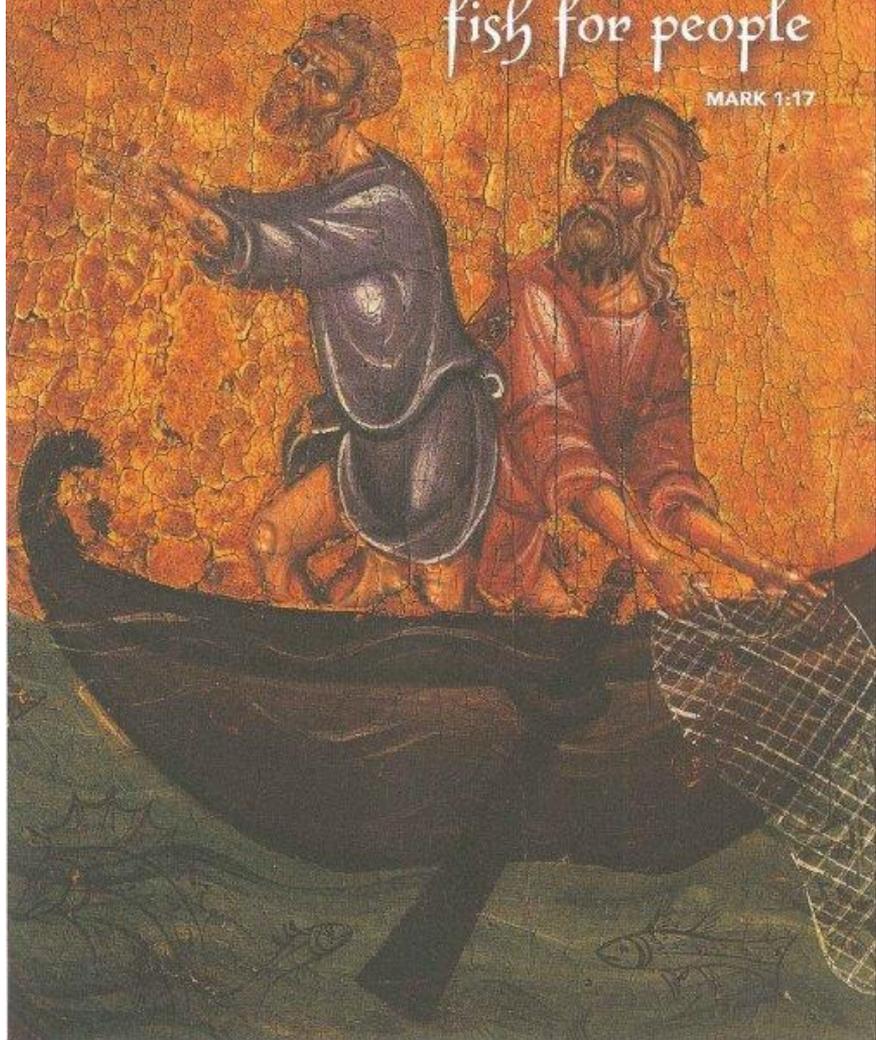


Follow me  
and I will make you  
fish for people

MARK 1:17



# **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 Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2015

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

**Prelude** “*Andante from “Fantasy”* by Mozart, arr. by Ellen Jane Lorenz

## **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 into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

**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**

“Rise Up, O Saints of God”

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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.**

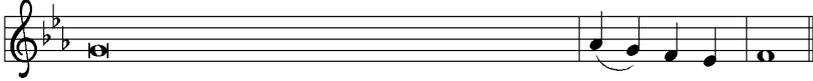
# Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



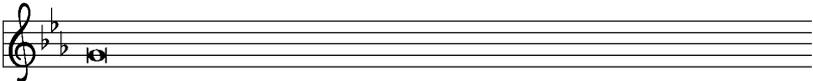
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



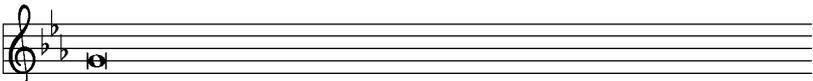
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**C: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **First Reading: Jonah 3:1–5, 10**

*The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"*

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you. <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L: the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**8:15 Anthem:**

*"Come Away"*  
*Chancel Choir*

by Ken Medema

### **Children's Sermon**

**Psalm 62:5–12**



God a - lone is my rock and my sal - va - tion.

<sup>5</sup>For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

<sup>6</sup>**God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

<sup>8</sup>**Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge. R**

<sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

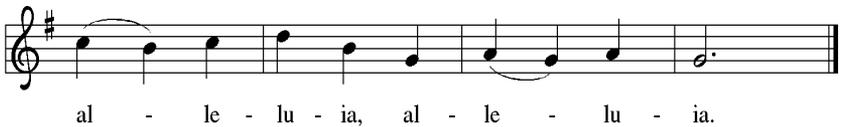
<sup>10</sup>**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

<sup>12</sup>**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds. R**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Gospel Acclamation**



*Repeat alleluia*



**Gospel Acclamation**

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

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

## **Gospel: Mark 1:14–20**

*Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.*

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news." <sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

Come to the Waters: Diving In

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn of the Day**

“Here I Am, Lord”

