

# Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



**IN CHAINS  
FOR CHRIST.**

PHILIPPIANS 1:13, NIV

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

May 25, 2014

8:15 a.m. and 9:45 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. If you would like to be connected to a Stephen Minister, please contact the office for assistance.*

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## Prelude

“On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand” by Adam Mason

*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 rejoice for all you have done for us. 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

“The Church's One Foundation”

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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*



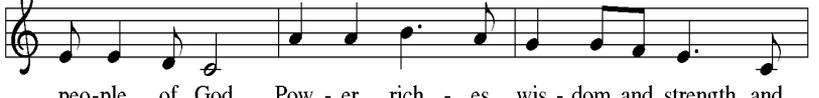
This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



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



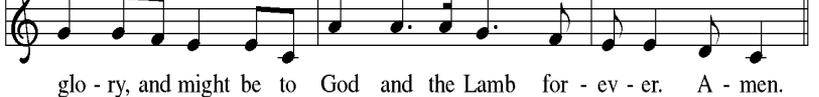
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -



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 grace, you have given us so much to be thankful for. Give us grateful hearts so that we may rejoice in our prayers and in our actions, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen**

*Please be seated*

### **Children's Sermon**

#### **The Reading: Philippians 1:1–18a**

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: <sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. <sup>12</sup>I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ; <sup>14</sup>and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear. <sup>15</sup>Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. <sup>16</sup>These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I

have been put here for the defense of the gospel; <sup>17</sup>the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup>What does it matter?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn**

“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

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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**

“Morning Prayer”

by Mercy Bartlett

*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.

**Preface**

# Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The first system of music features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody in the treble clef consists of quarter notes and half notes, with a final half note tied to the next system. The bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, maintaining the same musical structure and key signature.

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

The third system introduces a new melodic phrase in the treble clef, starting with a dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note, then a quarter note. The bass clef accompaniment continues with chords and single notes.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The fourth system features a new melodic line in the treble clef, characterized by a dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note, then a quarter note. The bass clef accompaniment remains consistent with the previous systems.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The fifth system concludes the piece with a final melodic phrase in the treble clef, ending with a quarter note. The bass clef accompaniment provides a steady harmonic foundation.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Ho-san-na in the high-est'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the vocal line and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal staff.

**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.**

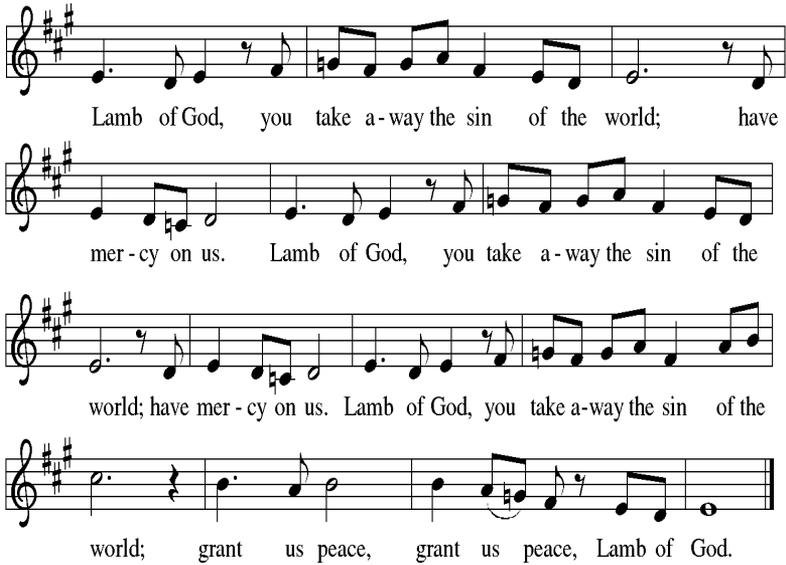
**For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 forever and ever. Amen**

## 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:** 556, 659, 468

*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.**

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

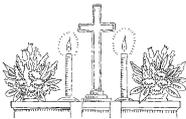
**Postlude**

“Recessional”

by Arcangelo Corelli

**Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!**

**In our prayers:** LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Drake Carney, Dolores Johnson, Lucy Krauss, Robert Schmidt (Pastor Mike’s father), Brian Vance, the family of Marvin Malmin, and the others we name before you...



**Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of family by Jane and Ed Ridnour.

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



**Happy Birthday to:** Hal Turner, Shirley Davenport, John Schwemler, Devin Ashton, Sue Anderson, Kate Sherer-Eichner, Courtney Brandsfield, Willa Mae Johansen, Linda Vernia, Richard Fry, Ralf Hoifeldt, Annette Taylor, Kira Nehmer, Thora Henderson, Loree Nelson, Jonathan Fry, Kiernan Hutton, Barbara Bergman, Lindsey Nelson, Brianna Adams, Nathan Brown



**Happy Anniversary to:** Robert and Prudence Campbell, Harlan and Jayne Mortenson, Robert and Jeanette Ziesman, Mike and Carla Peterman, William and Linda Biegger, Todd and Angela Ringgenberg, James and Kimberly Fenimore,

Duane and Linda Ulrick

## **Education Opportunities.**

**Sunday School classes and Adult Forum** will resume in September.

**Adult Bible Study** meets Tuesday mornings from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall II. May 27 will be the final meeting for the summer.

