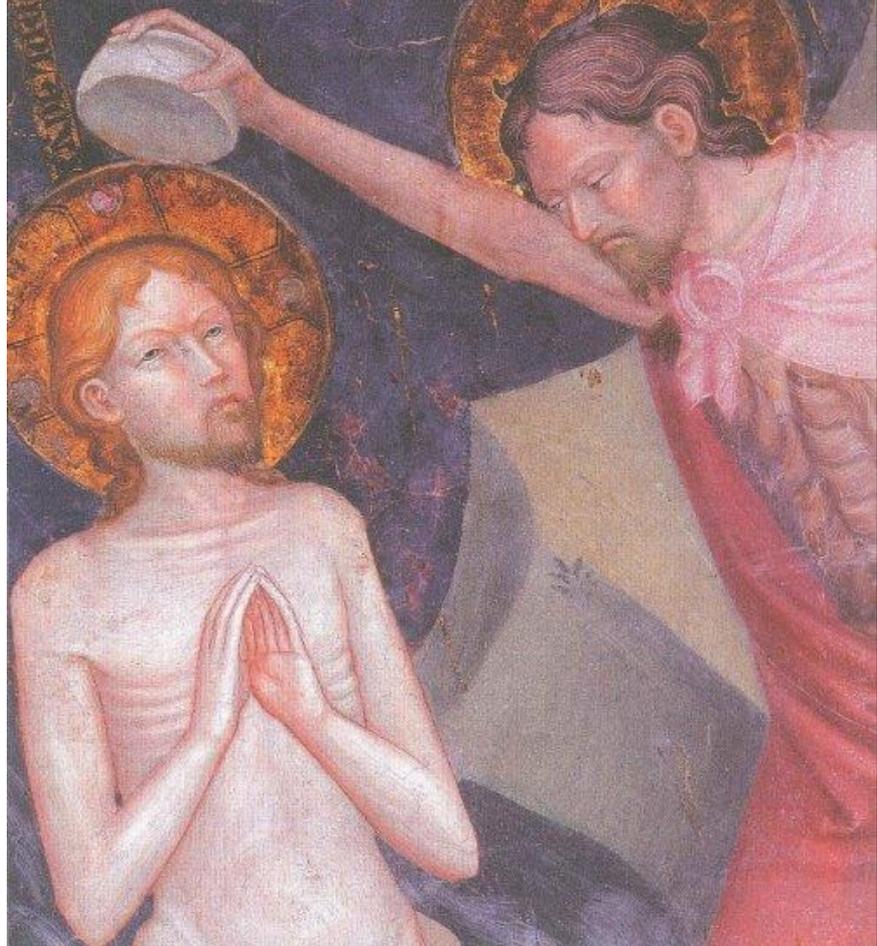


*You are
my Son,
the Beloved*

MARK 1:11



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.*

Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2015

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

Prelude

“*Beautiful River*”

by Lani Smith

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come before God, confessing our sin.

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 that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers and against you. We cherish the values of this world. We cause others to stumble. The earth is wounded by our excess. Have mercy, O God. Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up on eagles' wings, that we may do your will with courage and delight. 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 Know That Christ is Raised”

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Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

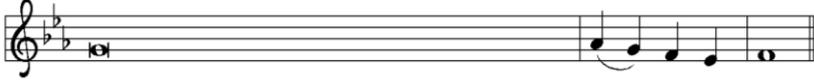
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



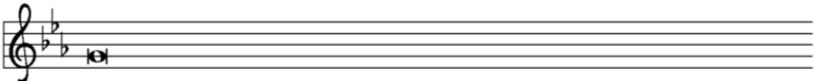
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



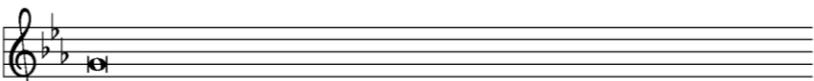
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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, 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, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. R

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. R

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace. R

Second Reading: Acts 19:1–7

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptized them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and empowered them with gifts of the Spirit.

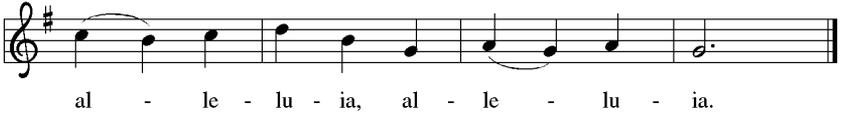
While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — ⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation





Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the First Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 1:4–11

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Sermon Come to the Waters: Walking Wet

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

#445

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: Have mercy, O God.

**P: Trusting your love and healing, O God, we commend to you all for
whom we pray, knowing you will hear and answer, 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

Temple Talk

"Food for Thought"

