

Go and work in the vineyard today

MATTHEW 21:28

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 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.*

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2014

8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude Four arrangements on "For the Beauty of the Earth"
by Burkhardt

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

“God is Here”

#526

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



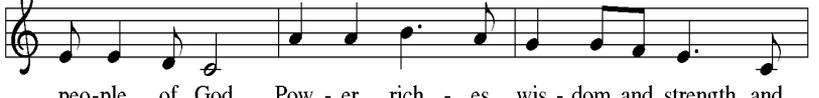
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

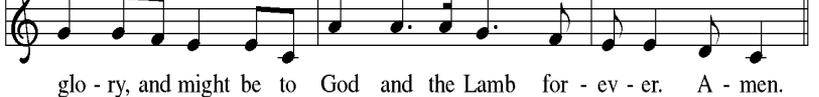


join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



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: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings.

Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Anthem

8:15 "Anthem for World Peace" by James Mansfield
Chancel Choir

10:45 "Trumpet Voluntary" by Stanley
Grace Brass

Please be seated

Children's Sermon

Lesson: Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot turn from their wicked ways. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. ²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the LORD is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they

considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the LORD is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1–9

R:



Re - mem - ber, O LORD, your com - pas - sion and love.

¹To | you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame; rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD, and teach | me your paths. R**

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love, for they are from | everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice and teach the low- | ly your way. 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 Twenty-first Chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 21:23–32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

²³When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he

answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn

“How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord”

#580

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

Blessing of Kits and Quilts

(see last page of bulletin)

The Offering

"God is Here"

Patterson

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: 551, 886, 522

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

“In Christ There Is No East Or West”

#650

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune”

Fuhrer



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

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Mary Jo and Tom McCleary and in honor of their anniversary.

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



Happy Birthday to: Ross Peeler, LaRue Buihner, Aaron Page, Robert Rissman, Eric Barks, Robert Campbell, Christine Hines, Steve Johnson, Ivy Mae Lawson, Andy Roat, Ardis Schmelzer, Margaret York, Barbara Knapp, Howard Welty, Ava Lund

Happy Anniversary to:

John and Carrie Schall,
Richard and Rosemary Randolph



Education Opportunities and Announcements

Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings:

Preschool and elementary both start in room 101, with preschool ending in room 105.

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.

Don't forget writing your Life Story with Deanna Snyder between services! The group meets in the Café.

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

Super Wednesday and Super Wednesday Supper has begun: Don't forget supper! Stop in between kids' events 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! A schedule of evening activities can be found in the weekly calendar on the wall in the entrance hall and just outside Grace Hall near the coffee display.

Hunger Hike

Over the last 22 years, the Des Moines Hunger Hike, sponsored by Church World Service, has collected over \$900,000, which has been given to local and international organizations for food purposes. Over 96% of each year's funds is allocated to a wide variety of service

agencies for food purposes with less than 4% of funds going for administrative costs.

The confirmation students from Grace have participated for the last five years, raising over \$2,000. This year's hike is scheduled for Sunday, **October 12**. The confirmation students will be collecting money between services and following the 10:45 service on Sundays, October 5 and 12. The formal hike is a distance of 3.2 miles and begins at 1:30 at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates. Consider helping our confirmation students raise money for the hungry by contributing, as well as helping them raise awareness in the community by joining them in marching.

We will gather in the Grace parking lot at 12:45 p.m. and carpool to the Hall of Laureates. Please join us in raising money for hungry people and awareness of their need.



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. Kits and quilts will be blessed during the services on Sept. 28. We need help to box them up after the 10:45 service that day. Let us take up this cross together in the name of Jesus Christ.



IOWA HUNGER SUMMIT

October 14, 2014 at the Downtown Marriott 9:00 - 3:30

This event, which is part of the World Food Prize activities, is free and open to the public. But registration is required. The goals of the event are to

- Celebrate the many efforts of Iowans toward ensuring adequate food for all;
- Encourage Iowans to continue and expand these efforts; and
- To increase statewide awareness of hunger, poverty, and related issues.

