A religious painting of Jesus with a halo, gesturing with his hands. The background is dark green. The text is written in a gold, cursive font on the right side of the image.

*Jesus  
taught  
them as  
one having  
authority*

MARK 1:22

# **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 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2015

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

## **Prelude**

“Softly Jesus Calls Us”

by Rex Koury

*Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation*

## **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: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Most merciful 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.**

## **Hymn**

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

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## Greeting

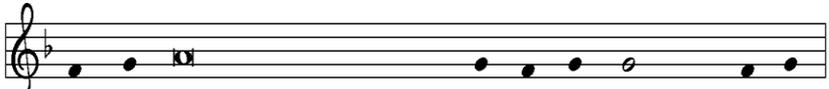
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

## Kyrie



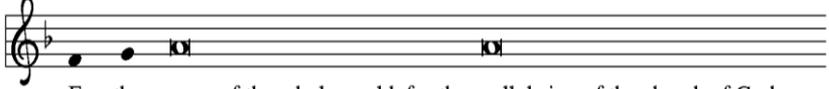
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



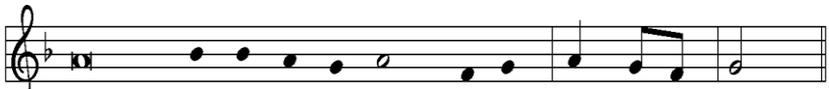
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



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



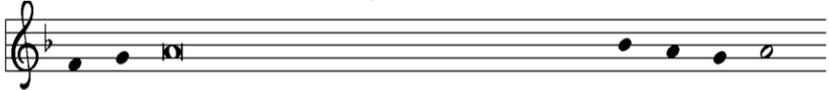
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



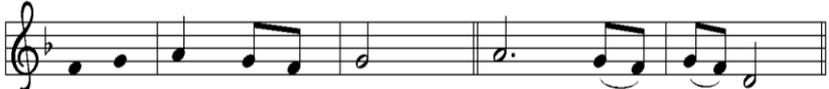
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



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

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

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: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen**

*Please be seated*

**Children's Sermon**

**Anthem**

"Lord Of The Dance"  
*Grace Bells*

by Vicki Smith

**Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15–20**

*Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.*

<sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak — that prophet shall die."

L: the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 111**



The fear of the LORD is the be - gin - ning of wis - dom.

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>**Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>**You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion. R**

<sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

<sup>6</sup>**You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup>**They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity. R**

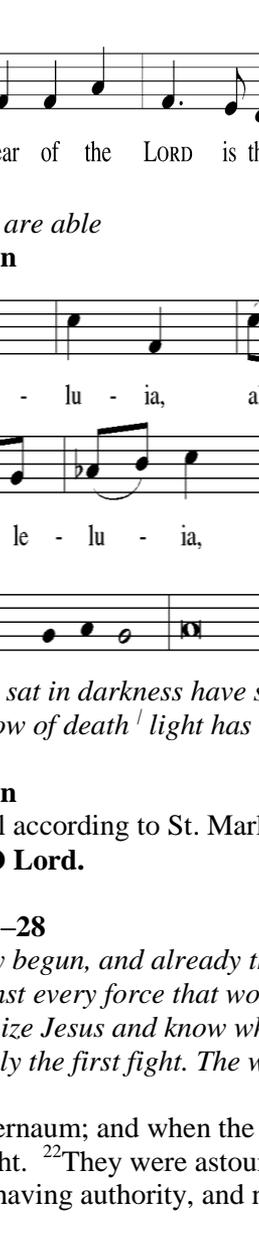
<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever. R

R:   
The fear of the LORD is the be - gin - ning of wis - dom.

*Please stand as you are able*

**Gospel Acclamation**

C:   
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

L: *The people who sat in darkness have seen<sup>1</sup> a great light; \* for those who sat in the shadow of death<sup>1</sup> light has dawned. (Matt. 4:16)*

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

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

**Gospel: Mark 1:21–28**

*The story has barely begun, and already the battle is joined. Jesus sides with humanity against every force that would bring death and disease. These forces recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. This, however, is only the first fight. The war will go on much longer.*

<sup>21</sup>They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then

there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**            Real World Discipleship: Starting

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn**            "Light Dawns on a Weary World"

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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

P: 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**      “Offertory on 'Bunessan”      by Edward Broughton

*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. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. 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 as 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

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. Welcome to the feast.

*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:** 777, 518, 616 (3x)

*Please stand as you are able*

**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.**

**Hymn**

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

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**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

“Fugue”

by Jean Francois Dandrieu



## 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 – Larry Nordeen, Dave Gronert, Bruce Bergmann, Len Ringgenberg

10:45 – Norm Trentmann, Jay Wangerin, Bill Jensen, Barb Burley

**Acolytes** – 8:15 Kyler and Kayleigh Medhurst 10:45 Ben Wonderlin

**Liturgist** – 8:15 Paul Kallenbach 10:45 Janet Habick

**Lector** – 8:15 Karen Taylor 10:45 Ro Zimany

**Children's sermon** – Carol Woodruff

**Communion servers** – 8:15 Jan Gross, Tim Nelson, Jenie Schmidt, Loree Nelson

**Altar Guild** – Diane Jessen, Cindy Peeler, Marion Nehmer

**Counters** – 8:15 Jon Rissman and Mike Carney

10:45 Chris Lawson and Alex Davik

**Coffee** – Karen Taylor

## Good Morning and Welcome to Grace! Announcements

**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  
Linda and Jim Rundle  
in love of their family.

Quarters placed in the offering plate today and every first  
Sunday are for Hunger .



### **Happy Birthday!**

Larry Cramer, Sophia Royster, Dick Johansen, Katy  
Roat, William Marberry, Jolene Wiegmann, Matt Farrell,  
Todd Ringgenberg, Andrew Trentmann, Karri  
Brandsfield, James Hoffman, Larry Nordeen.

## **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**

- **Feb 1** – All the News from Msindo & Mararo, Companion Congregation Committee
- **Feb 8** -- Intergenerational Pet Event, Social Ministry Committee  
*Food and pet supply donations will be received from now through the end of February in the Gathering Hall donation box. Thank You!*
- **Feb 15** – Lenten customs/Shrove Tuesday  
*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*



Are you interested in learning more about Grace Lutheran and our community? The next **New Member Class** will meet Sunday February 8 from 1-2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall with Pastor Mike.



### **Lions Club Collecting Eyeglasses**

Do you have old eyeglasses lying around unused? Grace members of the Lions Club have placed a collection box in the Gathering Hall.

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## **Planning Ahead!**



Grace Fellowship Meeting March 1 @ 5:00 PM

### **Fellowship Group**

### **Called Together in Mission (CTIM)**

Called Together in Mission is an annual event sponsored by the Southeastern Iowa Synod. It is a day long conference that brings inspiring speakers and informative workshops together for a day of renewal and connection for attendees. This year CTIM will be on Saturday, March 14 at First Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids, and the theme is “People of the Spirit.” Keynote speaker Dr. Troy Troftgruben, assistant professor at Wartburg Theological Seminary, will speak about what it means to be people of the Spirit – ignited and empowered people reclaiming Pentecost. Registration is \$20, and you may register at [www.seiasynod.org/ctim](http://www.seiasynod.org/ctim) by March 9. A list of workshops can be found at Volunteer Central. If you are planning to go, please contact Stephanie Johnson in the church office so that carpooling can be arranged among members if desired.

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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