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JOHN 8:31

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 Gathering Hall. To entertain your children during the service there are purple busy-bags just outside the sanctuary, with books and coloring materials for children.

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.*

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2014

8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude “A Mighty Fortress in Our God” by Thomas Chesterton
Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation

Welcome

**Children are invited to the font for the Thanksgiving for Baptism*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” #504
with Grace Brass

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.

Prayer of the Day

C: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your

faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Please be seated

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31–34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Anthem: "God is Our Refuge" by John Carter
Chancel Choir

Second Reading: Romans 3:19–28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

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

L: If you continue in my word, you are truly¹ my disciples,* and you will know the truth, and the truth will¹ make you free.
(John 8:31-32)

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth Chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 8:31–36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn

“How Firm A Foundation”

#796

Affirmation of Baptism (10:45)

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Those affirming their baptism this morning are Devin Ashton, Courtney Brandsfield, Haley Dostalík, Matt Farrell, Nadine Garcia, Payton Lawson, Emma Mattes, Isaac McCleary, Danielle Russell, Sawyer Shiffler

Their verses:

Devin Ashton

Revelations 21:4

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Courtney Brandsfield

John 8:12

“When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’”

Haley Dostalík

Psalms 73:26

“My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion.”

Matt Farrell

Philippians 4:13

“I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”

Nadine Garcia

Philippians 4:13

“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

Payton Lawson

Exodus 14:13-14

“Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you and you have only to keep still.”

Emma Mattes

Romans 15:13

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

Isaac McCleary

Proverbs 3:5

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.”

Danielle Russell

I John 4:8

“Whoever does not love does not know God because God is love.”

Sawyer Shiffler

Luke 9:48

“Then he said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For he who is least among you all – he is the greatest.’ ”

Creed (8:15 only)

**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

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: 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

“The Solid Rock”

by Edward Broughton

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.

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. The reign of God is at hand. Come, taste the joy prepared for you.

Please be seated

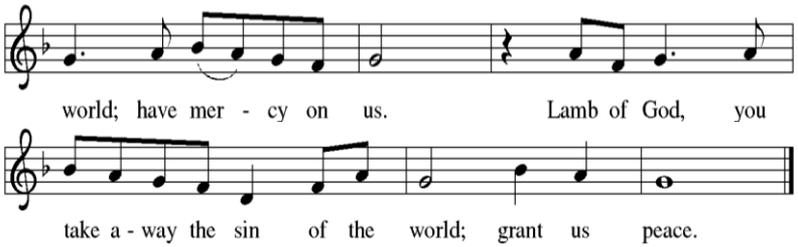
Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



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Distribution Hymns: 524, 461, 777

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

“Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen”

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

8:15

“The Church's One Foundation”

by Steven Scott

10:45

“Prelude in G minor”

by J.S. Bach

Sawyer Shiffler

Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!

In our prayers: Ellen Batten, 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, Paul Jenkins (brother of Julie Honsey), 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, Dennis Thurston (Ellen Batten’s brother), Norman Ullestad, Brian Vance, the family of Dean Culp, the family of Gaylen Thurston (Ellen Batten’s brother), the family of Jeanie Hernandez (sister of Gary Batten) and the others we name before you...

Altar flowers this weekend are given by Verda Swanson to the glory of God and in honor of the Confirmands.

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



Happy Birthday to: Seth Kallestad, Douglas Dinnauer, Sarah Voelker, Max Sauerman, Franklin Peterson, Jessica Russell, Jeanette Ziesman, Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg, Travis Brown, Pedro Espericueta, Maycia Welty, Ashley Artzer, Fay Cline, Tanner Peeler, Carlyle Peterson, Zelma Wilson, Remington Andersen

Happy Anniversary to: Scot and Rebecca Sonius, Hal and Michele Turner, Michael and Marilyn Nizzi, Lee and Delores Johnson



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

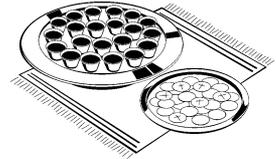


Today, Reformation Sunday, we will celebrate with our ninth graders as they make public affirmation of their baptism at the 10:45 worship service. Join them for an informal reception with cookies and cider in the Gathering Hall immediately following the 10:45 service. We invite you to visit and celebrate with them during this time.



