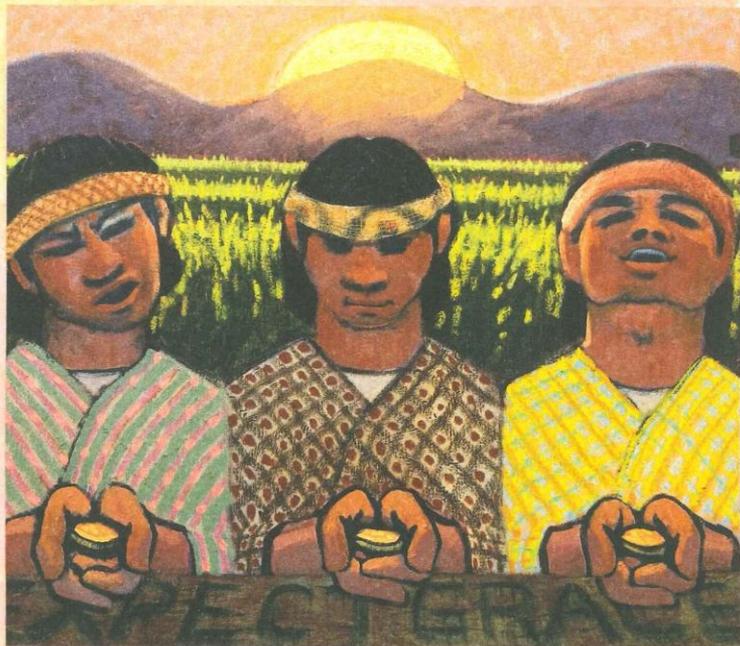


Are you  
**envious**  
because I am  
**generous?**

MATTHEW 20:15



# 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 Registrations sheets, which are 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 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.*

# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2014

8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

## Prelude

“Nocturne”

by John Field

*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

“O Worship the King”

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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*



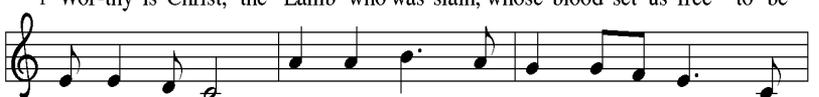
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Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

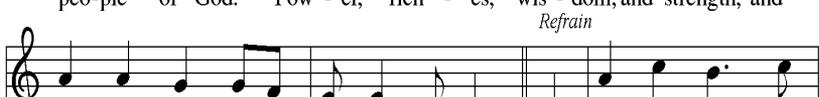


1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

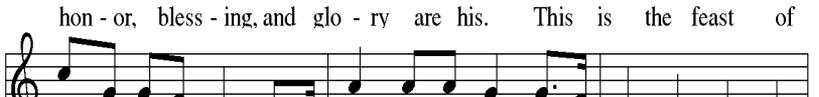


peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

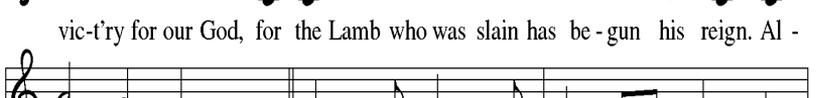
*Refrain*



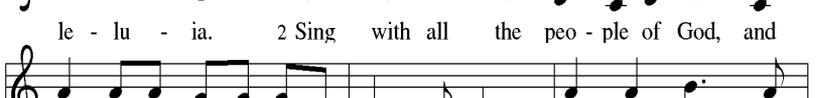
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



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



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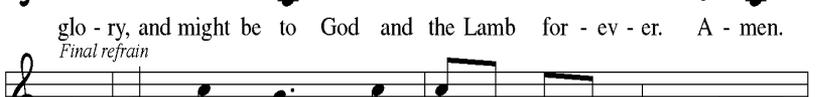


join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**10:45 Anthem**

“What Shall I Offer?”

