

## **Grace Lutheran Church**

*Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania*

### **Welcome to Worship**

**All Saints Sunday**

November 5, 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.

There will be a New Member Class today, Sunday, November 5, at 1:00 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. The Class will be led by Pastor Mike. 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. **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.

**Prelude**

“Shall We Gather At the River?”

Joel Raney

*Please stand as you are able*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

**C: Amen.**

P: One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: O God, our merciful redeemer,

**C: we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor’s face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

“For All the Saints”

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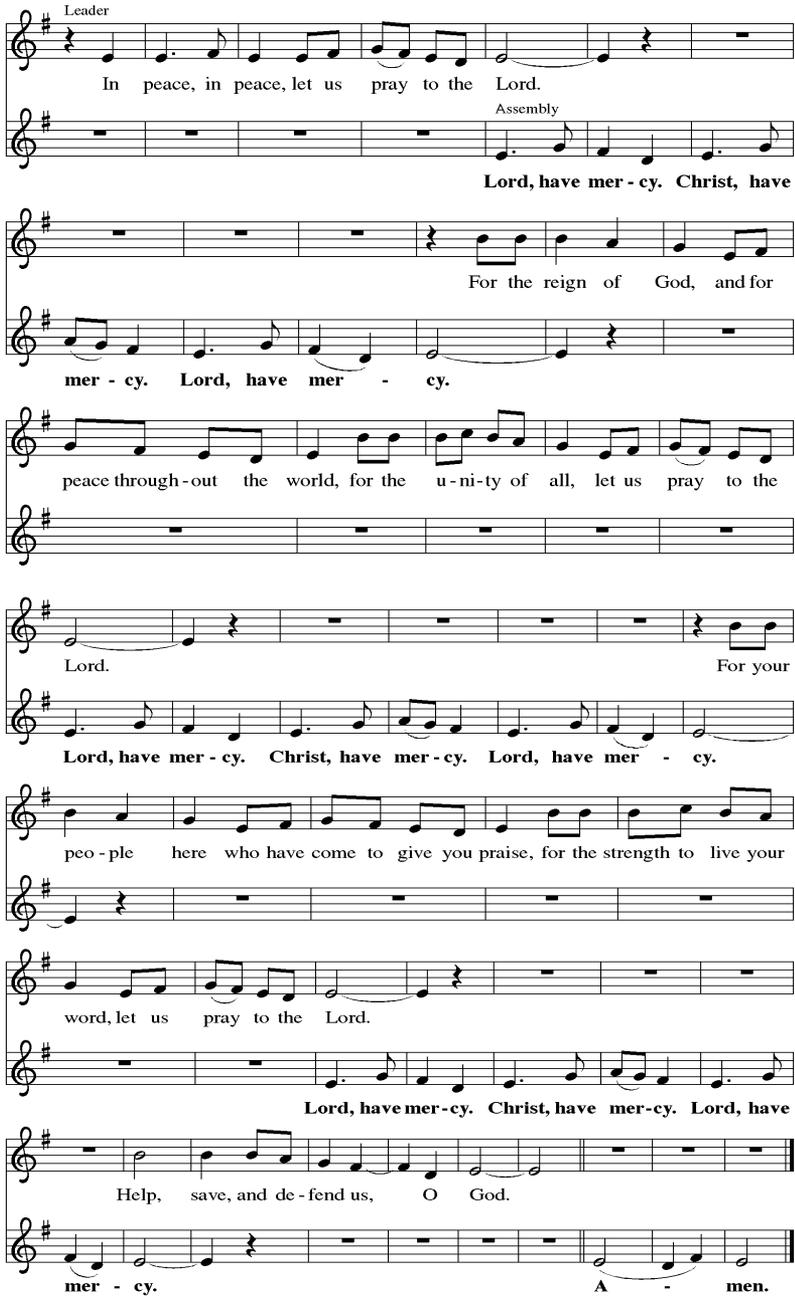
vss. 1-6

**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

P: Let us pray,

**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*

**Reading** Revelation 7:9-17

*The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading provides a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer responds to the faithful with the assurance of God's protection and a vision of eventual victory.*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

**Anthem**

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

Dale Wood

*Chancel Choir*

**Psalm** 34:1-10, 22

*You are invited to read the lines in bold responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>**I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God’s name together.

<sup>4</sup>**I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**

<sup>9</sup>Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**

<sup>22</sup>O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

*Please stand as you are able*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

### *Celtic Alleluia*



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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is a simple, rhythmic tune with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllable placement. The second staff is identical to the first.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the Fifth Chapter.

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

### **Gospel Matthew 5:1-12**

*In the beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.*

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord  
C: Praise to you, O Christ

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

“Prayer Matters”

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn of the Day**

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

#781

**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.**

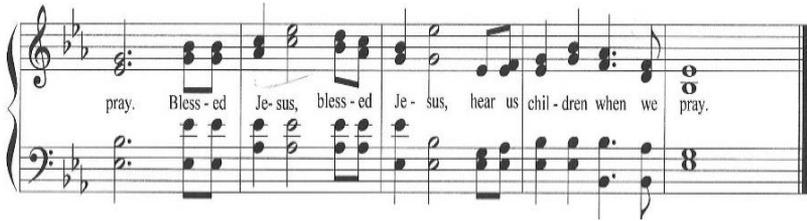
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

L: Lord, in your mercy

C:

Musical notation for the prayer. The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we



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

***entered the Church Triumphant through death:*** Jacquelyn Holmes, Lillian Prickett, Dwayne Holmes, Marlin (Moe) Nielsen, Jeanette Ziesman, Ardis Olson, Mary Johansen, Ardis Schmelzer, Einar Christianson, Jack Donnenwerth, Betty Hirschauer, Dorothy Duleepsingh, Bonna Oldson

***who were made saints in Holy Baptism:*** Kyler Anderson, Livia Ocken, Cecelia Stammer, Kylie Radermacher, Zoe Volious

***who affirmed their Baptism:*** Emma Ashton, Rebecca Lewis, Kayleigh Medhurst, Laria Preston, Samuel Henry Speck, & Calvin Wilner

P: Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, 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 Beautiful “

Lloyd Larson

*Please stand as you are able*

### **Offering Prayer**

P: Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our 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**

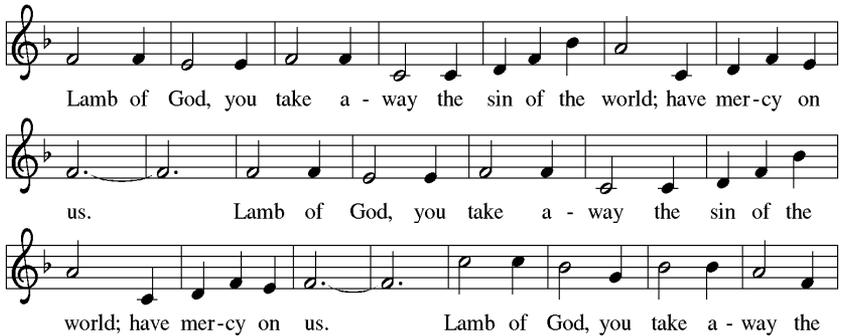
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

### **Invitation to Communion**

P: Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life.

*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



**Distribution Hymns** 335, 423, 789

*Please stand as you are able*

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Bless those who share this meal with others. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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**                    "Praise the Lord! Oh Heavens"                    #823

**Dismissal**

P: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**                                    "For All the Saints"                                    Fred Bock