

# Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

**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! Please sign the Attendance Registration pad found in each pew. Visitors, please 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 caregiving 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.*

# The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2014

8:15 a.m.

*(Today's 10:45 a.m. worship service will be held at Tower Park. A special bulletin for that service is printed at the end of this bulletin.)*

## **Prelude**

“He Folds and Guides Me” by Gilbert M. Martin

*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: we confess to you all the ways, known and unknown, that we reject and undermine your steadfast love. Though you made us your people, we treat strangers with suspicion. Though you forgave our debts, we collect without mercy. Yet we are quick to pass judgment on others. Have mercy on us, O God, and remember your promise to us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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*

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

**C: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### Children's Sermon

#### Lesson: Romans 13:8–14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in

quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 119:33–40**

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way <sup>1</sup>of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it <sup>1</sup>to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall <sup>1</sup>keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with <sup>1</sup>all my heart.**

L: <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of <sup>1</sup>your commandments,  
for that is <sup>1</sup>my desire.

**C: <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to <sup>1</sup>your decrees  
and not to <sup>1</sup>unjust gain. R**

L: <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from be- <sup>1</sup>holding falsehood;  
give me life <sup>1</sup>in your way.

**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise <sup>1</sup>to your servant,  
which is for <sup>1</sup>those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach <sup>1</sup>that I dread,  
because your judg- <sup>1</sup>ments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for <sup>1</sup>your commandments;  
by your righteousness en- <sup>1</sup>liven me. R**

**Gospel Acclamation**



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.



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



**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 the People**

P: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Trusting in your mercy and goodness, we bring before you these prayers and whatever else you see that we need, in the name of the one who sets us free, 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**

“A Quiet Meditation”

by David Hegarty

*Please stand as you are able*

### **Offering Prayer**

P: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were

gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**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,

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

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:** 744, 595, 856, 677

### **Prayer after Communion**

P: O God, the host at every meal, at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for the least of our sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior.

**C: Amen**

### **Sending of Communion**

P: Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our 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**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

“Creation's Praise”

by Dennis Eliot

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

**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), Gwen Palmer (Max and Elayne Palmer's daughter), Bob Sauerman (Verda Swanson's son-in-law), Robert Schmidt (Pastor Mike's father), Brian Vance, and the others we name before you...

**Flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in honor of their children and grandchildren by Don and Gail Peterson.

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



**Happy Birthday to:** Dennis Rehder, Grace Calhoun, Ethan Meadows, JoAnn Gronert, Alex Mulvihill, Carrie Schall, Lois Slye, John Schall, Ian Galle, Robert Briggs, Anne Farrell, Rhonda Jensen, John Tricklel

**Happy Anniversary to:** Lonnie and Diane Jessen, Larry and Janice Nordeen



### **Education Opportunities and Announcements**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** will resume on September 9.

**Super Wednesday** begins September 10! See this month's [newsletter](#) for the location of your activity.

5:00 – 6:00 Supper in Grace Hall 1

5:30 – 5:50 Chapel Chimers Beginner Hand Bell Choir

6:00 – 6:30 Praise Bells Intermediate Hand Bell Choir

6:00 – 7:00 Lectionary Study

6:30 – 7:30 Confirmation Classes (begins Sept. 17)

6:30 – 7:30 Brass Practice

6:30 – 7:30 Grace Bells

7:45 – 9:00 Chancel Choir

**Sunday School classes** will resume on September 14.

## **Confirmation will start September 17.**

**Acolytes!** You will resume your duties beginning next week. Please check your calendars to see if you are signed up to serve September 14, 21, or 28. You will also be receiving a reminder email early in the week you serve. We will be signing up services in October and beyond during confirmation class.

**National Youth Gathering:** Required registration 5 p.m. September 21.

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](http://www.gracedm.org), in the entry hall and in the hallway just outside of Grace Hall near the Fair Trade coffee display.

