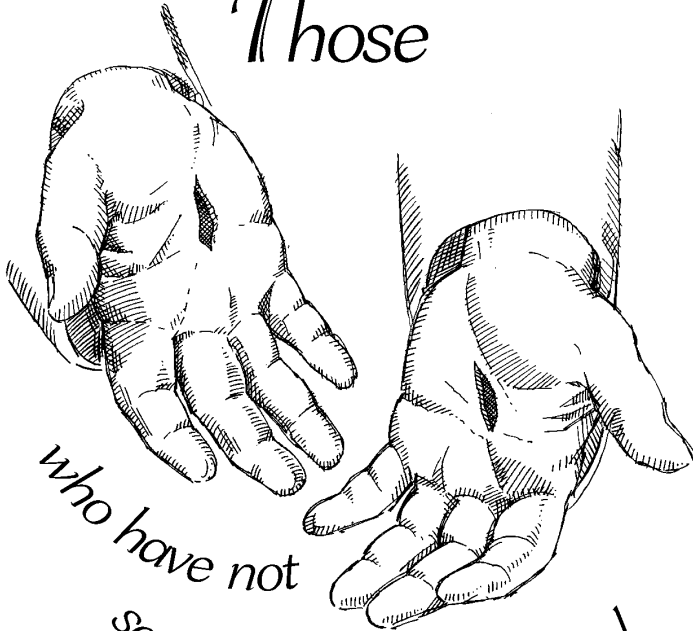


Grace Lutheran Church

Blessed
are
Those



who have not
seen and yet have believed.

John 20:29

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 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 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.*

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Prelude

"We Live by Faith"

by Lani Smith

Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and kindness,

C: Although we strive for goodness, we often fall short. We fail to believe what we cannot see. Forgive what we have thought, done, and said, and what we have failed to do or say. Cleanse our hearts, make us resilient to shame, and accept us for who we are. 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.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn "Take My Life, That I May Be"

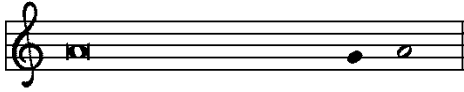
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Greeting

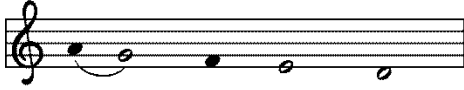
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

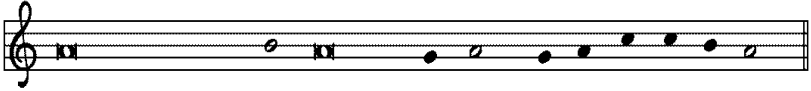
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



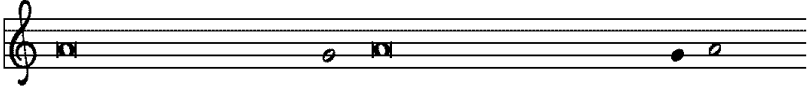
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



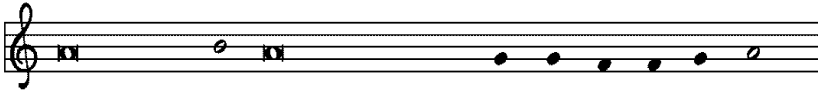
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 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

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and hon - or and glo - ry and



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.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

C: God of spirit, your son, Jesus, breathed peace and faith upon the disciples and they believed. Make us believers and examples of faith so that others may come to know you through us, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen

Please be seated

Children's Sermon

Special Music

"The Holy City"
Janet Habick

by Michael Maybrick

Litany for Malaria

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world

Congregation: the light no darkness can overcome

Leader: Let your light scatter the darkness

Congregation: and illumine your church

Leader: A reading from Mark 6:53-56: "When [Jesus and his disciples] had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed."

Leader: It comes like a thief in the night, stealing health and hope.

Congregation: Lord of love, bring healing to your broken world.

Leader: Suffering from malaria, your people cry to you.

Congregation: Lord of love, bring healing to your broken world.

Leader: Under the yoke of disease, the walk to the clinic is long.

Congregation: Lord of love, bring healing to your broken world.

Leader: Resources at our fingertips, love on the tips of our tongues;

Congregation: Lord of hope, use us to heal your world.

Leader: We have an abundance of gifts, given to us to share;

Congregation: Lord of hope, use us to heal your world.

Leader: With our sisters and brothers in Africa, standing ready to serve;

Congregation: Lord of hope, use us to heal your world.

Leader: Lord, you teach us to love

Congregation: Not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

Leader: And so, in truth and action

Congregation: Let us share your love.

Leader: Healing God, awaken us to the promise of new and renewed life that accompanies our Lord's resurrection. Stir up hope in all who suffer with malaria, and renew the zeal of those who research cures and treatments, serve on health care teams, and lead nationally and locally, that through their lives and work the world might behold the promise of Christ's resurrection for today.

