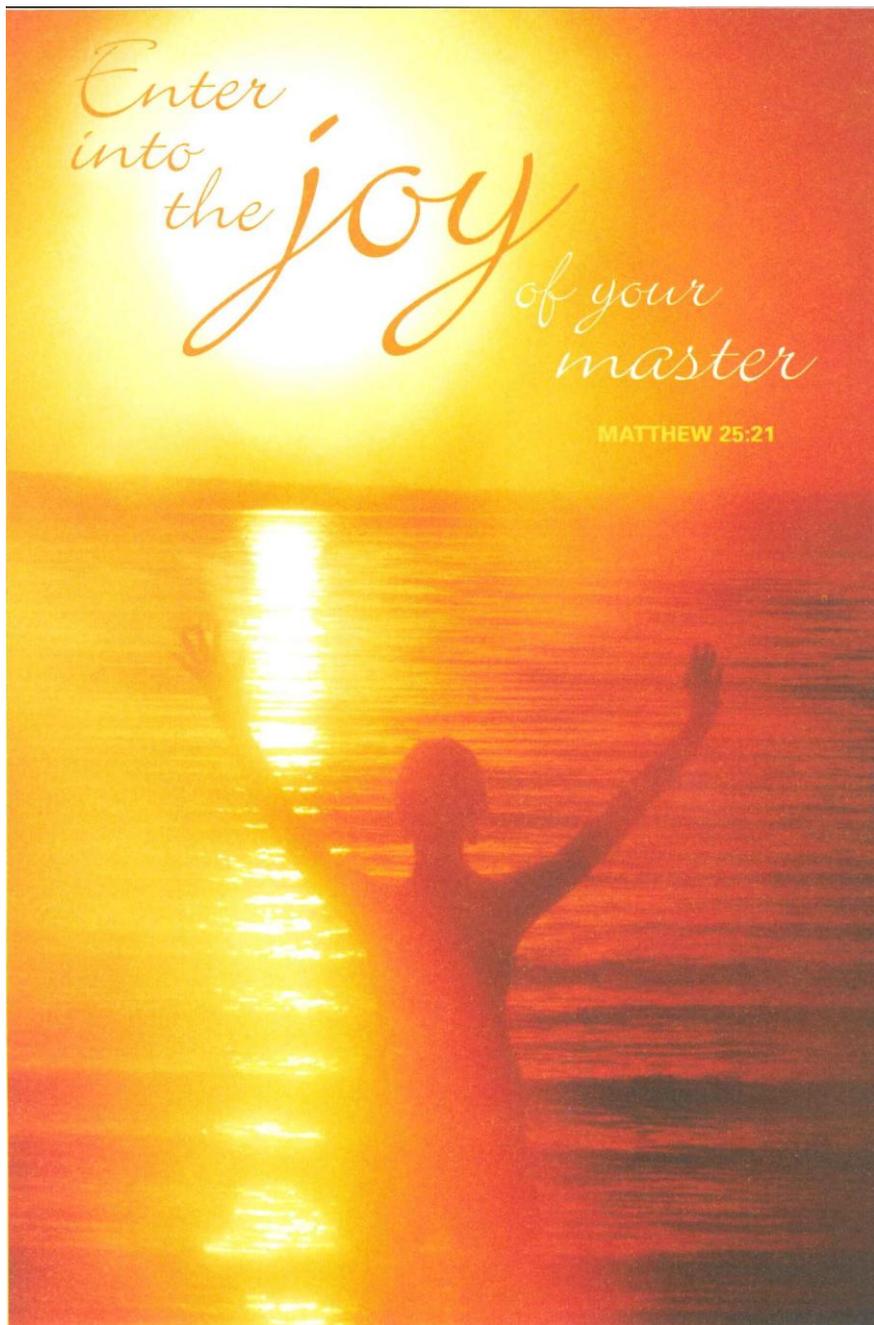


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MATTHEW 25:21



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-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2014

