



Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

Welcome to Worship

Tanzanian Sunday

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 31, 2016 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.

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.

Listen! God Is Calling! *An East African Worship Service*
 (based upon Tanzanian hymns and hymn tunes)

Prelude "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High" by Mark Hayes

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,

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

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Mighty and loving God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. 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 "O Master, Let Me Walk with You" #818

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)



L. Let us now pray in peace to the Lord.



C. Hear us O Lord, have mercy 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,

reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 71:1-6

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

²**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

⁴**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from of the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

⁵For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, my confidence since I was young.

⁶**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**

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. Luke, the fourth Chapter

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

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

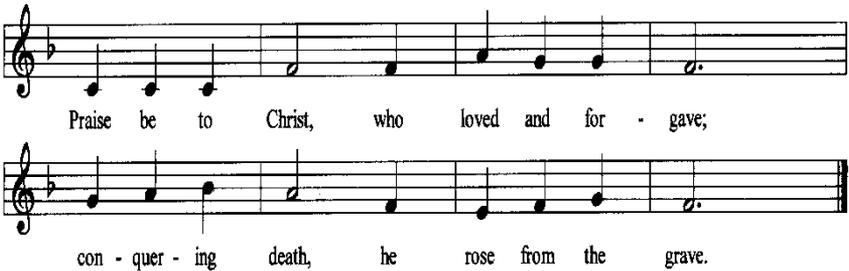
People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human

boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



Praise be to Christ, who loved and for - gave;
con - quer - ing death, he rose from the grave.

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn

“All Are Welcome”

#641

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.**

Prayers of the People

P: Hear us, O God,

C: Lord, Listen to your Children Praying

(sung response can be found at the top of page 8)

The musical score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system has the vocal line: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;" and the piano accompaniment. The second system has the vocal line: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace." and the piano accompaniment.

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

Passing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you!

Please be seated

Announcements

Walk for Water Temple Talk 6th and 7th grade confirmation students

The Offering

Offertory "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" by Richard Huggins

Ahimidiwe Mwamba Wangu (T.M.72)



1. Thanks be to God who gives us all things:
 2. With grate - ful 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: 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.

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

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

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)





sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

Je - sus, O Lamb of God, who takes a - way the

sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

Je - sus, O Lamb of God, who takes a - way the

sin of the world, grant us your peace.

Distribution Hymns: 779, 793, 807

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

P: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

Joyfully

Kwa Neema na Pendo (T.M.64)

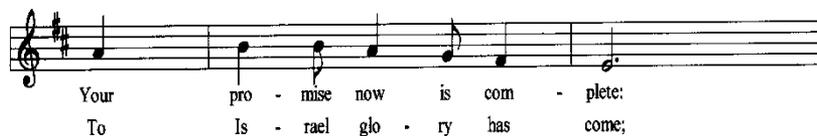


1. Lord, send your ser - vants in peace.

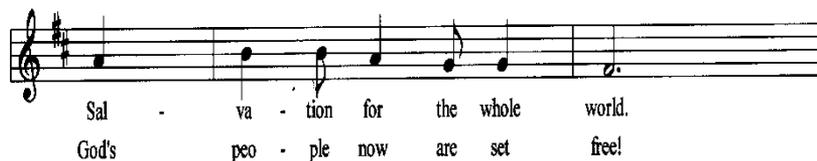
2. God's sav - ing work has been shown:



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

“My Lord of Light”

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“He Has Made Me Glad” by Carol Tornquist

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Welcome to Grace!

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