A scenic landscape photograph featuring a stone tower on a hillside. The tower is made of light-colored stone and has two arched windows. It is partially covered in green ivy. The hillside is lush with green trees and bushes. In the foreground, there is a vineyard with rows of grapevines. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

THE STONE
THAT THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS
BECOME THE CORNERSTONE

MATTHEW 21:42

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. 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.*

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2014

8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude “Prelude on ‘Rhosymedre’” by Lani Smith
Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.

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.

C: Amen

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 “Where Charity and Love Prevail” #359

Greeting

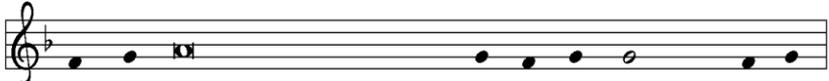
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie



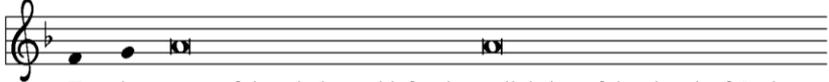
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



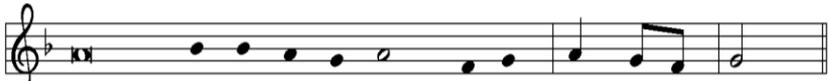
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



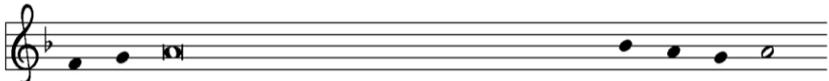
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



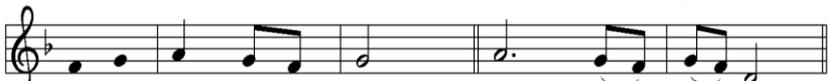
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



Canticle of Praise

Refrain

Musical notation for the first line of the refrain, consisting of a single staff with a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The text "This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -" is written below the staff.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

Musical notation for the second line of the refrain, consisting of a single staff with a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The text "lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." is written below the staff.

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

Musical notation for the first line of the verse, consisting of a single staff with a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The text "1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us" is written below the staff.

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Musical notation for the second line of the verse, consisting of a single staff with a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The text "free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and" is written below the staff.

free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

Musical notation for the third line of the verse, consisting of a single staff with a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The text "strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his." is written below the staff.

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

Musical notation for the first line of the refrain, consisting of a single staff with a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The text "This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -" is written below the staff.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

Musical notation for the second line of the refrain, consisting of a single staff with a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The text "lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." is written below the staff.

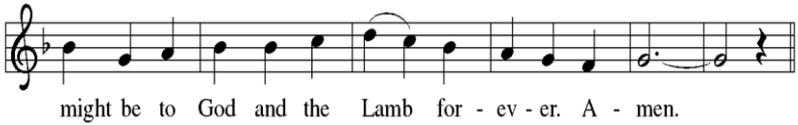
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Musical notation for the first line of the second verse, consisting of a single staff with a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The text "2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the" is written below the staff.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the

Musical notation for the second line of the second verse, consisting of a single staff with a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The text "hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and" is written below the staff.

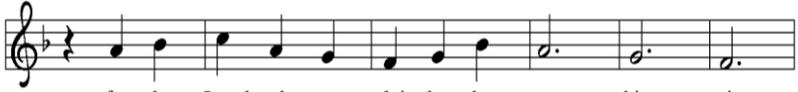
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



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



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



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

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

C: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Please be seated.

Children's Sermon

10:45 Anthem

"Christ Hath a Garden"

by Gerald Near

Chancel Choir

Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared

it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 80:7-15

R:

 Look down from heav'n, O God; be - hold and tend this vine.

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

⁸**You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;**

you cast out the nations and | planted it.

⁹You cleared the | ground for it; it took root and | filled the land.

¹⁰**The mountains were covered | by its shadow**

and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs. R

¹¹You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea and its branches | to the river.

¹²**Why have you broken | down its wall,**

so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?

¹³The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,

and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.

¹⁴**Turn now, O | God of hosts, look | down from heaven;**

¹⁵behold and | tend this vine;

preserve what your right | hand has planted. **R**

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

L: *I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. (Heb. 2:12)*

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first Chapter.

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

Gospel: Matthew 21:33–46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

³³Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?'" ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom

of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated.

Sermon

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn "This is the Spirit's Entry Now"

#448

10:45 Sacrament of Holy Baptism

This morning we celebrate the Holy Baptism of Alexandra Marie Marberry. Parents are William and Kristen Marberry. Sponsors are Dennis and Lisa Bocquin.



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

Offertory

“Serenity”

by David Lasky

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 - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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

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.

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.