By Robert Wetzler

*Chancel Choir*

*Please be seated*

### Children’s Sermon

#### **Lesson: Jonah 3:10—4:11**

*After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but should not I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites who do not know the difference between their right and left hands?*

**Chapter 3** <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. **Chapter 4** But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a

booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup>The Lord GOD appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." <sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 145:1-8**

R:  The LORD is slow to an-ger and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

- <sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my <sup>1</sup>God and king,  
and bless your name forev-<sup>1</sup>er and ever.
- <sup>2</sup>**Every day <sup>1</sup>will I bless you  
and praise your name forev-<sup>1</sup>er and ever.**
- <sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly <sup>1</sup>to be praised!  
There is no end <sup>1</sup>to your greatness.
- <sup>4</sup>**One generation shall praise your works <sup>1</sup>to another  
and shall de-<sup>1</sup>clare your power. R**
- <sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor <sup>1</sup>of your majesty  
and all your <sup>1</sup>marvelous works.
- <sup>6</sup>**They shall tell of the might of your <sup>1</sup>wondrous acts,  
and I will re-<sup>1</sup>count your greatness.**
- <sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of <sup>1</sup>your great goodness;  
they shall sing joyfully <sup>1</sup>of your righteousness.
- <sup>8</sup>**The LORD is gracious and full <sup>1</sup>of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in <sup>1</sup>steadfast love. 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.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

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

### Gospel Matthew 20:1–16

*Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.*

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first

came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?' <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn** "Lord, You Give The Great Commission"

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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 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

“Arietta”

by Mozart

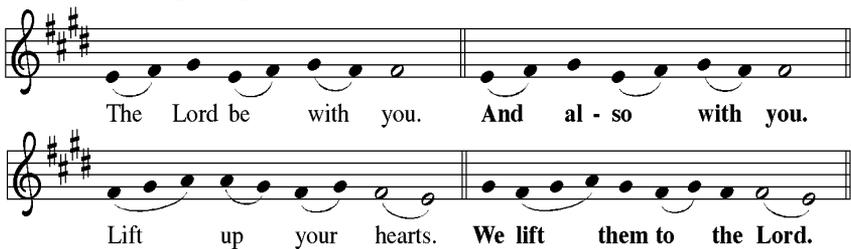
*Please stand as you are able*

## 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:** 482, 779, 816

*Please stand as you are able*

**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**

“Creating God, Your Fingers Trace”

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### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

“Voluntary in G”

by Georg Berg

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

**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), Bob Sauerman, (Verda Swanson’s Son-in-law), Robert Schmidt (Pastor Mike’s father), Brian Vance, the family of Gwen Palmer (Max and Elayne Palmer’s daughter), the family of Larry Rissman (Jon Rissman’s father), and the others we name before you...

**Flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God by Torry and Bill Henderson and in memory of their parents.

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



**Happy Birthday to:** Chris Lehfeld, Marlin Nielsen, Anthony Royster, Finnegan Holst, Jeanine Rutter, Aaron Thompson, Susanne carney, Cory Johansen, Angela Ringgenberg, Michael Meadows, Thomas Rutter, Karla Tillotson, Bruce Munn, Barb Powers, Jeanette best, Joshua Curry, Gregory Honnold, Jeryl Janson, William Kallestad, Helen Schroeder

**Happy Anniversary to:**  
Joshua and Sharena Appenzeller  
Tom and Mary Jo McCleary



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## Education Opportunities and Announcements

**Sunday School classes** usually meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings: Preschool in room 105, elementary in room 101.

*Today all the Sunday school kids will participate in packing the Lutheran World Relief kits from 9:30 -10:30 a.m. in Grace Hall. Regular classes will resume next week. We ask that parents of kids second grade and younger please accompany your children.*



**Writing Your Life Story with Deanna Snyder** begins today between services. Please

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. The class 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 Deanna at 278-0341 if you have an intent to attend. We look forward to sharing with you!

**Adult Bible Study** meets Tuesday mornings from 8:45–10:15 a.m. in Grace Hall II. Pastor Mike leads.



**Super Wednesday and Wednesday Night Suppers:** Don't forget supper! Stop in between activities and rehearsals to eat, relax, chat, and have dinner without the prep or dish time! If you would like to help serve, many dates are available – check the kitchen calendar!



