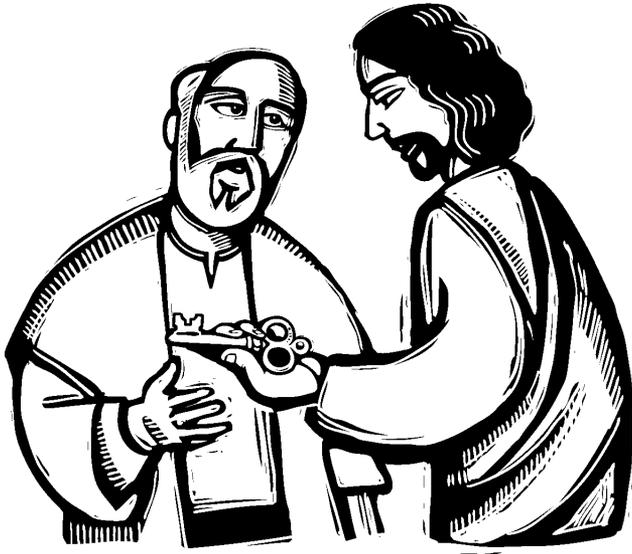


Grace Lutheran Church

“YOU ARE THE
MESSIAH,
THE SON OF THE
LIVING GOD.”

MATTHEW 16:16, NRSV



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 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.*

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Prelude

"A Summer Idyl"

by Sylvia Riggs

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.

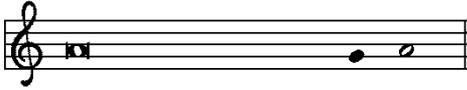
Gathering Hymn "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" #771

Greeting

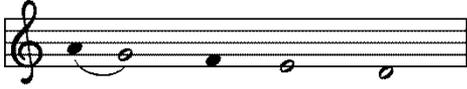
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

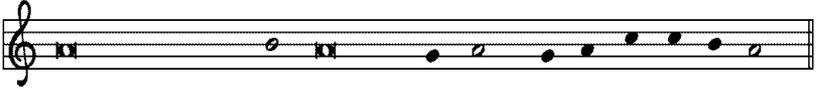
Kyrie



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.



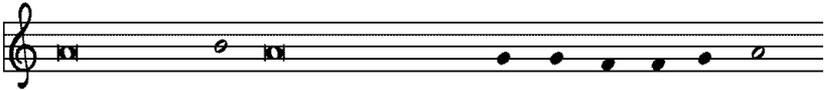
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Please be seated

Backpack Blessing

The Lesson: Romans 12:1–8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by this age, but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in

exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

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 Sixteenth Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13–20

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn

“Come, Let Us Eat”

#491

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 Giuseppe Sammartini, arr. By Patricia Lou Harris

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.

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: 518, 471, 528

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: "Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"

#516

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"The Solid Rock"

by Tom Birchwood



In our prayers: Gigi Beeler (Cherie Rissman's sister-in-law), LeRoi Beers, Ruth Berven, Lyle Black, Mary Donnenwerth, 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), Robert

Schmidt (Pastor Mike's father), Brian Vance, the family of Brian Barks, and the others we name before you...

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

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Bonnie and Don Swanson in loving memory of Don's parents and in honor of their family.



Happy Birthday to: Grace Schroeder, Janet Trentmann, John Gronert, Linda Gronert, Brady Bogue, Cris Hidalgo, Scott Honsey, Tim Nelson, Richard Randolph, Philip Snyder, Brandon Niemuth, Susan Halblom, Todd Prescott, Janet Gross, Leonard Ringgenberg, Janet Habik

Happy Anniversary to: Scott and Julie Honsey, Bruce Mumm and Christie Rosheim, Gary and Sharyn Nelson, Jerry and Diane Westercamp, Norman and Leonora Iverson, Joshua Shortell

Education Opportunities and Announcements

Sunday School classes will resume in September.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will start on September 9.

Please check the online calendar, newsletter, and upcoming bulletins for fall schedules. For your convenience, the current and updated calendar can be found online at www.gracedm.org, in the entry hall and in the hallway just outside of Grace Hall near the Fair Trade coffee display.

September 7 is Celebration Sunday and Fall Programming Begins!



8:15 AM Holy Communion Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10:45 AM Outdoor Worship Service at Tower Park with picnic to follow. The main dish will be provided. The rest of the meal will be potluck. No signups needed; simply bring your favorite dishes/salads/desserts.

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.

The garden is producing well! Please, help yourself to the produce on the table, and feel free to share your own excess produce! What remains will be taken to the Food Pantry.



To launch Celebration Sunday, we invite you to attend a fun play in Grace Hall on Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. Grace members will be performing "No Signs of Intelligent Life" and would love to see you there. Not because we think you're not intelligent! Rather, because you know a fun fellowship event when you see one! You'll meet some of the characters this week and next to give you a foretaste of the fun to come. Then mark your calendars for September 6 and settle in for a good time! *The play is being produced by special arrangement with Eldridge Publishing Company.*

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)



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 Crock Pot 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 home bound 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 to be scheduled soon. If you have any questions, please contact Cherie Rissman. (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 or 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.

Celebration Sunday

September 7, 2013

Circle Sept. 7 on your calendar, mark 10:45 a.m. as the time service starts in Tower Park, and start preparing for fun!

The details

- Worship on September 7 will be at
 - 8:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary
 - 10:45a.m. at Tower Park at Hickman Road and 50th street in Des Moines.
- A shuttle will run continuously between Grace and the park from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. since parking is limited at the location.
- Burgers, brats, and beverages will be provided.
- The rest of the meal will be potluck. No signups needed, simply bring your favorite dishes/salads/desserts. Yes, your dish may ride with you on the shuttle. So can your chairs.
- Chairs? *The shelter has quite a few picnic tables.* If you would like to bring your own lawn chairs and/or blankets you may.
- What to do after the worship and food?
 - Share in some friendly banter.
 - Bring your favorite lawn games to share.
 - Clowns, balloons, and face painting!
 - Visit the playground.



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

Director of Music Ministries – Mary Emma Stammer

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 Paul Kallenbach 9:45 Mary Helt

Lector – 8:15 Karen Taylor 9:45 Joanne Johnson

Communion servers – 9:45 Susanne Carney, Stephanie Johnson,
Kenzie Carney, Lori Fry

Altar Guild – Alice Kulzer, Carol Woodruff

Counters – 9:45 Chris Lawson and Tom McCleary

Coffee - Jackie and Dwayne Holmes



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