

# Grace Lutheran Church



## **The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 17, 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. Daycare staff will not be available during the month of August. Feel free to take books & toys from the Nursery to the Gathering Hall where you may still view the service while tending to your child. The service is 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.*

# Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

## Prelude

"Three Chorales"

by Henry Kihlken

*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: 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.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn** "Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"

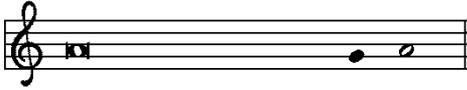
#807

## Greeting

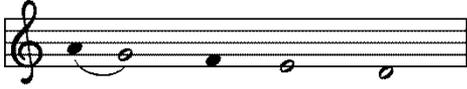
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

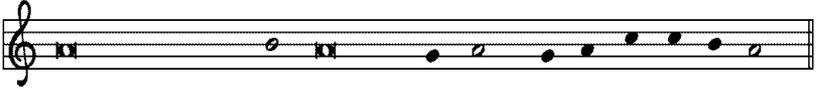
# Kyrie



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.



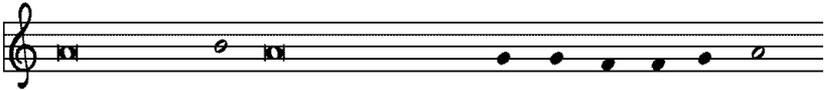
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

**C: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*Please be seated*

### Children's Sermon

#### **The Lesson: Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32**

*God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable, so that while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.*

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. <sup>29</sup>for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

### Special Music

"Habanera"

*Drake Carney, piano*

*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.

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

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

### Gospel: Matthew 15: 10–28

*Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be pagan and unclean approaches him for help.*

<sup>10</sup>Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" <sup>13</sup>He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup>Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." <sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him,

saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn**

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

#679

**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: Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**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**

"Pastorale"

by J.S. Bach

*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 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.



### **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.**

**Sending Hymn:** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" #733

### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**"Immortal, Invisible with Handel's "Water Music"  
arr. By Marilyn Hamm

---



**In our prayers:** Gigi Beeler (Cherie Rissman's sister-in-law), LeRoi Beers, Ruth Berven, Lyle Black, Mary Donnenwerth, Haley Dostalick, Nancy Hook (Susanne Carney's mother), Kristina and Sonny Hutton, Diane Jessen, Dolores Johnson, Alan Ketelsen (Michele Turner's brother-in-law), Lucy Krauss, Leonard Larsen, Karen McCaa (friend of Doug and Stephanie Johnson), Marilyn Newman (Lori Fry's mother), Michael Schmidt, Robert Schmidt (Pastor Mike's father), Brian Vance, and the others we name before you...

**Quarters** placed in the offering plate today, and every third Sunday are for the Food Pantry.

**Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God with all our love to our wife and mother, Bernice Mann. *Roy, John and Patti*

**Thank you,** Rev. Gregory Davis for sharing your time, wisdom and leadership with us this morning



**Happy Birthday to:** Jordan Carter, Beverly Russell, Michael Best, Ruth Berven, Alyssa Weaver, Patricia Anderson, Brent Ridnour, Cooper Mortenson, Tom McCleary, Marvin Johns, Janice Nordeen, Mark Mattes

**Happy Anniversary to:** Kenneth and Eleanor Carlson, Robert and Sheryl Sauerman, Ernest and Cheryl Weatherington

### Education Opportunities and Announcements

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



### Celebration Sunday - Fall Programming Begins

**8:15 AM Holy Communion Worship Service**

**10:45 AM Outdoor Worship Service at Tower Park with Picnic to Follow**

Watch this space for information on how to get there and what to bring!

August 2014						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

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.

**Lectors and Communion Assistants:** Thank you for helping to fill in August!

The dates for the fall services, September through December, are now up! The book is at Volunteer Central, or you can sign up through the worship volunteer sign up link on our website in the links section.

### **Backpack Blessing Day**

School is starting soon and we want to send your child or teen off on the right foot. Bring your backpack to church on **Sunday, August 24** and we will do a blessing of the backpacks at both services that day. God's blessings in the coming school year!



### **College-Bound Students!**

We would love to have the addresses of our college-bound students. We plan to send a few care packages and notes of encouragement throughout the school year. Please provide addresses to Cherie Rissman (270-0278 or [cherierissman@gmail.com](mailto:cherierissman@gmail.com))



**Crock Pots? Yes, we will still be accepting slow cooker donations for the next few weeks! And if you have a favorite slow cooker recipe that you'd like to share, feel free to include that with your donation.**

Do you have a working slow cooker that you are not using anymore? If you would like to unload it, please bring it to the marked table in the Gathering Hall. We are collecting them for a slow cooker cooking class that Iowa State Extension and Outreach will be offering locally in coordination with the Coalition in Support of Hungry Children. Clean out your pantry and help families learn how to cook inexpensive but healthy meals at the same time! Thanks for your help.

## **"Visiting Friends of Grace" Meeting**

Are you interested in the ministry of reaching out and visiting our homebound members? If so, please join us for an orientation meeting of Visiting Friends of Grace. We will meet on Tuesday, August 26 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the conference room. If this date does not work for you, watch for information on a second orientation meeting, which will be announced soon. If you have any questions, please contact Cherie Rissman. ([cherierissman@gmail.com](mailto:cherierissman@gmail.com) or 270-0278)

## **Member Care**

If you or a loved one experience a time of crisis, your Grace family would like to assist in helping with specific needs imposed by the situation. Volunteers are willing to prepare meals, provide rides, grocery shop, or spend time with you. Please know that you are loved and cared for with people willing and wanting to help. To make arrangements for help, contact Jackie Holmes in the office at 276-6873 or [graceluth5@msn.com](mailto:graceluth5@msn.com) or [worship@gracedm.org](mailto:worship@gracedm.org), and she will give your name and contact information to a member of the team who will be in communication with you regarding your needs.

## Welcome to Grace!

**Ministers** – The People of God

**Pastor** – The Rev. Michael Schmidt

**Preaching** - The Rev. Gregory Davis

**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 - Jim Rundle, Jon Rissman, John Farver

9:45 - Aaron Brandsfield, Jay Wangerin, Norm Trentmann, Bill Jensen

**Liturgist** – 8:15 Alex Davik 9:45 Doug Johnson

**Lector** – 8:15 Carol Woodruff 9:45 Kate Schaller

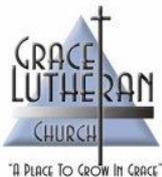
**Children's Sermon** – Carol Woodruff

**Communion servers** – 8:15 Karen Taylor, Loree Nelson, Susanne Carney, Tim Nelson

**Altar Guild** – Alice Kulzer, Carol Woodruff

**Counters** – 9:45 Alex Davik and Jeff Farrell

**Coffee** - Karen Taylor



## Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310

**Pastor Michael Schmidt**

515-276-6873

[worship@gracedm.org](mailto:worship@gracedm.org)

[www.gracedm.org](http://www.gracedm.org)