Go to worldfoodprize.org and click on *EVENTS*. Then go to Iowa Hunger Summit. You can also click on *get involved* to share what you plan to do this year to help feed the world and fight hunger.

SAVE THE DATE

The 2014 **Hope for the Hungry** event will be held at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ's Waveland Hall, 4126 Ingersoll Ave, on Saturday November 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This event will be facilitated by Debra Landwehr Engle, author of *Grace from the Garden; Changing the World One Garden at a Time*. Sessions will cover hunger and nutrition, food and land rescue, and community activities with discussion focused on tangible steps we each can take towards alleviating hunger. Registration information is on the Social Ministry bulletin board. Or contact [Stephanie Johnson](#).



Mark your calendars!

The next Grace Fellowship event will be held October 5 at 5 p.m. Come hear the Grace Brass before and after. The program will be a speaker from the Salvation Army. Food is provided and you will have a great time. See you there!



Campfire with Lakeside and Bake Sale

October 4

5 to 7 p.m.

Walnut Woods State Park

8951 SW 52nd Ave, West Des Moines

One of the most favorite 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.

Bake sale! Fun and delicious opportunities!

We need your bake sale speciality as well as your attendance at the Campfire to support our camp.

- Voluntary contributions for meal and entertainment.
- Fun and games for the kids, young and old.
- Pre-camp experience to let people know what camp is like;
- Reminder of how much fun camp was.
- Time for adults to catch up and get reacquainted.

Sign up at Volunteer Central to bring some goodies or an item for the auction. Can't attend? They can be delivered for you!

Check the Camp bulletin board for other exciting opportunities and please RSVP by calling 712-336-2109.



Join us October 11 for some fall fun!

Have some fun with your family and friends from Grace at Geisler Family farms! Explore the farm from 4 to 8 p.m. (We will all gather at the firepit from 5 to 7 p.m.) Your choices include hayrides, a corn maze, corn pit, kids tractor track, pumpkin patch and more. Everyone is welcome!



WOMEN UP!
A retreat for women
October 17-18
Lutheran Lakeside Camp
2491 170th Street, Spirit Lake
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

Visiting Organist: Richard Snyder

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 Robert Briggs 10:45 Hannah Jensen, Emma Mattes

Liturgist – 8:15 Paul Kallenbach 10:45 Mary Helt

Lector – 8:15 Julie Honsey 10:45 Ellen Wonderlin

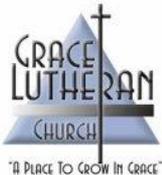
Children's Sermon – Pastor Mike

Communion servers – 10:45 Ellen Wonderlin, Stephanie Johnson,
Jenie Schmidt, Kate Schaller

Altar Guild – Rita Stackhouse, Sue Anderson

Counters – 8:15 Jeff Farrell and Jon Rissman

10:45 Alex Davik and Tom McCleary



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Blessing of Kits and Quilts

P: The cross is the hope of Christians

L: The cross is the resurrection of the dead

P: The cross is the way of the lost

L: The cross is the savior of the lost

P: The cross is the staff of the lame

L: The cross is the guide of the blind

P: The cross is the strength of the weak

L: The cross is the doctor of the sick

P: The cross is the aim of the priests

L: The cross is the hope of the hopeless

P: The cross is the freedom of the slaves

L: The cross is the power of the kings

P: The cross is the water of the seeds

L: The cross is the consolation of the bondmen

P: The cross is the source of those who seek water

L: The cross is the cloth of the naked.

P: We thank you, Father, for the cross.

P: In the name of our Lord – Creator, Savior, and Spirit – who calls us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

C: Amen.

P: To you we lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for the many blessing you have given us.

C: To you we renew our Christian promise to help those in need – to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, comfort the weary and outcast, welcome the stranger, and be a loving neighbor to all people of the earth.

P: We humbly dedicate our gifts of love to you.

C: We ask that you bless the fruits of our labor and the whole work of Lutheran World Relief that together we may minister to our neighbors in need.

P: To you be all glory and honor, now and forever, through Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.