### **Summer Worship Schedule:**

#### **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.

**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 and on the Grace [website](#). 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) or in the entry hall and the hallway just outside of Grace Hall near the Fair Trade coffee display.

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## **Announcements**

The women of Martha Circle invite you to join them for the **Ascension Day** worship and brunch on Thursday, May 29th. Worship is at 10:00 am with brunch by reservation only following. Offerings will go to the DMARC food pantry. Brunch is \$5 for Grace members and free for visitors. We hope to see you there!

### **Congregational Meeting June 8**

Come. Join us for lunch and a congregational meeting. It is time for the last of the “Refocusing” Congregational Meetings. We will gather after the 9:45 a.m. service for lunch and continue with the meeting. There will be a free will offering taken to offset the lunch expenses. There are two orders of business. The first item is the second vote on the constitutional

revision regarding manner of notification of a congregational meeting. The second is to celebrate the findings of the prior “Refocusing Meetings.” There is more information on these findings in the June edition of the Friendly Visitor.



**VBS volunteer news:** Remember to mark your calendars for one of two training nights - June 3 or 17 from 6-8:15pm. Please note that training is required for preschool teachers and assistants, and elementary week station leaders, assistants, and small group guides. We're looking forward to working with everyone! Anyone interested in volunteering is invited to check out the sign-up list in the Gathering Hall to see where the needs are. We especially need June 23-27 small group guides and an aftercare adult.

**VBS snacks:** Thanks to all who have signed up to donate so far! The preschool snack list is full already. Check out the elementary list if you would like to donate.

#### **Garage Sale Thank you!**

A HUGE Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Grace Youth/Plant/Bake Sale a terrific success! From purchasing plants and donating items, to volunteering your time to bake cinnamon rolls and sort plants or garage sale items, it was YOU who helped to make this event possible. A total of \$4400.00 was raised for the ELCA National Youth Gathering trip to Detroit, Michigan in July, 2015. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**Peter Rabbit and Grace Garden:** The garden is filling in – check out the planting map on the photo wall bulletin board!



If you go into the garden, please be *certain* the gate is latched when you leave. The gate has been found ajar several times recently, and Peter had nibbled the leaves off all of the new broccoli plants.

**Garden mulch:** We will be glad to take your untreated grass clippings. Just leave them in a bag next to the shed.

**May 25, 2014**  
**Philippians 1:1-18a**

**Key Verses:** “I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.” Philippians 1:3-4

**Time:** 54-61 CE

**Background:** Paul planted churches throughout his missionary journeys. One of the churches he planted was in Philippi. This letter to the Philippians celebrated their partnership in spreading the gospel through their work in the church.

Paul was in prison when he wrote this letter with Timothy. Contrary to what we might expect, Paul was in quite high spirits in prison, having converted a number of the imperial guard, who were elite Roman soldiers charged with protecting the Roman emperor and his family. There were others preaching the gospel who did not agree with Paul’s understanding of the gospel. Those disagreements sometimes arose in Paul’s writings, as it did here. He addressed the issue, pointing out that it didn’t matter why people proclaimed Christ’s gospel as long as they proclaimed it.

**Community:** How does your community work out its differences? Can you have differences of opinion and still work together to further the work of the gospel?

**At Home:** Do your life’s challenges limit you? How could you use challenges in your life to further the work of the gospel?

**Read This Week:**

Monday, May 26, *Partnership in the Gospel*, Philippians 1:18b-30

Tuesday, May 27, *Timothy and Epaphroditus*, Philippians 2:14-30

Wednesday, May 28, *Breaking with the Past*, Philippians 3:1-11

Thursday, May 29, *Pressing toward the Goal*, Philippians 3:12-4:1

Friday, May 30, *Exhortations*, Philippians 4:2-9

Saturday, May 31, *Acknowledgment of the Philippians’ Gift*, Philippians 4:10-23

**Next Week:** Sunday, Jun 1, *Mind of Christ*, Philippians 2:1-13

## 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 9:45 Jay Wangerin, Mike Carney

**Liturgist** – 8:15 Paul Kallenbach 9:45 Mary Helt

**Lector** – 8:15 Ro Zimany 9:45 Alex Davik

**Children's Sermon** – Carol Woodruff

**Communion servers** – 9:45 Alex Davik, Jenie Schmidt, Lori Fry, Janet Trentman

**Acolytes** – 8:15 Robert Briggs 9:45 Sam and Sage Speck

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

**Counters** – 8:15 Jon Rissman and Chuck Denton 9:45 Mark Stumme and Bill Jensen

**Coffee** - Karen Taylor



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