

## **Grace Lutheran Church**

*Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania*

### **Welcome to Worship!**

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 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 to 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 is this 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.*

**Prelude**      “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”    by Mark Hayes

**Welcome**

*Please stand as you are able*

**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 come before God, seeking forgiveness and life.

*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**

“As Saints of Old”

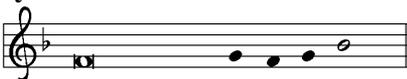
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**Greeting**

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.**

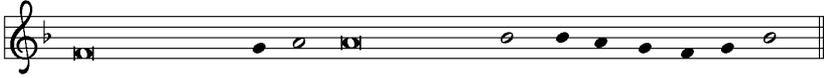
**Kyrie**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



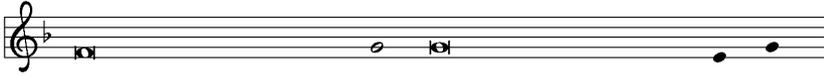
Lord, have mer - cy.



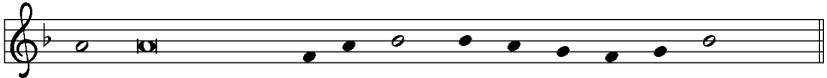
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



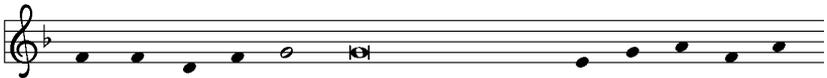
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



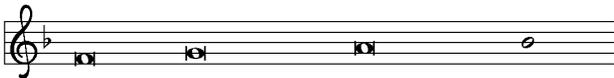
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

# Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right



hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace  
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -  
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

*Final refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est.  
A - men, a - men.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

### Prayer of the Day

**C:** Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated*

### Commissioning of Youth and Family Ministry

P: Dear friends: United with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are joined in God's mission

for the life of the world. We are called to that mission in our daily lives and in the ministries we share as the church of God.

Today it is our privilege to recognize and support those who are engaged in the work of this congregation, especially those in the ministry of Youth and Family.

Sisters and brothers, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, as you carry out the ministry of Youth and Family in this congregation?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these your sisters and brothers in their service, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**C: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P: Will you receive Ellen Rothweiler into this ministry as Developer of Youth and Family Ministry, one sent to serve in the church of Jesus Christ?

**C: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P: Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**C: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P: Let us pray.

O God of wisdom, in your goodness you provide leaders for your church. Bless those who serve in Youth and Family Ministry. Help us all to study your word and engage your world, that together we may grow in knowledge and love, pursue what is good, and seek to do your will; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

*Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.*

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. <sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! <sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L: the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Chancel Choir**

“I Will Follow”

by Douglas E. Wagner

**Children’s Sermon**

**Psalm 90:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.**

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup>**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

<sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup>**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**



## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel Acclamation

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

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

### Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

*Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.*

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' "

<sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth."

<sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. <sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold

now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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** “We Come to the Hungry Feast”

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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: Hear us, O God

**C: (sung response found at the top of page 11)**

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we  
 pray. Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.

P: Gather these concerns and all who are in need into your abundant care, O God, remembering your promise of mercy, 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.**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all,

**C: And also with you!**

*Please be seated*

**Announcements**

**Stewardship videos**

**The Offering**

**Offertory**

“In Christ Alone”

by Larry Shackley

*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**

## **Litany of Thanksgiving and Dedication of Lutheran World Relief Kits and Quilts**

P: In 2 Corinthians 9:8 we read, " And God is able to make all **grace** abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." and 1 Peter 4:10 tells us, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied **grace**." Let us pray together.

P: Generous God of Grace, to you we lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for the many blessings of **grace** you have given us.

**C: We respond to your grace by offering these gifts of kits and quilts to provide comfort and dignity to our brothers and sisters in need around the world.**

P: God of Mercy, you have made us aware of the needs of your children living in poverty, hunger, conflict, and devastation.

**C: Bless those who receive these gifts, that they may find your grace as they move along the path towards hope and peace.**

P: God of Justice, through your Holy Spirit, guide the work of Lutheran World Relief, its partners, and our churches as we work together for sustainable development in needy communities.

**C: Continue to energize us to be your hands at work in the world.**

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

*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:** 793, 807, 461

### 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:** "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

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**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

"Earth and All Stars" by Anne Marie David

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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

**Developer of Youth and Family Ministry** – Ellen Rothweiler

**Organist** - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

**Grace Kids Care Director** - Heather Nelson

**Church Administrator** - Jacquelyn Holmes

**Director of Communications** - Michelle Voelker

**Custodian** – Todd Haugen

**Ushers** – Jay Wangerin, Aaron Brandsfield

**Acolytes** – Sam Speck, Ivy Lawson

**Liturgist** – Alex Davik

**Lector** – Alex Davik

**Children's sermon** – Carol Woodruff

**Communion Assistants** – Kathleen Uehling, Susanne Carney,

McKenzie Carney, Jenie Schmidt

**Altar Guild** – Barb Zimany, Loree Nelson

**Counters** – Bill Jensen and Tom McCleary

**Coffee** –



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