Distribution Hymns: 674, 616, 724

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, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

“Our Father, By Whose Name”

#640

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Gigue”

by G.F. Handel, arr. by Patricia Lou Harris



Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of Kay Barks and Brian Barks. Given by Bob Barks and Cathy Barks.

Quarters placed in the offering plate today and every first Sunday of the month are for hunger relief.

Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!

In our prayers: Gigi Beeler (Cherie Rissman's sister-in-law), LeRoi Beers, Ruth Berven, Lyle Black, Dean Culp, Mary Donnenwerth, Nancy Hook (Susanne Carney's mother), Kristina and Sonny Hutton, Diane Jessen, Arnold Johansen, 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), Emma Stammer, Verda Swanson, Brian Vance, the family of Robert Schmidt (Pastor Mike's father), and the others we name before you ...



Happy Birthday to: Paul Nelson, Amanda Jensen, Adam Bergman, Ernestina Reaza, Harlan Mortenson, Nelda Sampel, Joanne Johnson, Riley Mortenson, Alexander Gutmann, Daniel Harmon, Emily Harmon, Christopher Kallenbach, Jeramie Mitchell

Happy Anniversary to:
Donald and Margaret York,
Chris and Jeryl Janson



Activities 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.

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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, in the entry hall and in the hallway just outside of Grace Hall near the Fair Trade coffee display.

Don't forget our educational session "Writing Your Life Story" with Deanna Snyder between services! The group meets in the Café.

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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!

If you would like to help serve, many dates are available – check the kitchen calendar. A schedule of Wednesday evening activities can be found [online](#) or printed in the weekly calendars available in the entrance hall and just outside Grace Hall.

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Grace Fellowship tonight

Come at 5 p.m. tonight for dinner, music by the Grace Brass, and a speaker from the Salvation Army. See you there!

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The Altar Guild needs your large juice cans, large plastic bottles or quart-size milk cartons for altar flowers. You can leave donations in the Sacristy.

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Training for new Communion assistants: We invite all new servers who are interested in helping with Communion to a short training session on Sunday, Oct. 12. Come at the time that is most convenient for you: 9:30 a.m. or 10:15 a.m. We will meet at the back of the sanctuary. If you cannot be here on that day but would like to learn more, please contact [Stephanie Johnson](#) at 276-6873. Serving Communion is a meaningful way to connect with your Grace family. Hope you see you at training.

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New adult education committee: We are in the process of forming a new committee that will provide oversight, guidance, and visioning to the adult education opportunities at Grace, including but not limited to the Sunday morning education hour. If you have an interest in this area and would like to be a part of this team, please contact Stephanie.

Corn Maze fun! October 11: 4-8 p.m. Have some fun with your family and friends from Grace at Geisler Family farms! We will all gather at the fire pit 5-7 p.m. However, from 4-5, 5-7 while we are at the fire-pit, and after, you are welcome to explore the farm. Your choices include hay rides, a corn maze, corn pit kids tractor track, pumpkin patch and more! Everyone is welcome!

WOMEN UP!

A retreat for women will be held October 17-18 at Lutheran Lakeside Camp. It's 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 TODAY, October 5. The 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.

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Help needed! Worship and coffee volunteers are needed for October and beyond. The sign up book is in the gathering Hall and the online sign up page can be found at <https://www.volunteersignup.org/BAKWD>

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: Bruce Bergman, Dave Gronert, Len Ringgenberg

10:45: Jay Wangerin, Aaron Brandsfield, Diane and Lonnie Jessen

Acolytes – 8:15: Kayleigh Medhurst, Bobby Briggs

10:45: Ben Wonderlin

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

Lector – 8:15: Karen Taylor; 10:45: Ro Zimany

Children's Sermon

– Stephanie Johnson

Communion servers – 8:15: Julie Honsey, Karen Taylor, Mindy

Scholten, Stephanie Johnson

Altar Guild – Loree Nelson, Gail Peterson

Counters – 8:15: Jeff Farrell, Carter Woodruff

10:45: Chris Lawson, Mike Carney

Coffee – Karen Taylor

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 hike is 3.2 miles and begins at 1:30 at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates. We will gather in the parking lot at Grace at 12:45 p.m. and carpool to the Hall of Laureates. The confirmation students will be collecting money between services today and on Sunday, October 12. Please join us in raising money for hungry people and awareness of their need.

IOWA HUNGER SUMMIT

October 14, 2014
Downtown Marriott
9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

This event, which is part of the World Food Prize activities, is free and open to the public. 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.
- 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.

HOPE FOR THE HUNGRY

November 8, 2014
Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ
Waveland Hall, 4126 Ingersoll Ave
9 a.m. – 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. *If you have already registered, please contact Stephanie so that she can arrange for Grace members to have a table reserved if we have a group of 8.*