Kingdom and the Cross Book Study meets 9:30 – 10:30 in the café. Join us!

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.

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You can find the weekly schedule on the Grace website at gracedm.org or in the acrylic holders on the walls in the front entrance and the hallway just outside Grace Hall.

Congregational Lunch and Meeting on March 30



Whether you have been at Grace for 9 weeks or 90 years, there are stories to share. So, let's share them. That is the focus of the congregational lunch and meeting that will take place in Grace Hall on March 30th following the 10:45 service. We will gather in fellowship around a meal and will then spend time talking about our experiences at Grace Lutheran Church. Bring your stories of this community of faith and what all has happened along the way. Do you remember, or have stories from the '20s? '30s? Or any other decade? Can you remember more than one pastor? Not sure who the current pastor is? Come, be fed, and share. We look forward to seeing you there.

Winter Jam 2014 is coming to Des Moines, March 28 at 7 p.m. at Wells Fargo Arena. Christian rock bands like the News Boys, Lecrae, Tenth Avenue North, and many others will be rockin' the house with their lyrics and rhythms. No tickets necessary; cost is \$10 at the door. All Grace members are encouraged to attend and enjoy a high-energy Christian rock concert!

The high school group and 8th graders are invited to attend as a group - contact Eric Weber to sign up.

- RSVP by MARCH 24TH at [515-210-6960](tel:515-210-6960) (voice or text is fine - just identify who and how many want to carpool).
- We can meet at the church at 5:30 pm.
- Any parents of 8-12th graders who would be willing to help with carpooling, please contact Eric.



Come to the display in the Gathering Hall today to find out how to “be a basket” through Lutheran World Relief. Be a basket for Christ! Bring a toothbrush in its original package or make a donation. Find a yellow donation envelope in the pew or at the display. Help box up kits and quilts on April 6 after the 10:45 service. Pray for the work of Lutheran World Relief.

2014 Thrivent Choice Dollars – March 31 deadline approaches!

The Grace Council decided this year’s Thrivent Choice Dollars will be distributed: The first \$400 will be used to pay the annual dues to LSI for the First Circle of Friends program. The remainder of the donations will be directed to the Evangelism Committee and used to cover the costs for a new church directory, to be completed this year. Thank you for your continued support of Grace and its ministries.



LSI 150th Anniversary - Calling at least 5 cake bakers!

LSI is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year and is gathering staff from all over the state for a birthday party on May 1. The celebration recognizes 150 years of partnership between LSI and the ELCA congregations in Iowa. To help celebrate the event, members of Grace and other congregations are invited to bake a 9x13 cake with a birthday or "thank you" motif, along with the name of the congregation as part of the decoration. Bakers are asked to use a disposable cake pan and bring the cake to Lutheran Church of Hope sometime during the day on **Wednesday, April 30**. Feeling creative? Sign up at Volunteer Central. Questions, or need help with transporting your cake on that day? Contact Stephanie Johnson in the office or at stephaniejohnson@q.com. Have fun!



A quarter a day keeps malaria away... Each quarter folder (available at the Social Ministry table) holds enough quarters to purchase a \$10 mosquito net. Fill one up and return it between now and April 27, World Malaria Day. Let's see if we can reach our challenge goal of \$10000. Check out the mosquito wall in the Gathering Hall to see our progress. Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to give.

Hunger Working Team

The Southeastern Iowa Synod has taken on the designation as the "Anti-Hunger Synod". Synod leaders are encouraging all congregations in the synod to "grow their lawns" rather than mow their lawns. We at Grace have been doing just that for 5 or 6 years, donating most of our harvest to the Food Pantry. Our garden team is gearing up for the 2014 growing season with plans to further amend the soil and continue providing healthy food to hungry people.

Another focus of the synod is to encourage each congregation to develop a Hunger Working Team. Grace's Social Ministry Team devotes much of its time to hunger issues, but doesn't focus exclusively on hunger. There is much more that we could be doing, so we have begun developing a team. At this time we have commitments from three people.

