

Come
and see

JOHN 1:46

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 care giving 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.*

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2015

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

Prelude “*Moment Musicale*” by Franz Schubert” arr. by Lani Smith

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who spoke light into creation, who calls us to listen and follow, who sends us to shine like stars.

C: Amen.

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

C: Amen

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

“At The Name of Jesus”

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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.

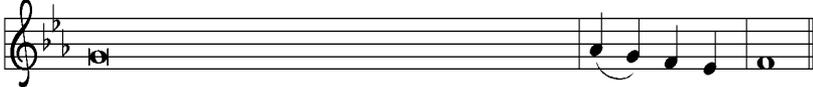
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



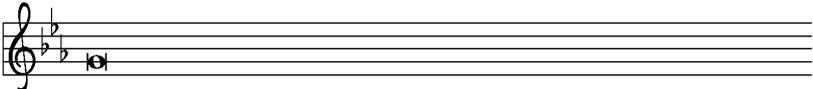
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



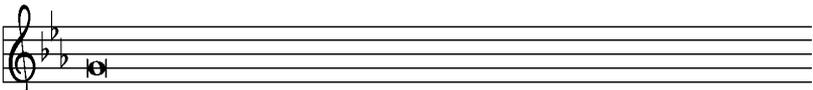
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 de - fend 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.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

C: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1–10 [11–20]

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he

³You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether. R**

⁵You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴**I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well. R**

¹⁵My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸**If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours. R**

R:



You have searched me out and known me.

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



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel Acclamation

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 1:43–51

In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Sermon

Come to the Waters: Buddy Check



Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day "This Is the Spirit's Entry Now"

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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: 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

"Jesus the Very Thought of Thee" arr. by Dorothy Wells

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. The mystery hidden for the ages is revealed for us in this meal. Come, behold and receive your God.

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: 461, 470, 712

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: "One Bread, One Body"

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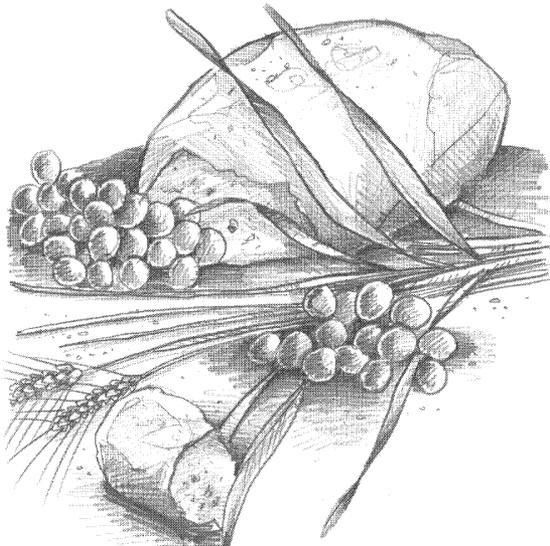
Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"At the Name of Jesus" by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.



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 Kyler and Kayleigh Medhurst 10:45 Ben Wonderlin

Liturgist – 8:15 Alex Davik 10:45 Denny Rehder

Lector – 8:15 Karen Taylor 10:45 John Farver

Children's sermon – Stephanie Johnson

Communion servers – 8:15 Julie Honsey, Tammy Denton, Ardis

Schmelzer, Jan Gross

Altar Guild – Mindy Scholten and Gail Peterson

Counters – 8:15 Jon Rissman and Chuck Denton

10:45 Mark Stumme and Bill Jensen

Coffee – Karen Taylor

Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!

Announcements

January 18, 2015

In our prayers: Betty Hirschauer, Bill Jensen, Diane Jessen, Dorothy Singh, the Family of Ruth Berven 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 Diane and Lonnie Jessen in celebration of family.

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



Happy Birthday to:

Lonnie Jessen, Stephen Kallenbach, Cooper Bigg, Arnold Johansen, Rebecca Selander, Jason Fry, Samuel Speck, Mary Helt, Marilyn Allie, Andrea Harbaugh, Donald Peterson, Alice Kulzer, Gary Lenhart

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

**Upcoming Sunday morning adult faith enrichment opportunities:
9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Grace Hall**

- **Jan. 18** – Congregational budget presentation, Finance Committee
- **Jan. 25** – *Lump*, video viewing and discussion about God's unconditional love

***Lump* -- Showing on Jan. 25**

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. Sunday, Jan. 25, Grace Hall, 9:30-10:30 a.m.



Originally January Thaw, Winter Thaw is an adult religious and cultural education opportunity. This year we will be exploring religions and cultures through the lens of the classical elements.

Winter Thaw 2015 will be held on four Tuesdays: January 27 and February 3, 10 and 17, from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. at Tifereth Israel Synagogue. Participants can attend one session each evening of Winter Thaw. Information and registration for Winter Thaw is available online at dmarcunited.org/winterthaw. Student discounts are available. Child care will be available every night.

Winter Thaw 2015 is sponsored by the Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC), St. Joseph Educational Center, the Center for Social Ministry, the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines, and the Masjid An-Noor Muslim Community Organization.

Congregational Meeting



Annual Congregational Meeting:

Sunday January 25

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



Year-end Contribution Statements are now available for pick up at Volunteer Central in the Gathering Hall.

Upcoming Youth Events



Required National Youth Gathering meeting today at noon! 177 days until the Gathering! We will start preparing for our themes with lessons after our Pizza Lunch. We will discuss some of our travel plans and

brainstorm ideas for our tees and trade items. Parents, you will receive a letter with the remaining tentative meeting dates at this afternoon's meeting.

Winter Jam Concert Deadline – January 18 is the last day to R.S.V.P. to Eric Weber – ericjweber6@gmail.com

Grace will be sponsoring the High School Youth to go to the Winter Jam concert at Wells Fargo Arena on January 23rd .

- 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 can prepare for how many tickets to purchase
- Carpooling! We will car-pool from the church, leaving at 5:30pm. Doors and ticket sales open at 6:00 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:00



Mark your calendars for our third annual intergenerational pet event on February 8 at 9:30am in Grace Hall. If you have old jeans, t-shirts, sweatshirts, fleece, water bottles, and 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. All donations can be placed in the donation box in the Gathering Hall. Thank you! If you would like to help on Feb. 8 by overseeing a toy making table, games area, or meals on wheels area, please sign up at the Social Ministry booth in the Gathering Hall.

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 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.



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