

*Those who
were ready
went into the
wedding banquet*

MATTHEW 25:10



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.

The nursery is available for newborns - age 3. The nursery is staffed by Grace Kids Care staff members for children who become restless during the service. If there is no one in the nursery, check in the daycare office. The service is broadcast 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.*

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2014

8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

“All Nature Sings”

by Lani Smith

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Sovereign over all the earth, the Wisdom from on high, our merciful Judge and Savior.

C: Amen.

P: Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, trusting in God's mercy and love.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Generous and faithful 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.

Opening Hymn

“Christ, Be Our Light”

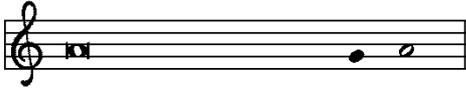
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Greeting

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.

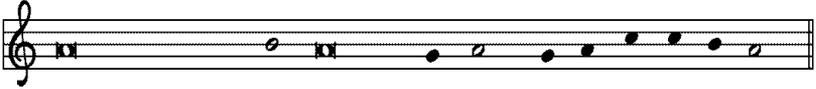
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



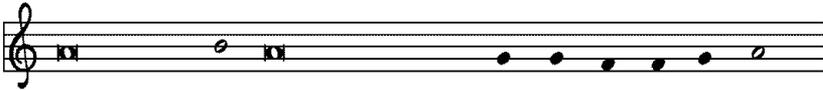
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity 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. A - men.

Canticle of Praise

Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



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



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



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

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

C: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Amos 5:18–24

In the days of Amos people thought that the day of the Lord would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The Lord demands justice and righteousness in the community.

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; ¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Anthem

8:15

"Simple Gifts"

by Michael Hassel

Emma Stammer, piano

10:45

"O Send Thy Light Forth"

by M.A. Balakireff

Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon

Psalm 70



R:

You are my help - er and my de - liv - er - er;



O LORD, do not tar - ry.

¹Be pleased, O God, to de-¹ liver me; O LORD, make¹ haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame¹ and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and¹ be disgraced. R**

³Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat¹ over me turn back because¹ of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be¹ glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great¹ is the LORD!"**

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick-¹ly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD,¹ do not tarry. R

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet

the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel Acclamation

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

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

Gospel: Matthew 25:1–13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep

awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Sermon

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.

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day

“Gather Us In”

#532

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

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and hopes, Good Shepherd, and bring us safely into all joy and peace, through Christ our Lord.

C: 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 “In Peaceful Habitations” by Daniel E. Gawthrop

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.

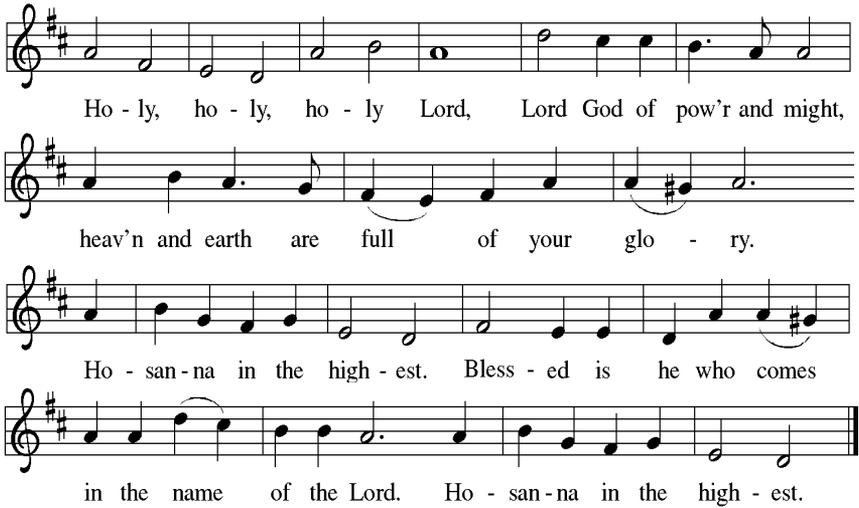
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

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 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**

Sending of Communion

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.