Rich Snyder

The Offering

Offertory

“Joys Are Flowing Like a River” by Douglas E. Wagner

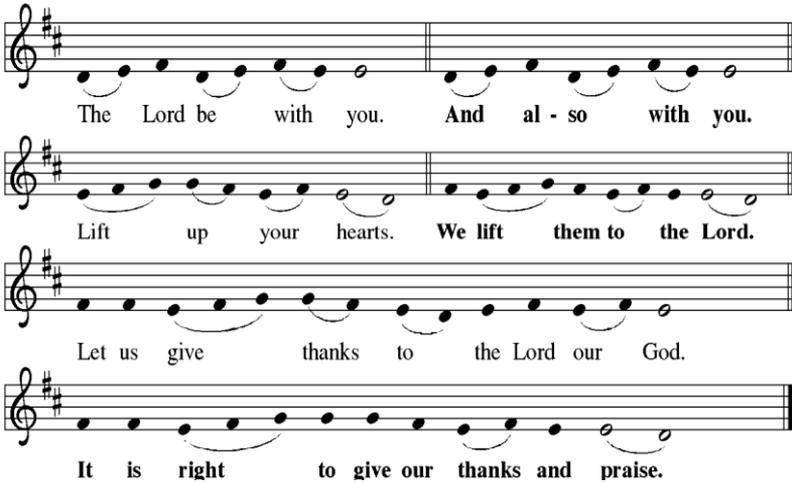
Please stand as you are able

Offering Prayer

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

C: Amen

Great Thanksgiving



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

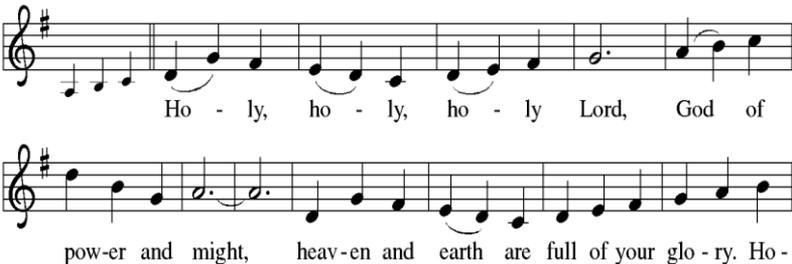
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed 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. Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread.

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, grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns: 357, 592, 807

Prayer after Communion

P: Everlasting God, we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of your Son. Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

Sending of Communion

P: Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: "Praise and Thanksgiving" #458

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Toccatina" by Carl Simone

Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!

January 11, 2015

In our prayers: Betty Hirschauer, Bill Jensen, Diane Jessen, Dorothy Singh, 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 Joie and Dave Gronert in celebration of their 44th wedding anniversary.



Happy Birthday to: Jaqueline Villela, Lolita Huth, Tessa Fenimore, Laria Preston, Carmen Buell, Kathryn Farrell, Daniel Robbins, Barbara DeBolt, Kari Berven, McKenzie Carney

Education Opportunities

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.

Are you interested in learning more about Grace Lutheran and our community? The next **New Member Class** will meet this afternoon from 1-2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall with Pastor Mike.

Sunday morning adult faith enrichment opportunities

9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Grace Hall

Jan. 11 – Drawn from the Waters: An Exploration of Baptism, Pastor Schmidt

Jan. 18 – Congregational budget presentation, Finance Committee

Jan. 25 – *Lump* video viewing and discussion about God's unconditional love. What do we do when our past catches up with us? Do we have personal junk that we keep to ourselves so we don't have to deal with it? And what about how God feels about us? Join us to watch the NOOMA video *Lump* and deepen our understanding of God's unconditional love.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 25

Lunch will be served in Grace Hall at noon, followed by the meeting.

Year-End Contribution Statements are now available for pickup at Volunteer Central in the Gathering Hall.

Mark your calendars for our **third annual intergenerational pet event**, February 8 at 9:30 a.m. in Grace Hall. If you have old jeans, t-shirts, sweatshirts, fleece, water bottles, or long tube socks to donate, please bring them in by February 1. Other food and pet supply donations will be received from now through the end of February as well. Donations can be placed in the designated box in the Gathering Hall. Thank you!

Shrove Tuesday Stories Needed

The celebration of Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, has roots in ancient Christianity. But what about today? What Shrove Tuesday customs have you experienced? Do you have stories to tell about Mardi Gras or a Lenten custom you practice? Please share what you know with the Adult Faith Enrichment Team by contacting Carol Woodruff, cl.woodruff@mchsi.com, 971-5609, and mark Sunday, Feb. 15 on your calendar for a program on Shrove Tuesday.

Upcoming Youth Events

NYG meeting. Youth attending the National Youth Gathering this coming July will begin meeting monthly on January 18th from noon-3 p.m. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Parents, you will receive an email and/or letter soon. Chaperones would appreciate your assistance, especially at this first meeting.

Winter Jam Concert Deadline – January 18 is the last day to R.S.V.P.

Grace will be sponsoring the high school youth to go to the Winter Jam concert at Wells Fargo Arena on January 23. This will be an incredible, fun, and uplifting concert. Tickets are available at the door and tend to sell out quickly. Benefits of attending with Grace:

- The church will be paying for the youth and up to two friends to attend! We just need your first and last name by Sunday, January 18 so we'll know how many tickets to purchase
- Carpooling! We will carpool from the church, leaving at 5:30 p.m. Doors and ticket sales open at 6:00 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:00.

All members of Grace are welcome to attend with us. RSVP to Eric Weber at ericjweber6@gmail.com

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.

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

Director of Communications – Michelle Voelker

Custodian – Todd Haugen

Ushers – 8:15 – Kevin Krause, Chuck Denton, Leslie Denton

10:45 – Paul Nelson, Rick Fry, Jay Wangerin

Acolytes – 8:15 Robert Briggs, 10:45 Kyler Medhurst, Kayleigh Medhurst

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

Lector – 8:15 Julie Honsey, 10:45 Kate Schaller

Children's sermon – Carol Woodruff

Communion servers – 10:45 Stephanie Johnson, Ellen Wonderlin, Lori Fry, Kate Schaller

Altar Guild – Mindy Scholten, Gail Peterson

Counters – 8:15 Carter Woodruff and Chuck Denton

10:45 Mike Carney and Chris Lawson

Coffee – Cathy Barks



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