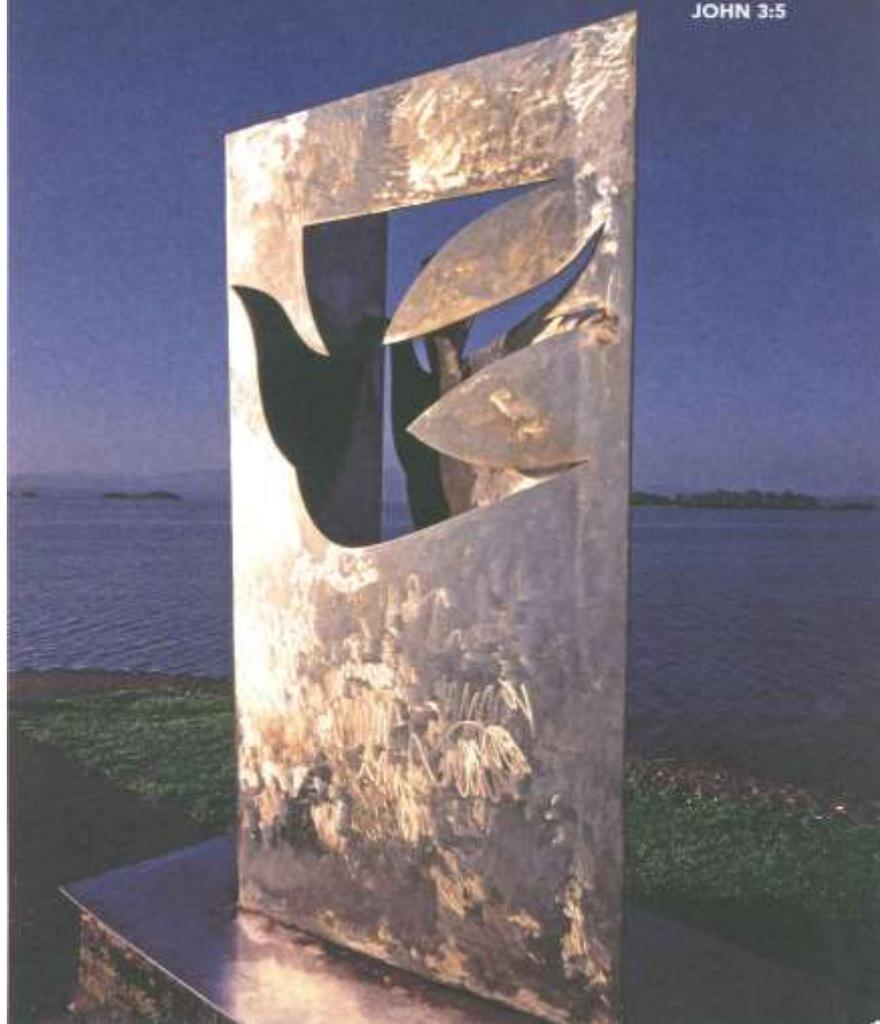


# Born of water and Spirit

JOHN 3:5



# **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 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 Holy Trinity

## First Sunday after Pentecost

May 31, 2015

9:45 a.m

### *Listen! God Is Calling!*      *An East African Worship Service*

(based upon Tanzanian hymns and hymn tunes)

**Prelude**      “Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty”  
arr. by Carol Tornquist

*Please stand as you are able*

### "Listen God is Calling!"

*Brightly*

*Neno lake Mungu (T.M. 112)*

Leader      Congregation  
Lis - ten   lis - ten   God is   call - ing through the Word in - vit - ing,

of - fer - ing for - give - ness,   com - fort and   joy.   joy.

Leader      Congregation  
Hear the in - vi - ta - tion,   sent forth to all.

Let us come and wor - ship;   an - swer God's call.

Leader      Congregation  
Lis - ten,   lis - ten,   God is   call - ing through the Word in - vit - ing,



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### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: God and Father of all,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. 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.**

### Gathering Hymn

“Come, All You People”

#819

### 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 (Prayerfully)*

*Mfurahini (T.M. 33)*



C. Hear us O Lord, have mer - cy on us.

L. For peace and sal - va - tion we pray to the Lord.

C. Hear us O Lord, have mer - cy on us.



For the whole world, for the one Church of God;



for Chris - tian u - ni - ty here and a - broad.

L. Help and de - fend us, com - fort and save.

C. Hear us O Lord, have mer - cy on us.

*Hymn of Praise (Joyfully)*

*Kule Mbinguni (T. M. 62 arr.)*

*Leader*

1. Praise God the Fa - ther; praise God the Son;

*Congregation*

2. On - ly be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther

3. Now let our voi - ces join as we sing;

with Ho - ly Spir - it all three in one.  
 you are the Sav - ior; there is no o - ther.  
 praise and thanks - giv - ing glad - ly we bring.

