

*Come to the
wedding
banquet*

MATTHEW 22:4



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.

If your small children become restless during the service, the service is broadcast in the in the Gathering Hall. To entertain your children during the service there are purple busy-bags with books and coloring materials for children just outside the sanctuary.

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.*

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2014

8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude Serenade from the “Serenade for Strings in C,” Op. 48
by Tchaikovsky

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

“All Are Welcome”

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Greeting

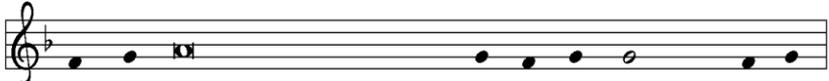
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



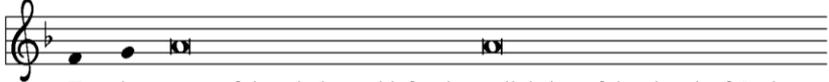
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



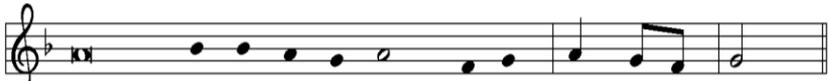
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



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



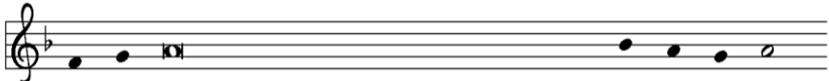
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



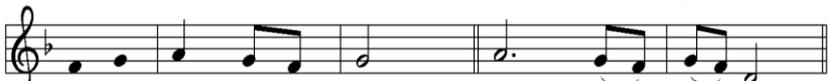
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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

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

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

The first line of the refrain consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for "This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -" with a treble clef, key signature of one flat, and 4/4 time. The second staff continues the melody for "lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." with a treble clef, key signature of one flat, and 4/4 time. The text is centered below the staves.

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

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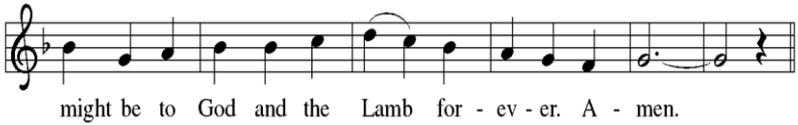
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2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the

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

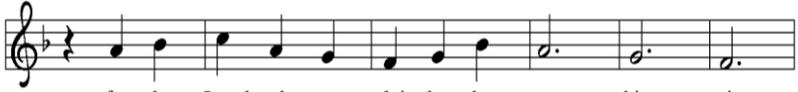
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might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



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: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Please be seated

Children's Sermon

Reading: Isaiah 25:1–9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing everyone up—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong

peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L: the Word of the Lord
 C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

You pre - pare a ta - ble be - fore me,
 R: and my cup is run - ning o - ver.

- ¹The LORD¹ is my shepherd; I shall not¹ be in want.
- ²**The LORD makes me lie down¹ in green pastures and leads me be-¹side still waters.**
- ³You restore my¹ soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways¹ for your name's sake.
- ⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall¹ fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they¹ comfort me. R**
- ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence¹ of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is¹ running over.
- ⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days¹ of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the¹ LORD forever. R**

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation



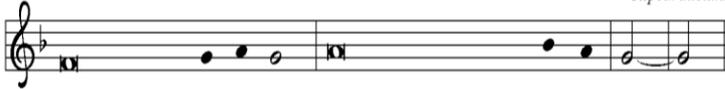
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

C:



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

Repeat alleluia



L: This is the LORD for whom ¹ we have waited;*
let us be glad and rejoice in ¹ God's salvation. (Isa. 25:9)

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Twenty-second Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1–14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹But when the king came in to see

the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe,¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn

"Taste and See"

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Soloist

Congregation: please join in the refrain

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 “Interlude in G Major” by Alexandre Guilmant

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.

