



Whoever **WELCOMES** one such child
IN MY NAME welcomes me.

Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

Welcome to Worship

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2015

10:45 a.m.

Welcome! *If this is your first time worshipping at Grace Lutheran, the Visitor Center in the Gathering Hall (right outside the Sanctuary) has information for you about our congregation. Please sign the guest book, ask questions, say hello! We invite you join us for coffee, tea, and donuts in Grace Hall between services. The greeters, ushers, or announcement sheet will happily fill you in on education hour offerings, Sunday school, and the teen hangout.*

If you are interested in finding out more about membership at Grace, please contact Pastor Mike at Mike@gracedm.org, 515-276-6873. The next membership meeting will be on Sunday afternoon, October 11, from 1-2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall with Pastor Mike.

We worship together in many ways: Standing, sitting, singing, speaking, listening. You are invited to worship in as many (or few) ways as you are comfortable and able.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.
*Please sign the **Attendance Registration** sheets which are found in each pew.*

Children belong and are welcome in worship! *Children's bulletins are available from the ushers, and activity bags are available outside the doors to the sanctuary. If your children become restless, the service is broadcast in the Gathering Hall so you may still watch and participate together. **The nursery is available for newborns to age 3 and is staffed by Grace Kids Care staff members.***

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.*

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 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.

Prelude “The Power of Your Love” by Carol Tornquist

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose name is majestic in all the earth, who rescues and heals in every time of trouble, who does all things well.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Steadfast and saving God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess to you all the ways we turn from you and harm one another. In your compassion, forgive our sins and heal our hurts. Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness, the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking, the sheaves of wisdom and justice; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” #707

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.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" ²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Children's Sermon

Presentation of Bibles

Kindergarteners: Finnegan Holst, Piper Hutton, Zara Preston.

Third Grade: Catherine Lewis

Sixth Grade: Drake Carney, Ivy Lawson, Gumarito Marquez

High School Youth

“Make a Difference”

Rachel Kurtz

Devin Ashton, Courtney Brandsfield, Sierra Carney, Adam Dostalík,

Haley Dostalík, Emma Mattes, Kyler Medhurst, Sawyer Shiffler, Sarah

Voelker

Psalm 54

1 Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

2 **Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

3 For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

4 **Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 **I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Acclamation

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?"³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day "Take My Life That I May Be"

#685

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: Hear us, O God

C:

The image shows a musical score for a piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble and bass clef, with a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we". The second system continues the music and lyrics: "pry. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we pray." The score includes various musical notations such as chords, eighth notes, and rests.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your 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

The Offering

Offertory

“As The Deer”

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

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 by 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,

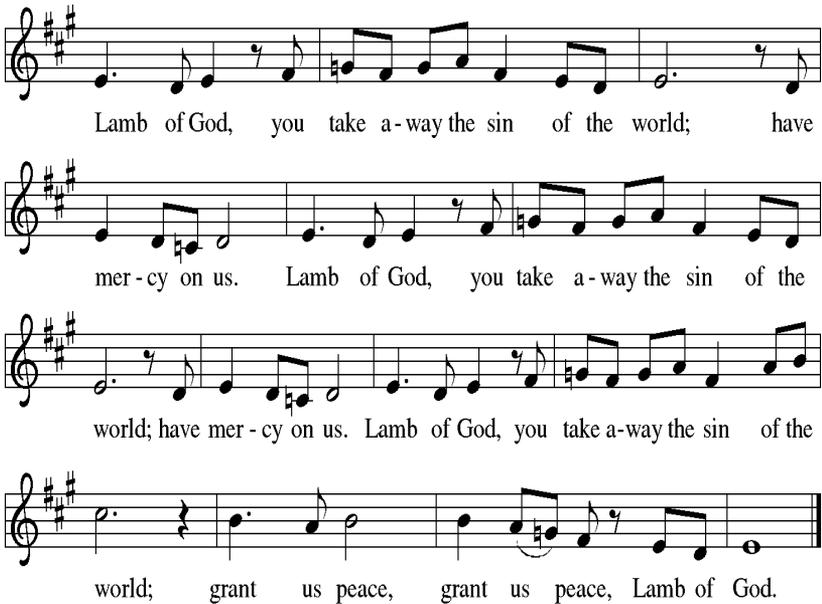
and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

Invitation to Communion

P: God gives food to those who hunger. Come, be fed, be healed.

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, Lamb of God.

Distribution Hymns: 482, 484, 496

Prayer after Communion

P: We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers who are homebound. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who share in this meal and receive your words of new life. Strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant 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: “O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

#818

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Blessed Be Your Name”

by Carol Tornquist

Welcome to Grace!

Ministers – The People of God

Pastor – The Rev. Michael Schmidt

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