



# **Grace Lutheran Church**

*Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania*

## **Welcome to Worship**

### **Maundy Thursday**

March 24, 2016

1:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

**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!*** *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! 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.*

***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

*Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation*

1:00 “Love Consecrates the Humblest Act” arr. by Burkhardt  
“Come Sweet Death” Bach, arr. by Held

6:30 “In Paradisium” by Theodore Dubois,  
arr. by Allanson G. Y. Brown

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another. It is this faith that moves us to sing:

## Gathering Hymn:

### Love Consecrates the Humblest Act



1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and ha - loes mer - cy's deeds;  
2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet  
3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true



it sheds a ben - e - dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.  
of his dis - ci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com - plete.  
has free - ly done for one and all. let us now glad - ly do!

Text: Silas B. McManus, 1845–1917

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH and Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loves us and makes us alive with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

*We are a “singing church,” so we follow the advice of the apostle Paul to teach and admonish “one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord” (Colossians 3:16).*

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.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray,

**C: Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

### **Reading Notes**

*Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.*

*Please be seated*

### **First Reading: Exodus 12:1–4, 11–14**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**6:30 Chancel Choir** “O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done”

by Howard Helvey

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

*Please stand as you are able*

### Gospel Acclamation



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

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

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

### Gospel: John 13:1–17, 31b–35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to

### Reading Notes:

*In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in the meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.*

### Gospel

*The Gospel Lesson is a selection from the accounts of the life of our Lord recorded by the four evangelists, St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John. Because Christ is with us in the Gospel reading, we stand to honor his presence. We also sing short verses before and after the reading of the Gospel.*

## **Gospel Notes**

*The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.*

wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. <sup>31b</sup>Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated*

**Homily**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn of the Day** "Bread of Life From Heaven" #474

## 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.**

## The Prayers

P: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Receive, O loving God, our prayers, and grant that we and all people may know the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: 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.

**Creed** *The Creed is our response to God's speaking to us. Martyrs and saints have been confessing this creed since 325 A.D. The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" which means, "I believe!"*

## **Prayers of the People**

*This prayer in the service follows the directive of the Apostle Paul to young Timothy, a pastor: "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for Kings and all those in authority, that we may live in peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."*

**Communion  
Instructions**

**1:00 p.m.**

**We will receive by  
intinction:**

*Receive the host (wafer). Dip the host into the chalice (cup) to receive wine (red) or grape juice (clear); depart by the side aisle. Gluten free wafers and a separate glass chalice are available by request on the pulpit side (left when facing altar).*

**6:30 p.m.**

**We will receive by  
pouring chalice:**

*Receive a cup. Receive and eat the bread. Proceed to the wine or grape juice. Communion bread is gluten free.*

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.

P: When we eat this bread, and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**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: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Come to Christ, broken and poured out for you. Where charity and love abide, there is God. Rejoice in this holy communion.

*Please be seated*

**Distribution Hymns: 518, 522, 472(3x)**

*Please stand as you are able*

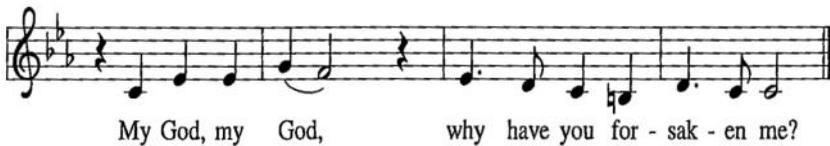
**Prayer After Communion**

P: Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Stripping of the Altar



### Psalm 22

**R** <sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup>My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>Our ancestors put their trust in you, they trusted, and you rescued them.

<sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>But as for me, I am a worm and not human, scorned by all and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

<sup>8</sup>"Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver; let God rescue him if God so delights in him." **R**

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb, and kept me safe on my mother's breast.

<sup>10</sup>I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

<sup>12</sup>Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

<sup>13</sup>They open wide their jaws at me, like a slashing and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax.

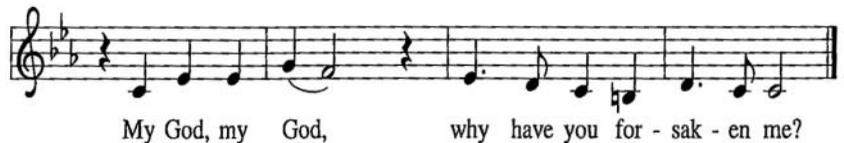
<sup>15</sup>My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup>Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me; they pierce my hands and my feet. **R**

<sup>17</sup>I can count <sup>1</sup>all my bones while they stare at me and gloat.

<sup>18</sup>They divide my garments among them; for my clothing, they cast lots.

- <sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.
- <sup>20</sup>Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.
- <sup>21</sup>Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.
- <sup>22</sup>I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you. **R**
- <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.
- <sup>24</sup>For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.
- <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- <sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever! **R**
- <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- <sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.
- <sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.
- <sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
- <sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!" **R**



***Following the Psalm, you are asked to leave the sanctuary in silence.  
You are welcome to remain for silent prayer.***

*You may leave your offering in the plates in the back.*

**Worship continues** on Good Friday at 1:00 and 6:30 p.m.

**Prayer Vigil** – There will be an Open Prayer Vigil on Saturday, March 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**EASTER SUNDAY**

6:30 a.m. – Holy Communion

7:00 – 10:30 a.m. – Easter Breakfast

8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. – Children’s Easter Activities

10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion

## Welcome to Grace!

**Ministers** —the people of Grace

**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** - 1:00 p.m. Rich Snyder

6:30 p.m. Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

**Grace Kids Care Director** - Heather Nelson

**Church Administrator** - Jacquelyn Holmes

**Director of Communications** - Michelle Voelker

**Custodian** – Todd Haugen

**Ushers** – 1:00 Kevin Krause, 6:30 Jay Wangerin

**Acolytes** – 6:30 p.m. Emma Ashton

**Lector** – 1:00 Stephanie Johnson, 6:30 Karen Taylor

**Communion Servers**— 1:00 Altar Guild

6:30 Doug Johnson, Karen Taylor, Stephanie Johnson, Carol Woodruff

**Altar Guild** – 1:00 Marion Nehmer, Gail Peterson

6:30 Sue Anderson, Barb Zimany, Rita Stackhouse

**Counters** – Chris Lawson and Tom McCleary

**Refreshments after 1:00 p.m.:** Lydia Circle



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