Our Hunger Working Team would like to invite you to prayerfully consider being part of the team, collaborating with the garden group and Social Ministry to work to end hunger in Des Moines and the world. If you think you would like to be part of the Hunger Working Team at Grace, contact Julie Honsey at 282-8817 or honsey.julie@gmail.com.

Active Grace 30-Day Challenge

We have started a 30-day challenge this Lent, just by adding something simple to our daily lives. Check out the bulletin boards at the photo wall for ideas. *Join us!*

Luther College Symphony Orchestra performs March 25

The Luther College Symphony Orchestra of Decorah, Iowa will perform at 7:30 p.m. March 25 at Lutheran Church of Hope, 925 Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines. A freewill offering will be taken. For more information, visit luther.edu/music/symphony-orchestra or email kate.haller@luther.edu

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 John Farver, Jim Rundle, Jon Rissman

10:45 Lonnie and Diane Jessen, Norm Trentmann, Jay Wangerin

6:30 Wednesday: Jay Wangerin, Kevin Krause

Children's Sermon – Cathy Barks

Liturgist – 8:15 Paul Kallenbach 10:45 Mary Helt

Lector – 8:15 Kate Schaller 10:45 Amy Schmelzer

Communion servers – 10:45 Amy Schmelzer, Aaron Brandsfield, Ardis Schmelzer, Stephanie Johnson

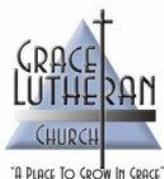
Acolytes – 8:15 Haley Dostalick 10:45 Courtney Brandsfield, Emma Mattes

Altar Guild – Cindy Peeler, Loree Nelson

Counters – 8:15 Jon Rissman and Alex Davik

10:45 Mark Stumme and Tom McCleary

Wednesday, March 26: Bill Jensen and Tom McCleary



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Lutheran Lakeside Camp 21st Annual Quilt Auction
April 5, 2014
St Mark Lutheran Church
5200 Glenn Ave, Sioux City

Quilt Viewing and Lunch 11:00 am-12:30 pm
Auction 1:00 pm

Faith Lutheran Church, Odebolt is matching funds for the auction. For every \$3 raised, they will match with \$1, up to \$7,000. If you can't make it to the auction and would like to help us reach our goal, please send donations to Lutheran Lakeside Camp, 2491 170th St, Spirit Lake, IA 51360. Thank you!

Lutheran Lakeside Summer Family Camp

A great way to spend time together, study the Word, worship, play and much more.

Family Camp:
July 14-19 —Pastor Tony Ede
July 19-20—Pastor Barb Spaulding

Short Timers Family Camp
July 14-16

Find details at www.lutheranlakeside.com or call 712-336-2109

John 18:12-27

Key Verses: “One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, ‘Did I not see you in the garden with him?’ Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.” John 18:26-27

Time: 33 CE

Background: In John’s gospel, Judas came to arrest Jesus at the garden with a detachment of soldiers and police from the chief priests and Pharisees. Jesus came forward willingly, knowing his time had come. Prepared for a fight, Peter and the other disciples drew their swords. Peter even cut off the ear of the slave of one of the high priests before Jesus calmed the crowd.

Jesus was not as silent in John’s gospel as in the others. Instead, he spoke plainly, challenging them to find untruth in his words. They could not, of course. But perhaps they were more afraid of the truth of his words than of lies.

Community: What lies are being told that are so subtle that our culture accepts them as truth? How might you uncover some of those lies for yourself? Once discovered, how might you learn to live differently?

At Home: How often do you let peer or cultural pressure shape your behaviors? When was the last time you stood up against pressure to conform or compete? How might you let go of the desire to engage in those comparisons or competitions?

Read This Week:

Monday, Mar 24, *The Plot to Kill Jesus*, John 11:45-57

Tuesday, Mar 25, *Mary Anoints Jesus*, John 12:1-8

Wednesday, Mar 26, *The Plot to Kill Lazarus*, John 12:9-11

Thursday, Mar 27, *Jesus’ Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem*, John 12:12-19

Friday, Mar 28, *Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus*, John 12:20-26

Saturday, Mar 29, *Jesus Speaks about His Death*, John 12:27-36

Next Week: Sunday, Mar 30, *Jesus and Pilate*, John 18:28-40