

COME,
INHERIT THE
KINGDOM
PREPARED FOR YOU

MATTHEW 25:34

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 through 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.*

Christ the King Sunday

November 23, 2014

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

Prelude

“Processionale”

by Samuel Wesley

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.

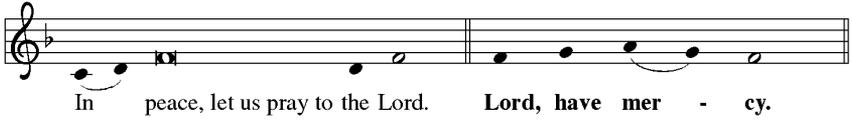
Opening Hymn “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” #502 vss. 1-3

Greeting

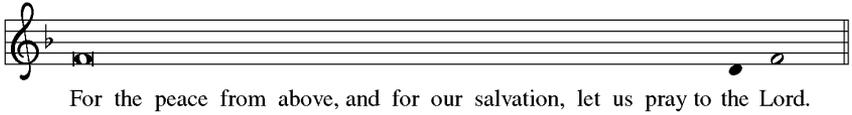
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

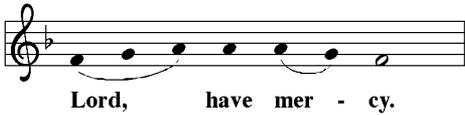
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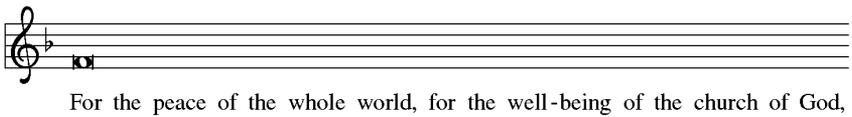
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



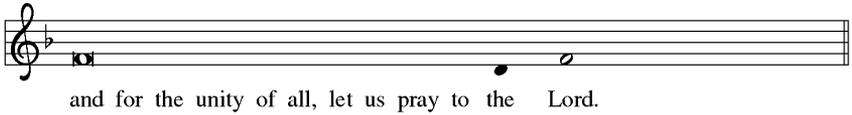
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



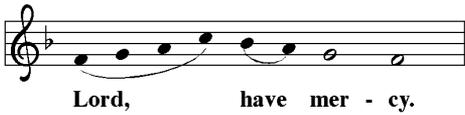
Lord, have mer - cy.



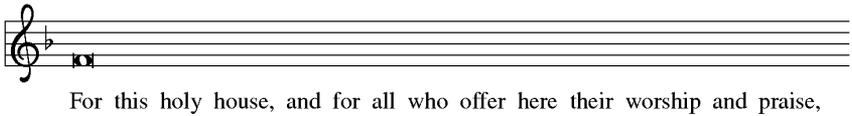
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



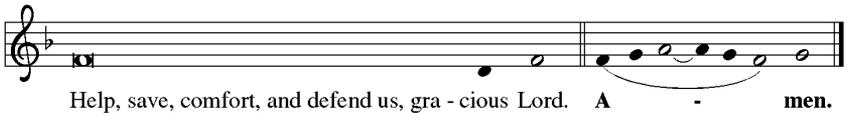
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

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: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

Since Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. ²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Children's Sermon

Anthem

8:15

“Christ Beside Me”
Chancel Choir

by Tom Fettke



Psalms 95:1-7a



We are the peo-ple of God's pas-ture and the sheep of God's hand.

¹Come, let us sing ¹to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of ¹our salvation.

²Let us come before God's presence ¹with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the ¹LORD with psalms.

³For you, LORD, ¹are a great God, and a great ruler a- ¹bove all gods.

⁴In your hand are the caverns ¹of the earth; the heights of the hills are ¹also yours. **R**

⁵The sea is yours, ¹for you made it, and your hands have molded ¹the dry land.

⁶Come, let us worship ¹and bow down, let us kneel before the ¹LORD our maker.