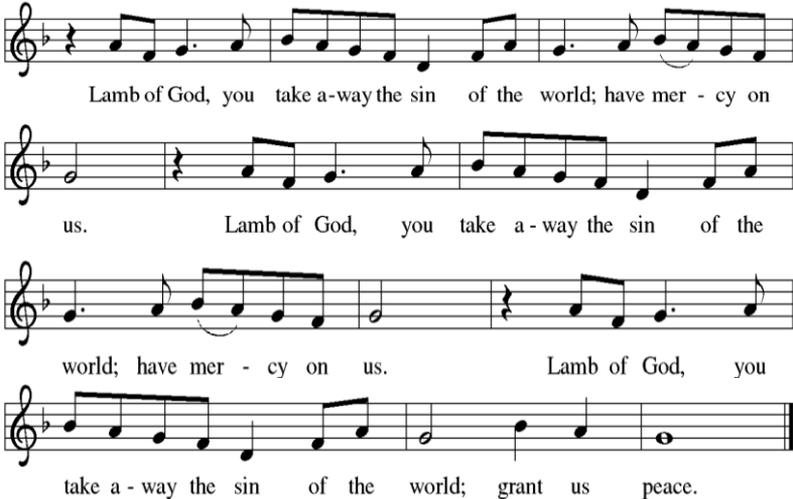
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

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: 482, 484, 471

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

“Sent Forth By God's Blessing”

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Postlude in D Minor”

by G. Karganoff

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, Norman Ullestad, Brian Vance, the family of Gretchen Hansen and the others we name before you...

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by by Jane and Ed Ridnour in honor of family.



Happy Birthday to: Benjamin Wonderlin, Deanna Hummel, Victoria Janson, David Peterson, Sheryl Sauerman, Jessica Warren, James Fenimore, Jane Ridnour, Chris Lawson, Eryn Lenhart, Kyra Lenhart, Maya Lenhart, Joan Johnson, Kara Jordahl, Lukus Loehrke, Rev. Stephen Sherer, Gary Nelson, Roberto Ruiz, Bruce Nelson



Happy Anniversary to: Louie and Sue Anderson, Burke and Shirley Shiffler, Ricky and Jennifer Huisman, Michael Newell and Barbara Knapp

Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. Preschool and elementary both start in room 101, with preschool ending in room 105.

October 12: Preschool through second graders and parents will work together to make French toast casseroles for Hope Ministries. Assembly will be in Grace Hall from 9:30 - 10:30. The rest of the kids will start in their regular starting place or room.

October 19: Third grader through high school will work together to make Ultimate Casseroles for Hope Ministries Assembly will be in Grace Hall from 9:30 - 10:30. The rest of the kids will start in their regular starting place or room.

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.

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



Super Wednesday Supper! The meal will be provided on October 15. We invite you to cook on the evening of October 22. Purchase sandwich fixings or we will ask those attending bring their own sandwiches/sack dinners.



Come, be a part of the music ministry at Grace! All who seek to worship God through prayer and music are welcome. Three **handbell** groups are available for all ages and the **Chancel Choir** is open to high schoolers and older. **Grace Brass** meets on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings, and there is a music component of **Sunday School** for children during education hour on Sunday mornings.

We welcome singers and players at any point during the year to be a part of the thriving music community at Grace! If you would like to try a short-term commitment, consider joining us for Advent and Christmas music. Contact Director of Music [Emma Stammer](#) for more information.

Training for new Communion assistants:

We invite all new servers who are interested in helping with Communion to a short training session *today*. ***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 participate today 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.



Hunger Hike Today

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. The confirmation students have been collecting money, including between services and following the 10:45 service today. 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 parking lot at Grace 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.

New adult education committee: We are currently in the process of forming this 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 Johnson at 276-6873.

IOWA HUNGER SUMMIT

October 14 at the Downtown Marriott from 9 to 3:30. 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, and 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
Waveland Hall 4126 Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines
Saturday November 8, 2014; 9:00 – 2:00

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. 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.

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



OCTOBER

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 – Bruce Bergman, Dave Gronert, Len Ringgenberg

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

Acolytes – 8:15 Robert Briggs 10:45 Hannah Jensen, Sage Speck

Liturgist – 8:15 Matt Jordahl 10:45 Denny Rehder

Lector – 8:15 Karen Taylor 10:45 John Farver

Children's Sermon – Carol Woodruff

Communion servers – 10:45 Hilary Woodhouse-Farver, Jenie

Schmidt, Stephanie Johnson, Sandy Briggs,

Altar Guild – Loree Nelson, Gail Peterson

Counters – 8:15 Jon Rissman and Chuck Denton

10:45 Jeff Farrell and Tom McCleary



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