We invite all 4th and 5th graders who would like to be acolytes to a training on Sunday, November 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. We ask that parents attend as well because we will have a signup calendar available. Training will last about 15 minutes, and students will rejoin Sunday School after that. See you there!

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



The next **New Member Class** will meet Nov 9 from 1-2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall with Pastor Mike.

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 8:45–10:15 a.m. in Grace Hall II. Pastor Mike leads.

Next weekend it's time to set the clocks back and enjoy an extra hour of sleep. November 2 — don't forget!

Super Wednesday Supper!

Confirmation students will be preparing cavatelli for Super Wednesday Supper on Oct. 29. Come join us!

We invite you to cook or to provide sandwich fixings as a meal on a Wednesday evening in November.



A Thank You from Todd: On Sunday, October 19, I ran the Des Moines half-marathon in honor of my niece, Haley Dostalík, who has Marfan syndrome. I am proud to announce that I raised more than \$1,500 for The Marfan Foundation! Thanks so much to everyone who supported me — and Haley and others with Marfan syndrome or related disorders — with your generous donations. Your support means a lot to me (and Haley and her family)!

Cinnamon Roll Sunday is next week! Come hungry! *If you are planning to help, signups are in the Gathering Hall.*

Single cinnamon rolls as well as plates of four cinnamon rolls will be available for purchase (freewill offering). Proceeds will go towards the July 2015 National Youth Gathering to Detroit and high school summer trips. Fourteen of our 8th through 12th graders are registered for Detroit!

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! Contact Director of Music [Emma Stammer](#) for more information.

COMBAT HUNGER 2014

Join with Grace's confirmation students, the Hunger Working Team and STAR 102.5 in collecting food to combat hunger in Iowa.

When: November 2 through November 16

Where to donate: Combat Hunger box in Gathering Hall next to Social Ministry station.

Hunger can be a consequence of food insecurity, which occurs whenever the availability of nutritionally adequate and safe food, or the ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways, is limited or uncertain.

Hunger in Iowa:

- 1 in 8 Iowans are food insecure
- 1 in 5 Iowa children does not have enough to eat
- 395,620 Iowans live at or below the poverty level

In Iowa, food insecurity is most often the cause of malnutrition and is a major contributor to the poor health of people who live in poverty, please consider the nutritional value of your food gift. Canned vegetables and fruits, foods that contain whole wheat rather than processed white flour, and foods low in sugar and carbohydrate content are most valuable for combating poor nutrition and health that result from hunger and food insecurity.

In fiscal year 2012, the Food Bank of Iowa, a private, nonprofit organization, distributed 8,879,850 pounds of donated grocery products and USDA commodities to needy families and individuals who experienced hunger and food insecurity through a network of 375 agencies in 55 Iowa counties.

HOPE FOR THE HUNGRY

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. Registration forms are now available at Volunteer Central and on the Social Ministry

bulletin board, or contact Stephanie Johnson. *If you have already registered, please contact Stephanie. If we have a group of 8, she can arrange for Grace members to have reserved table.* 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.

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The Grace Garden Team is in need of people who would be willing to loan out their tiller in order to till the garden before the snow flies. Along with tillers we will need wheelbarrows to spread the 2 tons of compost that will be delivered in the week before the tilling date, which is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Saturday, November 15. If you have a tiller or wheelbarrow for loan contact Michelle Volker rvoelker1@mchsi.com or Julie Honsey honsey.julie@gmail.com.

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 Emma Ashton, Laria Preston 10:45 Lydia McCleary,
Hannah Jensen

Liturgist – 8:15 Denny Rehder 10:45 Mary Helt

Lector – 8:15 Karen Taylor 10:45 Ellen Wonderlin

Communion servers – 10:45 Jenie Schmidt, Larry Nordeen, Julie
Honsey, Stephanie Johnson

Altar Guild – Loree Nelson, Gail Peterson

Counters – 8:15 Chuck Denton and Mike Carney

10:45 Bill Jensen and Mark Stumme

Coffee – Kristin Medhurst



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