## **A new educational opportunity is opening up this fall at Grace.**

Deanna Snyder will lead the discussion about writing our life story so that we can begin to see how God has been working in our lives. She has presented her own life story to a couple of our women's circles and to Men in Mission, and had been asked to consider leading a class on this subject. Then, Pastor John Chadwick spoke at Lydia circle in August, telling his own life story and of how the Holy Spirit had been working in his life. So, this topic keeps coming up! The class will begin on Sunday morning, September 21 during the learning hour and will go for ten weeks. The book we will use will be *Remembering Your Story* by Richard Morgan. It is available on amazon.com. Please contact Stephanie in the church office of your intent to attend. We look forward to sharing with you!

**Honor Flight Letters September 7th through September 14th** we will be involved in a letter writing campaign to offer thanks to the Korean War Veterans of the September 30th Honor Flight. Our goal is to send a letter for each veteran on the Honor Flight. There will be letter writing materials and examples available before and after church on September 7th & 14th, as well as the opportunity to write letters at home and bring them in to church. This is an exciting opportunity to both show thanks and Grace to veterans from all over Central and Western Iowa.

**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.

**Calling All Quilters!** We've begun meeting again on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. in Msindo Hall. Come for a morning of fun, conversation, and quilting.

### Welcome to Grace!

**Ministers** – The People of God

**Pastor** – The Rev. Michael Schmidt

**Director of Laity Ministries** - Stephanie Johnson

**Director of Music Ministries** – Emma Stammer

**Organist** - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

**Grace Kids Care Director** - Heather Nelson

**Office Administrator** - Jacquelyn Holmes

**Office Assistant** - Michelle Voelker

**Custodian** – Todd Haugen

**Ushers** – 8:15 - Jon Rissman, John Farver, Jim Rundle

9:45 – Norm and Leonora Iverson, Jay Wangerin, Bill Jensen

**Liturgist** – 8:15 Paul Kallenbach 10:45 Janet Habick

**Lector** – 8:15 Karen Taylor 10:45 Kate Schaller

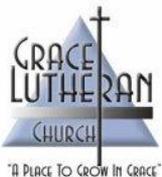
**Children's Sermon** – Pastor Mike

**Communion servers** – 8:15 Karen Taylor, Amy Schmelzer, Hilary Farver, Kate Schaller

**Altar Guild** – Rita Stackhouse, Sue Anderson

**Counters** – 8:15 Jon Rissman and Mike Carney  
10:45 Tom McCleary and Chris Lawson

**Coffee** – Karen Taylor



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## 10:45 A.M. OUTDOOR SERVICE AT TOWER PARK

**Prelude**

*Kent Weaver*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we confess our sins before God and one another.

**C: Amen.**

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P: God, who created all things, also loves and forgives. Receive now the entire forgiveness of your sins, granted in the name of Jesus Christ our savior and Lord. Amen.

**C: Amen.**

Words and Music below.

### Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

*Refrain*

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,
- 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
 all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
 this is the way we will live with you.

*Refrain*

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because your judg-<sup>1</sup>ments are good.  
**C:** <sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for<sup>1</sup> your commandments;**  
**by your righteousness en-<sup>1</sup>liven me. R**

**Hymn**

“Lord Be Glorified”

#744



1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
 4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
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 in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
 in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

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**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Eighteenth Chapter.  
**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Matthew 18:15–20**

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should show wrongdoers their need for repentance.*

<sup>15</sup>If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are

gathered in my name, I am there among them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn**

"In Christ Called to Baptize"

#575



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace  
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,  
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach  
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.  
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.  
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.  
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,  
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.  
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise  
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.  
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.  
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.  
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: ST. DENTO, Welsh traditional

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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.**

## **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**

*Kent Weaver*

*Please stand as you are able*

## **Offering Prayer**

**P:** Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen**

## **Prayers of the People**

**P:** Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**





the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

## **Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

