

## **Grace Lutheran Church**

*Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania*

## **Welcome to Worship!**

All Saints Sunday  
November 1, 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](mailto:Mike@gracedm.org), 515-276-6873.*

*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.*

**Welcome**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Thanksgiving For Baptism**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Remembrance of All Saints**

P: Let us remember all the saints before God. We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of your Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion.

P: Christ says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,

**C: And you will find rest for your souls.**

P: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

**C: And you will find rest for your souls. Amen.**

## 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

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.  
mer-cy. A-men.

## Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel-e-bra-tion, all of cre-a-tion  
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;  
praise and glo-ry for-ev-er-more!  
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has  
freed and u-nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*  
2 Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon-or and  
glo-ry to Christ for-ev-er. *Refrain*  
3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of  
God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

## **Prayer of the Day**

**C: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Chancel Choir:** "I Have Felt the Hand of God" by Craig Courtney

## **First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9**

*Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when the Lord will gather all God's people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet the Lord will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.*

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Liturgical dance:** "I Can Only Imagine" by Mercy Me  
*Dancers: Courtney Brandsfield, Emma Mattes, Kayleigh Medhurst*

*This dance uses sign language and interpretive dance movements to express the meaning and feeling of the song on this All Saints Day. May it enrich your worship experience.*

## Psalm 24

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup>**For the LORD has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. R**

<sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD, and who may stand in God's holy place?

<sup>4</sup>**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

<sup>6</sup>**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. R**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever-lasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup>**Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever-lasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>10</sup>**Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory. R**

*Please stand as you are able*

### Gospel Acclamation

#### *Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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### Gospel Acclamation

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

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

### Gospel: John 11:32-44

*Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.*

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

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** “Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

#886

**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:

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line with the lyrics: "Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we". The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand. The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics: "pray. Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray." The piano accompaniment continues with similar chords and bass line, ending with a final chord in the right hand and a whole note in the left hand.

P: We pause to lift up all the saints of Grace Lutheran Church and especially those who...

*entered the Church Triumphant through death:* Carlyle Peterson, Ruth Berven, Helen Ballentine, Robert Sauerman, Elayne Palmer, Alice Nelson, Evelyn Knudsen, Diane Jessen, Dick Sampel

*who were made saints in Holy Baptism:* Kylan Appenzeller, Caden Mendez, Evan Justice, Isaac Justice, Viola Welty, Arbor Calahan

*who affirmed their Baptism:* Robert Briggs, Sierra Carney, Anthony Garcia, Hannah Jensen, Yaritza Marquez, Kyler Medhurst, Sage Speck, Sarah Voelker. Benjamin Wonderlin

P: Into your care, Gracious God, we entrust all for whom we pray. Be with us now and always, through Jesus 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**

“Be Still, My Soul”

by Lee Evans

*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**

### **Dedication of the Speaker System**

P: Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we dedicate this speaker system to the praise and glory of God.

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, as we dedicate this speaker system to your glory and praise.

As this system amplifies the words that we are given, allow it also to amplify your Word in us. As we give thanks for the clarity of sound in worship, we also pray that your blessings be on the families who contributed in memory of loved ones. We ask all of this through your

Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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 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: Goodness is stronger than evil. Life is stronger than death. Taste the goodness and life of God.

*Please be seated*

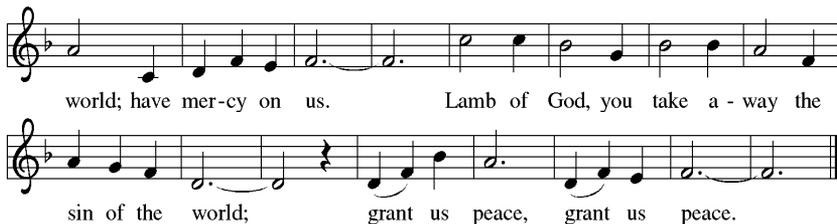
### **Lamb of God**



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



**Distribution Hymns:** 423, 482, 484

*Please stand as you are able*

### **Prayer after Communion**

P: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. You took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. 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 feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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:** "It Is Well with My Soul" #785

### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** "In the Sweet By and By" by Lee Evans



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## Welcome to Grace!

**Ministers** – The People of God

**Pastor** – The Rev. Michael Schmidt

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**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, Mike Carney, Rick Fry, Gary Nelson

**Acolytes** –

**Liturgist** – Janet Habick

**Lector** – Ro Zimany

**Communion Assistants** – Barb Zimany, Eric Weber, Lori Fry,  
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**Counters** – Chuck and Jon

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