Sending Hymn: "As The Deer Runs To The River" #331

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Voluntary in C" by John Zundel,
arr. by Michael Ryan

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, Kristina and Sonny Hutton, Paul Jenkins (brother of Julie Honsey), Diane Jessen, Arnold Johansen, Dolores Johnson, Bill Kallestad, Alan Ketelsen (Michele Turner's brother-in-law), Lucy Krauss, Leonard Larsen, Bob Sauerman, (Verda Swanson's Son-in-law), Emma Stammer, Verda Swanson, Dennis Thurston (Ellen Batten's brother), Norman Ullestad, Brian Vance, Amy Ziska, the family of Carlyle Peterson (Don Peterson's father), and the others we name before you...

Praying for one another is an important part of the life of a community of faith. In order to do this it is important that the prayer list be as current as possible. If you or a relative would like to be included in the prayers

please contact the church office. Also, if you would like to remain in the prayers for the month of December, please let us know by contacting the office by November 16. Thank you.

Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given to the glory of God by John and Hilary Farver.



Happy Birthday to: Gary Scholten, Emily Dungan, Yaritza Marquez, Randy Taylor, Zoe Noel Lawson, Kurt Bowermaster, Jason Bradwell, Zachary Jensen, Larry Buell, Linda Moravec, Carol Mattes, Kristene Shortell, Gary Batten, Mark Ridnour

Happy Anniversary to: Achmed and Joan Johnson, Gary and Ellen Batten



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.

Cinnamon Roll Sunday THANK YOU!

Grace Hall was filled and so busy on Sunday we even ran out of orange juice! By the end of the day all of the cinnamon rolls were sold, with the freewill offering raising \$500 towards the National Youth Gathering Fund. Thank you!

Calling all 4th and 5th graders! If you would like to be an acolyte, there will be a training sessions today 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!

There will be a **New Member Class** this afternoon from 1-2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall with Pastor Mike.

Altar Guild will meet today at 9:30 am in Grace Hall 2. We will discuss the Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas services as well as have the schedule for 2015. *We invite and welcome anyone who wants to find out more about how Altar Guild serves.*

November newsletter deadline change: Please note that the deadline for submitting Friendly Visitor articles this month is **Friday, November 14**. Please send your submissions to Jackie at graceluth5@msn.com.

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

Super Wednesday Supper!



The Ridnours will be preparing dinner for us on Nov 12. Come join us!

We invite you to cook or to provide sandwich fixings for the meal on Wednesday, November 19 or any Wednesday in December.

We will be continuing our tradition of member-written Advent devotions this year. For those of you who enjoy reflecting on Bible passages and writing, there is a sign up sheet at Volunteer Central. Just sign up for the day(s) of your choice, take home the related Bible passage and guidelines, and send your devotion of **150-200 words** to Stephanie Johnson via email (stephaniejohnson@q.com) or hard copy **by November 23**. Please also include a short prayer. Thanks ahead of time for sharing your faith and enriching our Advent season as we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth.



Grace Fellowship Turkey/Ham Ball Dinner Make your reservation for December 7 at 5 p.m.

Turkey and Ham balls Dinner: \$11.00

Entertainment: Classified Quartet (Members of Harmony Central Sweet Adelines Chorus)

Reservations and payment can be made November 16, 23 or 30.

Current Events

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.



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're interested in a short-term commitment, consider joining us for the Advent and Christmas season. Contact Director of Music <mailto:memmas418@gmail.com> for more information.

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 **THREE** 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 Voelker rvoelker1@mchsi.com or Julie Honsey honsey.julie@gmail.com.



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.

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. 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 is 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. Foods that contain whole wheat rather than processed white flour, as well as canned vegetables and fruits, and foods low in sugar and carbohydrate content are most valuable for combating poor nutrition and health that result from hunger and food insecurity.

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: Carol Krause, Jerry Westercamp, Mike Peterman, Kevin Drury

10:45: Jay Wangerin, Mike Carney, Rick Fry, Gary Nelson

Acolytes – 8:15 Sarah Voelker 10:45 Kyler Medhurst, Kayleigh Medhurst

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

Lector – 8:15 Karen Taylor 10:45 Drake Carney

Children's sermon – Pastor Mike

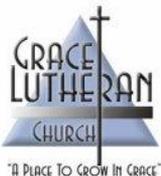
Communion servers – 10:45 Susanne Carney, Loree Nelson, Ardis Schmelzer, Courtney Brandsfield

Altar Guild – Connie Heuton, Jane Ridnour

Counters – 8:15 Jon Rissman and Mike Carney

10:45 Jeff Farrell and Chris Lawson

Coffee – Karen Taylor



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