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

Prelude

“His Eye is On the Sparrow” by James Mansfield

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

“We Come To You For Healing”

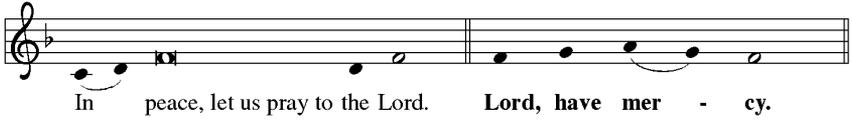
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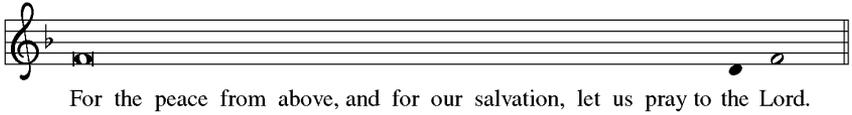
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

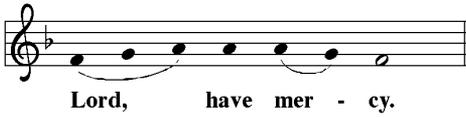
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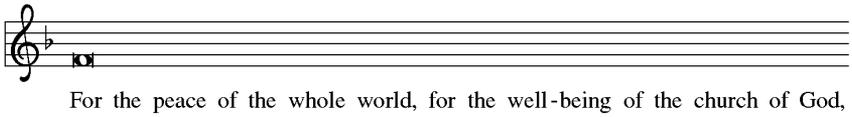
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



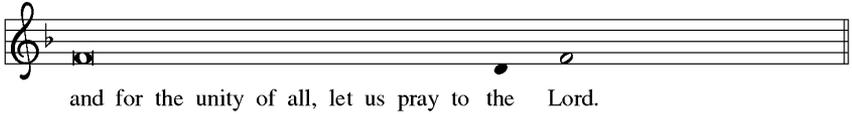
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



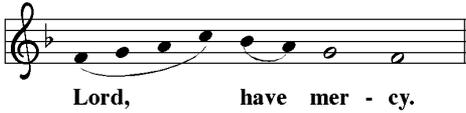
Lord, have mer - cy.



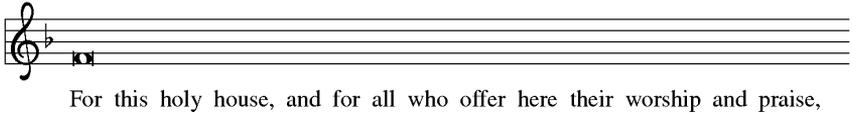
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



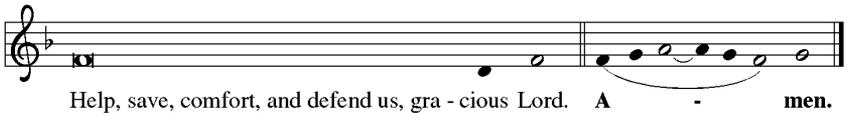
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**



Canticle of Praise (with Grace Bells)

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

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

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

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

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

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 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: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The

LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

10:45 Children's Sermon

10:45 Anthem "God of the Sparrow" #740
Sunday School Choir Kindergarten-5th

Psalm 90:1-12

So teach us to num - ber our

R:

days that we may ap - ply our hearts to wis - dom.

- ¹Lord, you have | been our refuge from one generation | to another.
- ²**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born, from age to age | you are God.**
- ³You turn us back to the | dust and say, "Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."
- ⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past and like a watch | in the night; R**
- ⁵you sweep them away | like a dream, they fade away suddenly | like the

grass:

6 in the morning it is | green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried |
up and withered.