⁷For the LORD ¹is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep ¹of God's hand. **R**

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Acclamation

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

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

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

³¹When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'
⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'
⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day

“When Memory Fades”

#792



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: Let us Pray,

C: have mercy, O God.

**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

“Air Majestueux”

by Jean Philippe Rameau

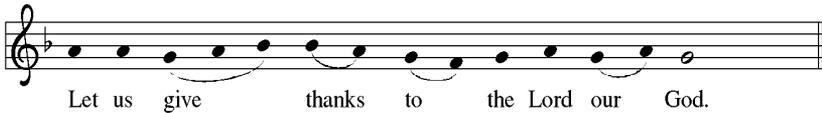
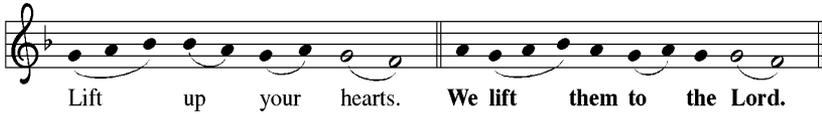
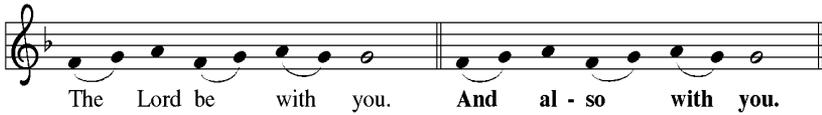
Please stand as you are able

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

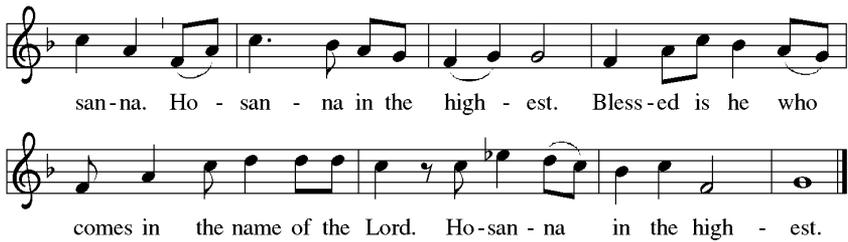
Great Thanksgiving



Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy





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.**

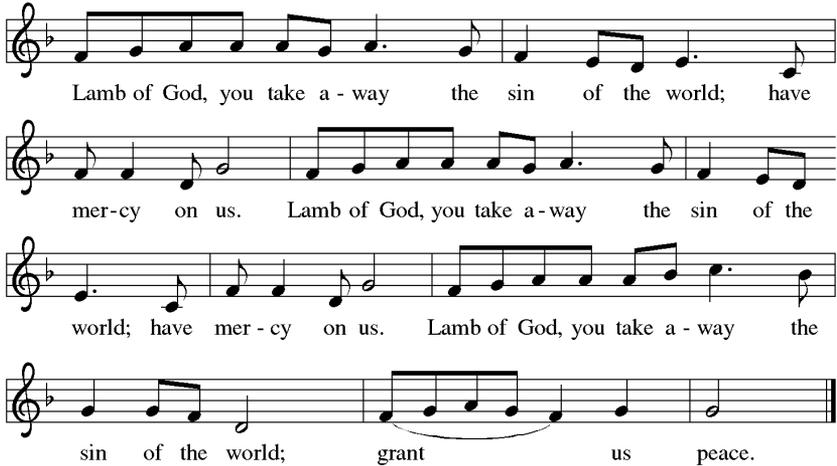
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

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: 870, 618, 357

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: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” #502 vss. 4-6

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“O Worship the King” arr. by Albin C. Whitworth

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, 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 Sauerma, (Verda Swanson’s son-in-law), Verda Swanson, Dennis Thurston (Ellen Batten’s brother), Brian Vance, Amy Ziska, the family of Paul Knudsen (Carol Woodruff’s brother), the family of Norman Ullestad, 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. Thank you.