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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**

**The Offering**

**Offertory**

*“Andante con moto”*

by Mozart

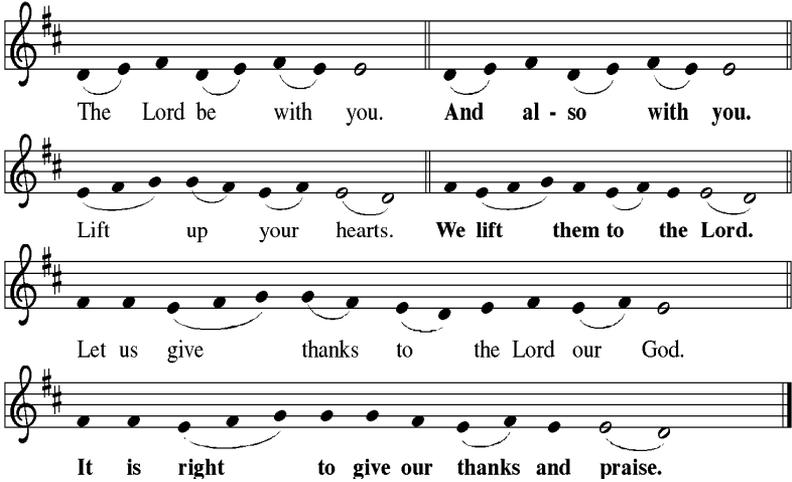
*Please stand as you are able*

**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.**

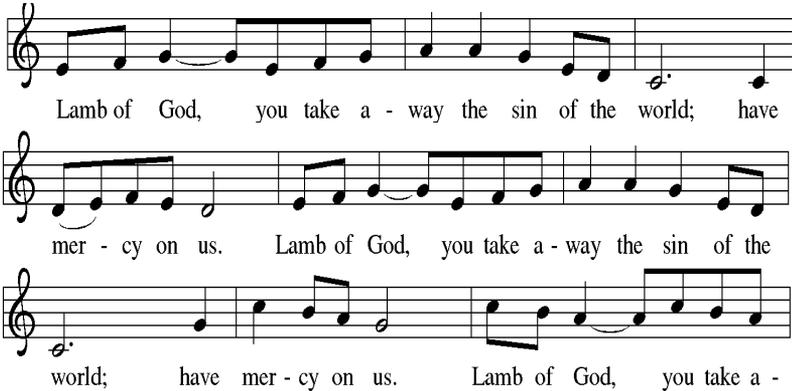
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

### 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 -



**Distribution Hymns:** 674, 522, 482

### **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:** "God, Whose Almighty Word"

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### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** "Solemn March" by Mozart, arr. by John Troutman

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## 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

**Church 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 Emma Ashton 10:45 Hannah Jensen, Laria Preston

**Liturgist** – 8:15 Paul Kallenbach 10:45 Alex Davik

**Lector** – 8:15 Carol Woodruff 10:45 Joanne Johnson

**Children's sermon** – Pastor Mike

**Communion servers** – 10:45 Barb Zimany, Kate Schaller, Stephanie Johnson, Bet Flannery

**Altar Guild** – Mindy Scholten and Gail Peterson

**Counters** – 8:15 Chuck Denton and Mike Carney

10:45 Mark Stumme and Bill Jensen

**Coffee** –

## Good Morning and Welcome to Grace! Announcements

**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.*



*Altar Flowers*

**Flowers on the altar** glorify God and are given by Joann Pierce in remembrance of her husband and in honor of family.

Quarters placed in the offering plate today and every fourth Sunday are for Msindo.



### **Happy Birthday to**

Helen Ballentine, Roy Mann Jr., Diane Jessen, Patricia Allen, Julia Beekman, Valerie Culp, Harry Honnold, Elaine Westvold, Charles Smith, James Kaleewoun, Normal Trentmann, Cherlyn Lewis, Nayeli Rodriguez, Maryena Petty-Lee

**Happy Anniversary to** Larry and Carmen Buell

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## **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. 25 – Lump**

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.

· **Feb 1** – All the News from Msindo & Mararo, Companion Congregation Committee

· **Feb 8** -- Intergenerational Pet Event, Social Ministry Committee



WINTER THAW 2015  
AN INTERFAITH AND CULTURAL LOOK AT THE CLASSICAL ELEMENTS

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](http://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.

### 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](mailto:cl.woodruff@mchsi.com), 971-5609, and mark Sunday, Feb. 15 on your calendar.

### Congregational Meeting



#### Annual Congregational Meeting:

Today, at noon

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





## Youth

**170 days until the Gathering!** We met for the first time last week to begin preparing; check out the bulletin board on the photo wall to see some of the artwork related to our lesson.



**Pet Event Sunday February 8, 9:30 a.m.  
Grace Hall.**

**Don't forget,** If you have old jeans, t-shirts, sweatshirts, fleece, water bottles, and long tube socks to donate, please bring them to the Gathering Hall donation box by **February 1.**

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.

Other food and pet supply donations will be received from now through the end of February in the Gathering Hall donation box. Thank You!

For your convenience, the current and updated calendar can be found online at [www.gracedm.org](http://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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