

# Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



ROMANS 7:25, NRSV

## **The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 6, 2014

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

**Prelude** “I. Processional from "Suite on 'Praise, My Soul'"  
by Wayne L. Wold  
*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: we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

**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** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” #836

**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.**

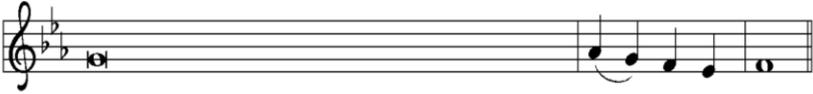
**Kyrie**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



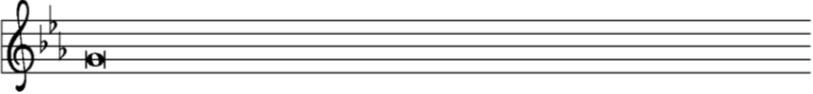
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



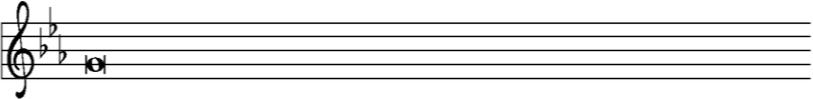
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

# Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



*Refrain*  
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



*Refrain*  
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

**C:** You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## Children's Sermon

### The Lesson: Romans 7:15–25a

*Life enslaved under sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be bad. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L: the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

### Special Music

"Amazing Grace"  
*Denny Rehder*

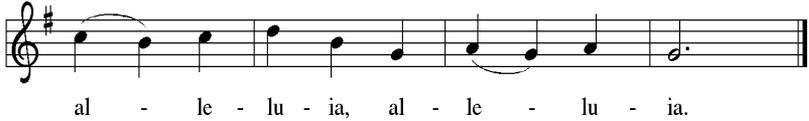


*Please stand as you are able*

### **Gospel Acclamation**



**C:**



*Repeat alleluia*



L: Blessed are you, Lord of heav'n and earth;\* you have revealed these things to infants. (*Matt. 11:25*)

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Eleventh Chapter.

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

### **Gospel: Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30**

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

<sup>16</sup>But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup>'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon';<sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;<sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.<sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.<sup>28</sup>Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.<sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in

heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn**

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

#325

**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**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: We lift our prayers to you, God of mercy, confident that all things are in your hands. In Jesus' name we pray.

**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**

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

by Beethoven,  
arr. By Mier

*Please stand as you are able*

**Offering Prayer**

P: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**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



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:** 773, 714, 838

*Please stand as you are able*

**Prayer after Communion**

P: We thank you, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have fed us in a way our hearts can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

#759

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

“Recessionale”

by Edward Broughton

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**In our prayers:** Gigi Beeler (Cherie Rissman’s sister-in-law), LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Drake Carney, Haley Dostalick, Kristina and Sonny Hutton, Diane Jessen, Dolores Johnson, Lucy Krauss, Marilyn Newman (Lori Fry’s mother), Robert Schmidt (Pastor Mike’s father), Brian Vance, and the others we name before you...

**Flowers** on the altar glorify God and are given by Shirley and Burke Shiffler in celebration of family.

**Quarters** placed in the offering plate today, and every first Sunday are for Hunger.

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**Happy Birthday to:** Rosella Dingman,  
Donna Trickel, T. Dean Culp, Carleigh Ridnour, Henry  
Jordahl, Kristina Hutton, Rebecca Lewis



**Happy Anniversary to:** Josh & Ashley Lund,  
Douglas & Stephanie Johnson, Scott & Amy Neal

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## **Education Opportunities and Announcements**

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

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

**The Social Ministry Team would like to invite you** to partner with us in providing support for those among our community of faith who are experiencing times of personal or family need. The team is compiling a list of volunteers who would be willing to provide meals, and other types of support during these times. The support would be determined by the member in need through consultation with Pastor Schmidt or the Social Ministry Team, and address the specific needs imposed by the situation. If you are willing to be part of this support group by agreeing to be on our list of people to call, contact Joie Gronert at 515-210-2057 or [jgronert1@hotmail.com](mailto:jgronert1@hotmail.com).

### **Final day! Men In Mission I-Cubs Tickets!**

Men in Mission will be selling tickets for the I-Cubs baseball game between services today.

Sunday, July 13th, at 1:05 p.m. Iowa Cubs vs Oklahoma City  
Cost \$6.00 each 3 & under free



**Flower signups!** There are still Sundays available to sign up for flowers. Cost is 38.00 and the flower chart is in the Gathering Hall.

## Welcome to Grace!

**Ministers** – The People of God

**Pastor** – The 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 - Kevin Krause, Chuck Denton, Leslie Denton.

9:45 - Paul Nelson, Rick Fry, Jay Wangerin

**Liturgist** – 8:15 Doug Johnson 9:45 Mary Helt

**Lector** – 8:15 Ro Zimany 9:45 Joanne Johnson

**Children's Sermon** – Stephanie Johnson

**Communion servers** – 8:15 Karen Taylor, Susanne Carney, Jenie Schmidt, Kenzie Carney

**Altar Guild** – Cindy Peeler, Rita Stackhouse

**Counters** – 8:15 Jon Rissman and Chuck Denton

9:45 Tom McCleary and Mike Carney

**Coffee** - Karen Taylor



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