



## **Grace Lutheran Church**

*Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania*

### **Welcome to Worship!**

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 21, 2016      9:45 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 the Gathering Hall between services.*

*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 New Member class will be held this morning, Sunday August 21. 11:00 a.m. in the Gathering Hall.*

*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. **When following along in the bulletin, the congregation is invited to read the bolded items (often marked with a C:) aloud.***

***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.*





1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

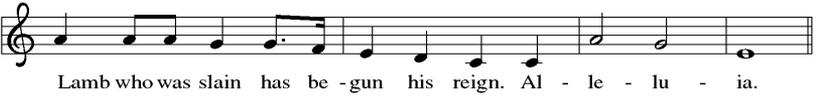


let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**Canticle of Praise**



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.



**because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14**

*The Lord promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.*

<sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. <sup>13</sup>If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; <sup>14</sup>then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Voluntary**

"One Room"

*Denny Rehder*

"The day will come when we will stand together in one room . . . white, black, African, American, Christian, Muslim . . . all of us in that one room."

*Pastor Ombeni Mmbaga*

**Blessing of Backpacks**

**Psalm 103: 1-8**

*You are invited to read the bolded lines responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God’s benefits—**  
<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;  
<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast**  
**love and mercy;**  
<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is  
renewed like an eagle’s.  
<sup>6</sup>**O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are**  
**oppressed.**  
<sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of  
Israel.  
<sup>8</sup>**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and**  
**abounding in steadfast love.**

*Please stand as you are able*

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

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

**Gospel: Luke 13:10-17**

*Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.*

<sup>10</sup>Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.  
<sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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 You For Healing, Lord”

#617

**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:

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; 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**

“How Firm A Foundation” by Anne M. David

*Please stand as you are able*

### **Offering Prayer**

P: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**C: Amen**

### **Thanksgiving at the Table**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed...

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: Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the feast.

*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



**Distribution Hymns:** 674, 777, 471

*Please stand as you are able*

### **Prayer after Communion**

P: O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are homebound. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

### **Blessing of Vocation**

P: Let us pray to the Lord of all creation, from whom comes life and work and purpose. Almighty God, when you formed us lovingly out of the dust of the earth, you breathed into us the breath of life and gave us work and purpose for living.

P: For those who tend the sick and those who seek new cures; for doctors and nurses, for scientists and technicians; for those who keep notes and those who transcribe:

**C: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

P: For those who think and those who create; for inventors and explorers, for artists and musicians; for those who write books and those who entertain:

**C: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

P: For those who work in offices and those who work in warehouses; for secretaries and receptionists, for stockers and bookkeepers; for those who market products and for those who move them:

**C: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

P: For those who inspire our minds and those who motivate us; for teachers and ministers, for public servants and religious servants; those who help the poor and those who work with our children:

**C: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

P: For those who are raising children and those who hope to have that responsibility. For Parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, siblings and cousins.

**C: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

P: For those whose labor is tidiness and cleanliness; for janitors and sanitary workers, for drycleaners and maids; for those who produce cleaning products and those who use them:

**C: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

P: For those who plow the field and those who make the plow; for farmers and farm workers, for steelworkers and machinists; for those who work with their hands and those who move the earth:

**C: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

P: For those who are retired from work. For those who are on leave from work, for those who are volunteers in a variety of settings.

**C: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

P: For those areas of work not yet listed, but that we raise before you now... and for all other vocations whether paid or unpaid.

**C: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

P: Look kindly upon the unemployed and the disabled.

**C: Give health to the sick, hope to the bereaved.**

P: You bless us all with skills and gifts for ministry in your world.

**C: You provide us opportunities to use them, for the benefit of others as well as ourselves.**

P: Guard and protect those who are part of your world.

**C: Bless the work of our hands, O Lord.**

P: Keep us from laboring only for greed.

**C: Make us loving and responsible in all that we do.**

P: Creator Lord, you are the source of all wisdom and purpose, you are the blessing of those who labor. Be with us in our labor to guide and govern our world. Give all women and men purpose and meaning so that their actions enhance human dignity and bond us to one another. Give us pride in our actions, a fair return for our labor, and joy in knowing that all that we do finds its source in you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

**Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you... in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” #620  
*Vs 1-4*

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** “Love Lifted Me” by Carol Tornquist

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## Welcome to Grace!

**Ministers** – The People of God

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**Communion Servers** –

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