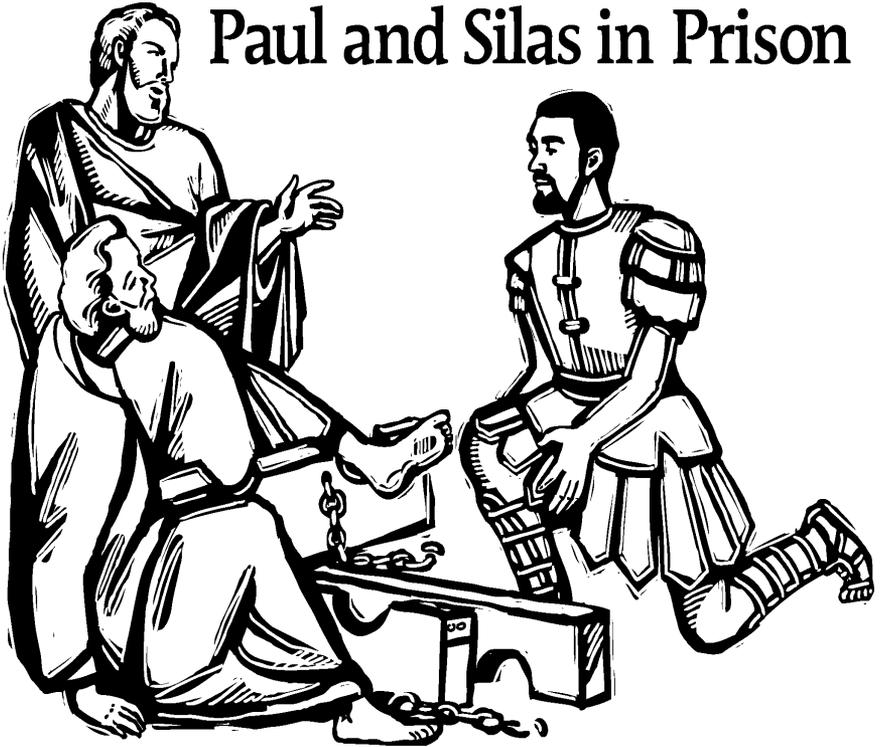


# Grace Lutheran Church

## Paul and Silas in Prison



### **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

May 11, 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.*

# Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

**Prelude** “Beach Spring (Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service)”

setting by John Carter

*Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation*

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**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: although we strive for goodness, we often fall short. We fail to believe in your abundant grace. 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.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn**

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”

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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

*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*



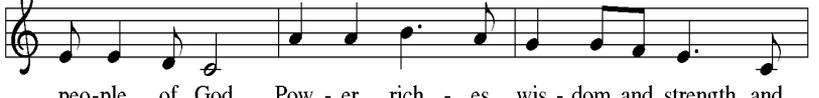
This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



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



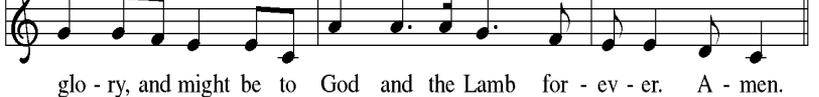
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -



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 justice, when Paul and Silas behaved honorably in a jail cell in your name, the jailer and his household were converted. Help us to see your goodness in the people we encounter and in the work that we do, so that we too, might rejoice in your abundant mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen**

*Please be seated*

### **Children's Sermon**

**10:45 Anthem**

"Ain't a That Good News"

William Dawson

*Chancel Choir*

### **The Reading: Acts 16:16-34**

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.

<sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in

the stocks. <sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn**

"Christ, Be Our Light"

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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 Intercession**

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** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" by Robert Howell

*Please stand as you are able*

**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.

The musical score for 'Great Thanksgiving' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The lyrics are: '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.', and '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,  
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

The musical score for 'Holy, Holy, Holy' is written in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,', 'ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,', and 'heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.'

Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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**

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.

*Please be seated*

**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:** 469, 483, 396

*Please stand as you are able*

**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.**

### **Hymn**

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

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### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

“Fugue”

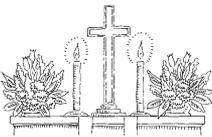
by Jean Francois Dandrieu



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## **Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!**

**In our prayers:** LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Drake Carney, Haley Dostalík, Dolores Johnson, Lucy Krauss, Robert Schmidt (Pastor Mike's father), Brian Vance, the family of Linda Eads (Lonnie Jessen's sister) and the others we name before you...



**Flowers** on the altar are given by Carol and Carter Woodruff to the Glory of God and in praise and thanksgiving for His gifts of marriage, children, and mothers everywhere."

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

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**Happy Birthday to:** Jeffrey Farrell, Jeffrey Rudisill, Charlotte Nielsen, Sally Preston, Frances Best, Laurie Helton, Ellen Wonderlin, John Kennebeck, Dmitri Woodruff, Katherine Bickel, Laura Wonderlin, Carol Krause, Meghan Sherer



## Happy Anniversary to:

Carter and Carol Woodruff, Richard and Betty Hirschauer,  
Steve and Mary McCann, Drew and Karla Tillotson, Matt  
and Amy Ziska

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### Education Opportunities

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

**May 11:** Time of Fellowship, optional: continued conversation from congregational meetings

**May 18:** Ice Cream Social following the one service at 9:00 a.m.

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

#### **Summer Worship Schedule:**

##### **May 18: Celebration Sunday**

One service at 9:00 a.m.

##### **May 25 – August 31: Summer services**

Services in the Sanctuary at 8:15 and 9:45 a.m.

No Wednesday or Saturday services

##### **September 7: Celebration Sunday**

8:15 service in the Sanctuary

10:45 service outdoors followed by a picnic.

