

**JESUS TOOK BREAD,
BLESSED AND BROKE IT,
AND GAVE IT TO THEM**

Welcome to Worship
Tanzanian Sunday
Sacrament of First Communion
The Third Sunday of Easter

Grace Lutheran Church
Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania
April 30, 2017 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 New Member Class will be May 7 class at 1:00 p.m. with receiving of new members in worship on May 21st:

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 items in bold (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.

Listen! God Is Calling!

An East African Worship Service
(based upon Tanzanian hymns and hymn tunes)

Prelude "Here I Am To Worship" by Carol Tornquist

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.

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Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Loving God,

C: we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God... in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“This is the Spirit's Entry Now”

#448

Passing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you!

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

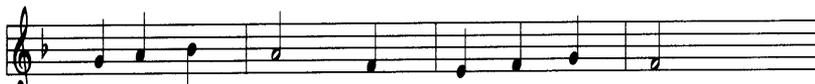
C: And also with you.

Kyrie (Prayerfully)

Mfarahini (T.M. 33)



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



C. Hear us O Lord, have mer - cy on us.



L. For peace and sal - va - tion we pray to the Lord.



C. Hear us O Lord, have mer - cy on us.



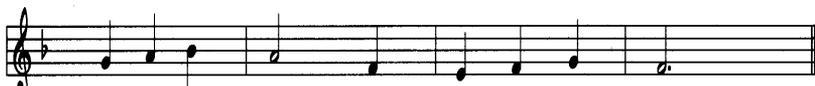
For the whole world, for the one Church of God;



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,



your grace ex - tends to each land and na - tion.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

C: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.”

⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

You are invited to read the lines in bold responsively.

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

¹²How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³**I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

¹⁵**Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,

¹⁹**in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

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 Twenty-fourth Chapter

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

Luke 24:13-35

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Center us in Worship

Please stand as you are able

Hymn

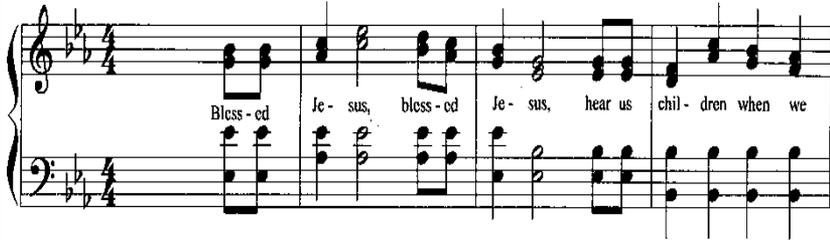
“Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether”

#470

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy.

C:



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: Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, 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.

Please be seated

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

by Bill Wolaver

Please stand as you are able

Offering Prayer

P: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

Words of Institution

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

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven.
Hallelujah!

Please be seated

First Communion

This morning, the following students are receiving their First Communion. Please remember them in your prayers:

Ava Lund

Victoria Meillier

Carleigh Ridnour

Allison Olson Schmidt

Alex Shepard

Andrew Shepard

Drake Wade

Maycia Welty

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)

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, 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: 472(3x), 474, 479, 515

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Bless those who share this sacrament with our brothers and sisters in their homes. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen 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.

Hymn

“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

#543

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Faith is the Victory”

by Melody Bober

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