Refrain (All)  
 Lord now we praise you for your sal - va - tion,  
 your grace ex - tends to each land and na - tion.

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

**C: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Children's Sermon

*Please be seated*

#### **First Lesson: Romans 8:12–17**

*In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and sisters and brothers with Christ the Son.*

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — <sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

<sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The 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!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

*Please stand as you are able*

### Gospel Acclamation

Glo - ry to you, Lord, mas - ter and king;

Words of sal - va - tion you came to bring.

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

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

### Gospel: John 3:1–17

*Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Christ, who loved and for - gave;

P: con - quer - ing death, he rose from the grave.

*Please be seated*  
**Sermon**

**Apostles’ 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.**

**Blessing of Communion Chalices**

P: Sisters and brothers, today we give thanks to God and we seek God’s blessing as we set apart these chalices to the glory of God.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for you have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift; you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children; and you have invited us to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.

Send your blessing on these chalices, which we set apart today; may all who receive the bread of heaven and the cup of blessing be sustained by your grace and power.

To you, O God, be all glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

P: Hear us, O God,

C: Lord, Listen to your Children Praying

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line of lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

P: Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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**

**Rich Snyder**

## Litany for an Offering of Letters

P: In our baptism with Christ, you welcome your sons and daughters, assuring us that your loving kindness is without end,

C: God of welcome, we give you thanks.

P: For children in this wealthy nation, who are too often welcomed with stones rather than with daily bread,

**C: God of mercy, we repent and ask your forgiveness.**

P: From selfishness and greed that keep your abundance from being shared with all people in need,

**C: God of grace, free us from anxiety and fear.**

P: For the bounty of farms and orchards throughout our land,

**C: God of abundance, we give you thanks.**

P: For good government and civil society, for wise and just leaders,

**C: God of all power, may your will be done on earth.**

P: For parents who struggle to make a living and provide for their children,

**C: God of strength, grant them courage and patience.**

P: For teachers and administrators who help children learn in the face of so many challenges,

**C: God of wisdom, we give thanks for their dedication and service.**

P: That we may challenge our nation's leaders to see that all children receive the food they need to grow and learn,

**C: God of courage, give us bold and persistent voices.**

P: That, freed by Christ, we may spend our days freeing others from want and need,

**C: God of love, grant us joy and hope in serving our neighbors.**

P: We offer these petitions, trusting that Jesus, the Bread of Life, is among us as we boldly pray.

**C: Amen**

**The Offering**

**Offertory**

“Morning Prayer”

by Tchaikovsky

1. Thanks be to God who gives us all things:  
2. With grate - feul hearts our gifts we now bring;  
3. Come to his ta - ble now and re - ceive,

Health peace and har - vests from the good land:  
All that we have has come from a - bove.  
Where bread is bro - ken and the wine poured,

All that we "own" we have but re - ceived  
With thank - ful voic - es let us now sing  
Sal - va - tion now for all who be - lieve

From God's own hand.  
Of God's great love.  
In Christ our Lord.

*Please stand as you are able*

### Offering Prayer

P: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### Words of Institution

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

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Welcome to the feast.

*Please be seated*

### The Distribution

*"Jesus, O Lamb of God" is a haunting tune that comes from a traditional Maasai cry for help.*

*Prayerfully (free meter)*

*Engoipapayai Enanu (T.M.26)*

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in treble clef. The melody is simple and haunting, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves form the first line of the text, and the last two staves form the second line. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, O Lamb of God, who takes a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us." The melody is repeated for the second line of the text.

Je - sus, O Lamb of God, who takes a - way the  
sin of the world, grant us your peace.

*Please stand as you are able*

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

**Sending of Communion**

P: Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

*Joyfully*

*Kwa Neema na Pendo (T.M.64)*

1. Lord, send your ser - vants in peace.  
2. God's sav - ing work has been shown:  
Ac - cord - ing to your good word.  
A light all na - tions may see.  
Your pro - mise now is com - plete:  
To Is - rael glo - ry has come;

Sal - va - tion for the whole world.  
 God's peo - ple now are set free!

Refrain

So thank the Lord for such love - Give Thanks!

Tell ev' - ry - one what he's done.

Re - joice and car - ry his name - Go Forth!

That all may wor - ship the Son.

**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**

“Oh, Sing to the Lord”

#822

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

“Sing Rejoice”

by Edward Broughton

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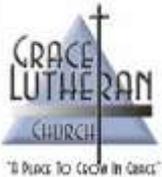
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