**Honor Flight Letters Due Today:** Grace is 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. This is an exciting opportunity to both show thanks and Grace to veterans from all over

Central and Western Iowa.



## Lutheran World Relief

### **Look to the Cross with Lutheran World Relief**

Please join us as we focus on the work of LWR this month. We are collecting items and donations to make school kits, personal care kits, fabric kits, quilts, and baby care kits to send to our neighbors in need around the world. Please visit the display in the Gathering Hall to see how we can look to the cross through the eyes of LWR. Yellow envelopes in the pews are provided for your donation. Please make checks out to the church and write LWR on the comment line. The congregation will put kits together during education hour on Sept 21st, and will ask for blessing on the kits and quilts during the services on Sept. 28th. We need help to box them up after the 10:45 service on the 28th. Let us take up this cross together in the name of Jesus Christ.

## National Youth Gathering

Required Registration tonight at 5 p.m. Bring a parents, your photo ID (school or drivers license/permit) and insurance cards, payment and your filled out forms (can be found on the ELCA website at <http://www.elca.org/Resources/ELCA-Youth-Gathering> and we will have some a few copies available).

**Come even if you aren't sure yet! We'll have pizza and games!  
You can talk to some of the youth who went on the last NYG trip  
from Grace!**

**We'll be planning some of our fall activities too. Don't miss it! We  
can't register you if we don't have your information!**

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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.

**Mark your Calendars!** Grace Fellowship will be serving great food and a program on October 5 at 5:00 p.m.



**You are invited to attend:  
Campfire with Lakeside  
October 4 from 5 to 7 p.m.  
Walnut Woods State Park  
8951 SW 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave, West Des Moines**

One of the most memorable times at camp is the evening campfire. It is the time when friends gather to have fun by singing familiar songs, tell silly stories, share serious stories, support one another and worship.

Camp staff will give updates on the exciting events from the past year and plans for the future. Please join us.

There will be an auction to benefit Lutheran Lakeside Camp, fun and games for the kids, and time for adults to catch up and get reacquainted. Please RSVP by calling 712-336-2109

**Thrivent Two Rivers Chapter Annual Meeting** is for all Thrivent members. Note the deadline date to call for reservations. Please plan to attend the 2014 Thrivent Annual Chapter meeting and Election of new board members. You will enjoy a roasted turkey dinner, local entertainment and gifts. Hope to see you there!

**Date:** Sunday October 5, 2014

**Time:** 4:00 P.M.

**Where:** Airport Holiday Inn, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines

**Reservations are REQUIRED.**

Deadline: Thursday September 25th

RSVP phone to [404-825-8970](tel:404-825-8970)

### **WOMEN UP!**

**A retreat for women only**

**October 17-18**

**At Lutheran Lakeside Camp**

**2491 170<sup>th</sup> Street Spirit lake, Iowa 51360**

**[lutheranlakeside.com](http://lutheranlakeside.com)**

Come for a weekend of worship, Bible study, relaxation, and learning. Gain new insights and make new friends.

The book being discussed this year is Cold Tangerines, by Shauna Niequist. Registration due Oct. 5, cost is \$40 per person. Bring Bibles, bedding, towels, and toiletries. We will meet at church around noon and carpool to Lakeside to arrive for the 5:30 Registration and dinner at 6:30.

Talk to Mary at 255-6433 if you are interested.

## 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

10:45 – Norm and Leonora Iverson, Jay Wangerin, Bill Jensen

**Acolytes** – 8:15 Devin Ashton 10:45 Hannah Jensen, Emma Mattes

**Liturgist** – 8:15 Alex Davik 10:45 Kristina Hutton

**Lector** – 8:15 Amy Schmelzer 10:45 Joanne Johnson

**Children's Sermon** – Beth Flannery

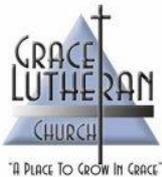
**Communion servers** – 8:15 Karen Taylor, Carla Peterman, Mindy Scholten, Kate Schaller

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

**Counters** – 8:15 Alex Davik and Chuck Denton

10:45 Mark Stumme and Bill Jensen

**Coffee** –



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