7 For we are consumed | by your anger; we are afraid because | of your
wrath.

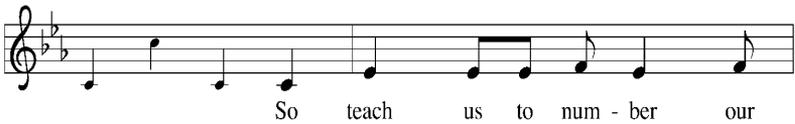
8 Our iniquities you have | set before you, and our secret sins in the
light | of your countenance. **R**

9 When you are angry, all our | days are gone; we bring our years to an
end | like a sigh.

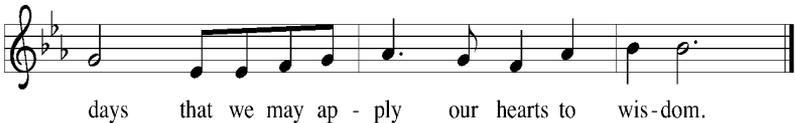
10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even
eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass
away quickly and | we are gone.

11 Who regards the power | of your wrath? Who rightly fears your |
indignation?

12 So teach us to num- | ber our days that we may apply our | hearts to
wisdom. **R**



R:



Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Acclamation

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14–30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his

return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

¹⁴For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

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.

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

“Tranquility”

by Sylvia Riggs

Please stand as you are able

Offering Prayer

P: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C: Amen

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

Invitation to Communion

P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. 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 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: 614, 623, 592

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

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: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude "March from "Ode on St. Cecilia's Day" by G.F. Handel

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, Bob Sauerman, (Verda Swanson's son-in-law), 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 today glorify God and are given by Kari and Marty Dostalík in honor of Haley and Adam.

Quarters placed in the offering plate today, and every third Sunday, are for the Food Pantry.



Happy Birthday to: Joseph Kennebeck, Haley Dostalick, Emma Mattes, Lyle Black, Gloria Moon, Jeremy Israel, Madison Robbins, Richard Hirschauer, Susan Johnson, Nick Medhurst, Kelley Riordan, Zachary Kulzer

Happy Anniversary to:

John Farver and Hilary Woodhouse-Farver,
Gary and Melinda Scholten, Marvin and Lorna Johns



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.

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



Super Wednesday Supper

The Ridnours will be preparing dinner for us on November 19. Come join us!

Thanksgiving Service. There will be no meal Wednesday, November 26. That night you are invited to attend a **combined Thanksgiving Eve service** here at Grace Lutheran. Immanuel United Methodist Church will be our guests at 7:00 p.m.

We will be continuing our tradition of in-house Advent devotions this year. There is a sign-up sheet for writers, as well as more detailed information and take home sheets, at Volunteer Central. Please submit your devotion and prayer **by November 23**. Thank you for enriching our Advent season.



Make your reservation for December 7 @ 5 PM -
Grace Fellowship Turkey and Ham Balls Dinner
Cost: \$11.00

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

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

Poinsettias

The altar is decorated each Christmas by the donation of poinsettias from members at Grace. This year the poinsettias will be pink, white and red. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the church, complete the order form and place in the offering plate along with payment or turn into the church office. Cost is \$10.60 per plant and payment is due with the order. ***The last day to order poinsettias will be Tuesday, December 2.*** You will be able to pick up your poinsettia after Sunday worship services on December 28.



The Second Annual Bake Sale held by the Companion Congregation Committee will be December 14. Please donate samples of your favorite holiday and Christmas goodies to share. We will sell goodies in honor of our relationship with Msindo and Mararo and to support the scholarship fund for needy students. **Come to share and buy Christmas goodies!**

Calendar of Activities

For your convenience, the current 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.

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 Zoe Lawson, Emma Ashton 10:45 Lydia McCleary

Liturgist – 8:15 Alex Davik 10:45 Kristina Hutton

Lector – 8:15 Karen Taylor 10:45 Charlotte Nielsen

Children's sermon – Stephanie Johnson

Communion servers – 8:15 Karen Taylor, Barry Briggs, Carol

Woodruff, Sandy Briggs

Altar Guild – Connie Heuton, Jane Ridnour

Counters – 8:15 Chuck Denton and Carter Woodruff

10:45 Alex Davik and Chris Lawson

Coffee – Cheryl and Ernie Weatherington



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