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation



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



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

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 20:19–31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called

the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated
Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn **God Gave to Me a Life to Live**

1 God gave to me a life to live; God
 2 When I am helped to see what's good, and

gave me hands with which to give; God gave a heart with
 led to do the things I should, I thank you, car - ing

which to care; God gave me love that I might share.
 God a - bove, for life and hands and heart and love.

Text: Anonymous
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

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 knowledge of your never-ending goodness, we pray these things
in the name of 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

"Cantilena" by Sammartini, arr. By George Blake

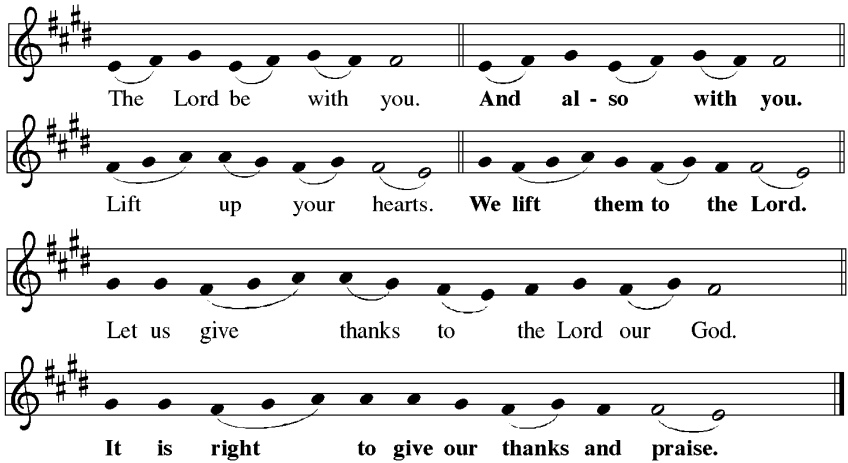
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Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

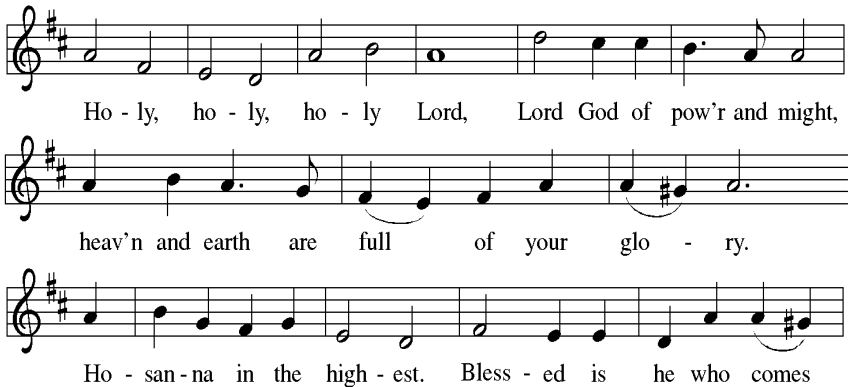
Great Thanksgiving



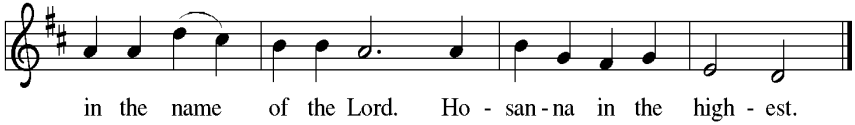
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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



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 table of life is spread before you. Feast on the goodness and mercy 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: 592, 614, 692

Prayer after Communion

P: Loving God, by your Spirit we are born anew, and you nourish us like newborns with this holy food, by which we grow into salvation.

Give us grace to live as your risen daughters and sons, shining in the world with your marvelous light, until you gather all creation to the heavenly table where Christ reigns in glory 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.

Sending Hymn: "We Are Marching in the Light" #866
Children are invited to pick up an instrument by the font and play during the hymn

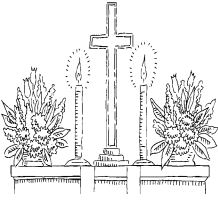
Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Little Postlude in G" by CPE Bach, arr. by Steven Scott

Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!



In our prayers: LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Sandy Briggs, Drake Carney, Haley Dostalick, Dolores Johnson, Lucy Krauss, Brian Vance, and the others we name before you...

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Jerry Dockum in memory of Madalyn and Beth.

Quarters placed in the offering plate this and every fourth Sunday are for Msindo.