Flowers on the altar glorify God and are given by Barb Burley in honor of her wedding anniversary.

Quarters placed in the offering basket this and every fourth Sunday are for Msindo.



Happy Birthday to: Ashley Lund, Harriett Pearson, Jon Rissman, Nicholas Scholten, Renee Dingman, Dorothy Jensen, Rev. Douglas Johnson, Kerry Riordan, Paul Thielking, Virginia Wangerin, Carol Woodruff, Laura Wangerin, Peter Kiefer, Jessica Rissman, Edward Ridnour, Karinne Harmon, Angie Hidalgo, Joshua Cline

Happy Anniversary to: Todd and Barbara Burley, Frank and Colleen McKinney, Anthony and Tara Royster, Vernon and Helen Fanning, Neal and Sandra Meyer



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.

Grace Fellowship Turkey and Ham Balls Dinner

When: December 7 at 5 p.m.

Cost: \$11

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

Reservations and payment need to be made today 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 worship on **Christmas Day.**



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.

Starting Next Sunday: *Under Wraps*

This Advent, join your fellow Grace members as we explore the depths of God’s love in anticipation of Jesus’ birth. The new four-part series, *Under Wraps: The Gift We Never Expected*, is an Advent experience that explores the character of God described in the Old Testament and then revealed through Jesus Christ. Each week centers on a key word that describes a characteristic of God in Jesus: faithful, dangerous, expectant and jealous. Discussion will be facilitated by Grace members. **You are welcome to attend any or all sessions.**

When: Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, & 21, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Where: Grace Hall II

Advent Sermon Series

Does life feel like you are in the wilderness without a GPS? Let the Advent Survival Guide sermon series lead you to God’s trail.

November 30:

Advent Survival Guide — Into the Woods

December 7:

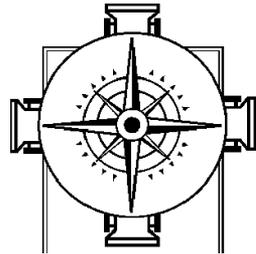
Advent Survival Guide — Building a Shelter

December 14:

Advent Survival Guide — Starting a Fire

December 21:

Advent Survival Guide — Signs of Life



Thanksgiving Service



There will be no meal Wednesday November 26. Instead of the meal and rehearsals, you are invited to attend:

A combined Thanksgiving Eve Service with Immanuel United Methodist here at Grace Lutheran 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26.

Fellowship in Grace Hall following the service.

Treats for Thanksgiving fellowship needed!

Immanuel Methodist always has a lovely table for us, filled with baked goodies and coffee. Please consider dropping off a treat: pies, bars, cookies or cake can be labeled for the Thanksgiving service and left in the kitchen.

Please also consider volunteering to help set up the treats and coffee. Thank you!

2014 Christmas Poinsettias

I would like to place a poinsettia in the church this Christmas season to the glory of God and in:

_____ Loving Memory of

_____ Honor of

Please print the name(s) of those honored or in memory of and the name(s) of those giving the plant, as you would like them to appear in the bulletin.

Number of Poinsettias _____

Given by _____

Your phone number _____

Check box if you want your poinsettia delivered to a homebound member.

IMPORTANT: THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED

Method of payment: Check _____ Cash _____

Amount of payment _____ Check number _____

Poinsettias are \$10.60 each. Your check should be made out to Grace Lutheran Church. Payment must accompany order. Please place order in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Day worship service on December 25.

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

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 Lydia McCleary, Hannah Jensen

Liturgist – 8:15 Paul Kallenbach 10:45 Mary Helt

Lector – 8:15 Carol Woodruff 10:45 Alex Davik

Children's sermon – Carol Woodruff

Communion servers – 10:45 Alex Davik, Barb Zimany

Altar Guild – Gail Peterson, Jane Ridnour

Counters – 8:15 Jon Rissman and Mike Carney

10:45 Alex Davik and Tom McCleary

Coffee – Jane and Ed Ridour

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