##### **September 14: Fall schedule resumes**

8:15 and 10:45 services resume with Sunday School and education hour at 9:30 a.m.

**Summer worship volunteers:** The signup pages for June through August are now in the worship volunteer book at Volunteer Central. The easy link to the electronic signup page can also be found in the enews. Thanks ahead of time for your help serving as lectors, Communion assistants, and coffee servers.

**For your convenience, the current and updated calendar** can be found online at [www.gracedm.org](http://www.gracedm.org), in the entry hall and in the hallway just outside of Grace Hall near the Fair Trade coffee display.

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## Announcements



### Ice Cream Social

Join in celebrating the end of the program year at Grace by attending the Ice Cream Social on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. While socializing and enjoying an ice cream sundae there will be an opportunity for any church group, organization or team to have a picture taken for the new church directory. If you would like your group's picture taken, contact Joie Gronert by May 11<sup>th</sup> to be included in the picture-taking schedule. There will also be a stand for fun and silly prop pictures. If you have props to donate for the occasion, contact Joie Gronert at [jgronert1@hotmail.com](mailto:jgronert1@hotmail.com) or Julie Honsey at [honsey.julie@gmail.com](mailto:honsey.julie@gmail.com).

### Grace Diaper Drive

The Grace Diaper Drive continues through Sunday, May 25. Diapers and wipes may be placed in the box in the Gathering Hall.



VBS teen and adult volunteers wanted: For preschool week (June 9-13), we are looking for volunteers to teach or be classroom assistants, help with sign-in, and greet families as they arrive. For elementary week (June 23-27), our volunteers serve in a variety of ways, including

signing families in and out, guiding groups of kids to stations, helping with aftercare, and lending a hand in the afternoons with pre-planned activities and field trips. Volunteer forms for teens and a sign-up sheet for adults are available in the Gathering Hall, or the sign up is available at <http://www.volunteersignup.org/AEC89> for preschool week and <http://www.volunteersignup.org/C7AFL> for elementary week. Thanks for helping out. Our volunteers are key to making the VBS program successful. See you this summer!

**VBS snacks:** For those who would like to help out with VBS but can't be here in person during those weeks, we appreciate snack donations as well. A sign-up list for both weeks is available in the Gathering Hall. Thanks for your help with this!





**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](mailto:stephaniejohnson@q.com) by

**May 22.** You are also welcome to include a digital picture. Congratulations to the graduates!

### **End of Year Music Potluck**

Plan ahead to attend on May 21st at 6:00 p.m. Meal served at 6:30 p.m.

The potluck will be held at Denny Rehder's home. Everyone involved in the music program at Grace is invited. Signup sheets will be circulated this week.



### **Grace Kitchen Updates**

As we work in the kitchen to update, a number of lost or misplaced items have surfaced. Please check the rack in Grace Hall for missing items. They will be sent to the garage sale on May 16th. Thank you to the Kitchen Committee, Willing Workers, and Grace Kids' Care for their time and efforts regarding the kitchen updates.

The Kitchen Committee

## 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 Carol Krause, Jerry Westercamp, Mike Peterman, Kevin

Drury 10:45 Jay Wangerin, Mike Carney

**Liturgist** – 8:15 Matt Jordahl 10:45 Denny Rehder

**Lector** – 8:15 Julie Honsey 10:45 Ro Zimany

**Children's Sermon** – Pastor Mike

**Communion servers** – 10:45 - Kathy Bowermaster, Stephanie

Johnson, Mary Helt, Janet Trentman

**Acolytes** – 8:15 Haley Dostalick

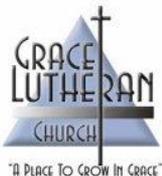
10:45 – Isaac McCleary, Lydia McCleary

**Altar Guild** – Alice Kulzer, Gail Peterson

**Counters** – 8:15 Jon Rissman and Mike Carney

10:45 Chris Lawson and Chuck Denton

**Coffee** - Bill Kallestad



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**May 11, 2014**  
**Acts 16:16-34**

**Key Verses:** “The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ They answered, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.’” Acts 16:29-31

**Time:** 49-52 CE

**Background:** Paul and Silas traveled, bringing the word of God wherever God sent them. They had spent some time in Philippi, and had converted a business woman named Lydia, who would become one of their financial supporters there. Shortly after her conversion, they encountered the girl with a spirit of divination, which allowed her to see and tell fortunes, for the welfare of her owners.

When Paul cast the spirit out of her, he did so in Jesus’ name. Only Roman-approved religions were allowed. Judaism was allowed there, but Christianity was not. Paul and Silas were sentenced to prison. While they were in prison they had the opportunity to convert the jailer and his family, which helped them secure a faithful foundation in Philippi.

**Community:** How do the economics in your area help or hinder the mission of your faith community? How could it be positioned to help?

**At Home:** How do your faith and your vocation intersect? Where do they work together, and where do they work against each other? What might you do to allow your faith life to have a greater influence on your vocation, and your vocation a greater impact on your faith life?

**Read This Week:**

Monday, May 12, *Paul and Silas*, Acts 16:35-40

Tuesday, May 13, *The Council at Jerusalem*, Acts 15:1-11

Wednesday, May 14, *The Council at Jerusalem*, Acts 15:12-21

Thursday, May 15, *Timothy Joins Paul and Silas*, Acts 16:1-5

Friday, May 16, *Paul’s Vision of the Man of Macedonia*, Acts 16:6-10

Saturday, May 17, *The Conversion of Lydia*, Acts 16:11-15

**Next Week:** Sunday, May 18, *Sermon at Athens*, Acts 17:16-31