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

Birthdays &



Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to: Gladys Peterson, Cathy Barks, Bill Jensen, David Gronert, Anna Cline, Abigale Nelson, Kathy Piltingsrud, Alysse Adams, Melinda Stickrod, Lillian Prickett, Joshua Meadows, Helen Ringgenberg

Happy Anniversary to: Curt and Kathy Johansen, Col. Franklin & Bonnie Peterson

Education Opportunities

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

April 27: Malaria Swat Team/campaign celebration

May 4: 9:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting (see description below)

May 7: 6:30 p.m. Congregational Meeting (see description below)

Congregational Meetings: The focus of these identical meetings on May 4 and May 7 is to discuss the context of the larger community within which Grace Lutheran Church resides. There will be information brought forward from community interviews as well as conversation starters. The first meeting focused on recalling our history as a community of faith. Now we will dive further into our context. Come and join us.

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

Stephen Ministry will meet at 6 p.m., April 28 in the Upper Room. Pastor Mike will offer Eucharist training to Stephen Ministers who are interested.

Wednesday Suppers are over for the year. Some groups will continue to meet through the spring and summer. For complete and up-to-date information, please check the Grace website (www.gracedm.org) or the printed calendar (found in the entry hall and the hallway just outside of Grace Hall near the Free Trade coffee display).

Announcements

Today is World Malaria Sunday. Join us during the education hour for a special cake, a piñata for the kids, and a powerpoint presentation as we celebrate more than doubling our original goal. \$10,825.09 has been raised so far! We will be closing Grace's campaign **tomorrow, April 28.** Please bring any additional donations to the office by then so that we can include them with a check to be sent this week. The amount currently in our account (more than \$2,700), plus whatever is still received, will be doubled by a group of generous donors if we send it by May 2. Stay tuned next Sunday when we announce the final total of donations received in the past year.



Grace Diaper Drive

The Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a Diaper Drive for the DMARC DIAPER CENTER program. The Diaper Drive will run from Sunday, May 4 through Sunday, May 25. We are asking for donations of disposable diapers (most needed sizes 3, 4, 5 & 6) and wipes. The diapers and wipes may be placed in the box next to the display in the Gathering Hall. Please see the *Friendly Visitor* for additional information.

Men In Mission

The May meeting will be Thursday, May 1 starting at 6:00pm. Our speaker will be Don Moon on the topic of Idioms. Come join in a good meal and interesting talk.

National Youth Gathering introduction meeting for all parent and youth in Grades 7 - 11

Sunday, April 27
5:00- 6:00 p.m. in the High School Youth Room



We will discuss the timeline and planning for the upcoming National Youth Gathering trip in Detroit July 15 - 19, 2015.

Contact Tammy Denton at 779-0301 with questions.



VBS spaces filling fast! Only 10 spaces left in preschool week (June 9-13), and 25 in elementary week (June 23-27) as of April 23. We hope to have your children and their friends join us, so we encourage you to return your registration forms to the office to reserve your child's spot. Looking forward to a fun summer! Questions?

Contact Stephanie Johnson at 276-6873 or stephaniejohnson@q.com.

Is someone in your family graduating from college this spring? We would like to recognize his or her accomplishment in the next newsletter, so please send a short announcement (3-5 sentences, about 60 words) to stephaniejohnson@q.com by **May 22**. You are also welcome to include a digital picture. Congratulations to the graduates!

Denny Rehder will make a rare appearance in Des Moines with his long-running program



called "Grass Between the Rails." He will be performing at the 3801 Grand retirement community Wednesday, April 30 at 2pm. This will be his 89th performance. His appearances in Iowa are funded by Humanities Iowa and the National Endowment for the Humanities. All appearances are free and open to the public.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

May 4, 5:00 PM GRACE FELLOWSHIP

Program presented by Ro and Barb Zimany on their recent cruise, which included Indonesia, Malaysia other destinations.



You're Invited...

To an afternoon of Trombone & Piano

performed by **Adam Dostalík**

Sunday, May 4 • 1:15 p.m.

Temple for Performing Arts • Grand Hall, 4th Floor
10th & Locust Street • Des Moines, Iowa

Welcome to Grace!

Ministers – The People of God

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 Dave Gronert, Bruce Bergman, Len Ringgenberg

10:45 Gary Nelson, Jay Wangerin, Tom McCleary

Liturgist – 8:15 Paul Kallenbach 10:45 Denny Rehder

Lector – 8:15 Ro Zimany 10:45 Charlotte Nielsen

Children's Sermon – Stephanie Johnson

Communion servers – 10:45 - Alex Davik, Jenie Schmidt, Stephanie Johnson, Janet Trentmann

Acolytes – 8:15 Sawyer Shiffler

10:45 – Matt Farrell, Ben Wonderlin

Altar Guild – Barb Zimany, Connie Heuton, Jane Ridnour

Counters – 8:15 Jon Rissman and Chris Lawson

10:45 Alex Davik and Tom McCleary

Coffee - Malaria Swat Team



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