



**Jesus
took her
by the
hand and
lifted
her up**

MARK 1:31

Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

Welcome to Worship Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 4, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Liturgical worship with organ

OUR STATEMENT OF MISSION

Grace Lutheran Church is a community of faith, centered in worship, held in grace, strengthened in love, sent forth in mission, in Jesus' name.

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

Here at Grace we worship in two alternating styles, organ-led liturgy or piano-led liturgy. The style for today, as well as which liturgical setting is used, is listed on the front cover of your bulletin.

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.*

Prelude Three quite different settings of “Praise to the Lord”
Reger/Behnke/Grabner

Welcome

Please stand as you are able

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... the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

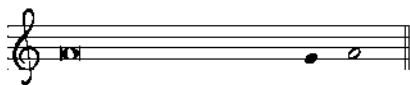
Gathering Hymn “The God of Abraham Praise” #831
vss. 1-4

Greeting

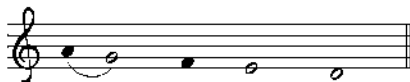
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Kyrie

"Lord have mercy" is a translation of the ancient Greek "Kyrie Eleison" (pronounced KEE-ree-yay e-LAY-son) which is an ancient prayer sung in response to the forgiveness of sins.

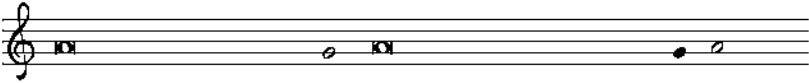
The Kyrie is not asking forgiveness: rather it is sung in awe of Christ Jesus who has overcome sin and death.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



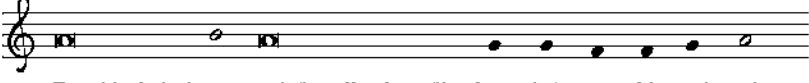
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

The Hymn of Praise
One of two hymns of praise are generally sung after the Kyrie. The hymns, "Glory to God in the highest" and "This is the feast of victory," give the

Canticle of Praise




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and
strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

congregation the opportunity to praise God and express joy because Jesus is our victorious Savior. "Glory to God in the highest," Luke 2:14; "This is the feast of victory," Revelation. 5:12

Prayer of the Day

This prayer is a bridge to the next part of the service. It also sets the tone for the day. It is related to the prescribed lectionary readings for the day.

Reading notes:

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

Reading Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Anthem

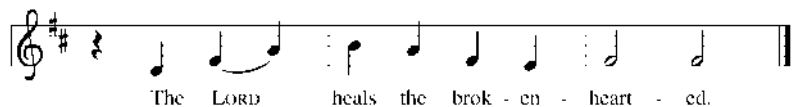
"Sing Faith"

Denice Rippentrop

Chancel Choir

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

You are invited to sing the response and read the lines in bold responsively.



¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

²**The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

³The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

⁴**The Lord counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names. R**

⁵Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

⁶**The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,

⁸**who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up-on the mountains. R**

⁹God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰**God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the Lord, in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c}Hallelujah! **R**

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation



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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the First Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Mark 1:29-39

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and

Gospel Acclamation

We stand for the reading of the Gospel as a way to show respect. The Gospels share with us the story of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Gospel Notes:

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals them and sets

them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

Creed

The Apostles' Creed is in a way the "Reader's Digest Bible". If you took the Bible and did to it what Southern chefs do to green beans (cook them for 24 hours), you would find the Apostles' Creed at the bottom of the pot when you lifted the lid.

Prayers of the People

We respond to God's love by speaking to God, and expressing our concern for the

cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Sermon

"Taking it to the Streets"

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: Let us pray,

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them.
Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed
your goodness, 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.**

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 Choral Prelude on "Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now"

Telemann

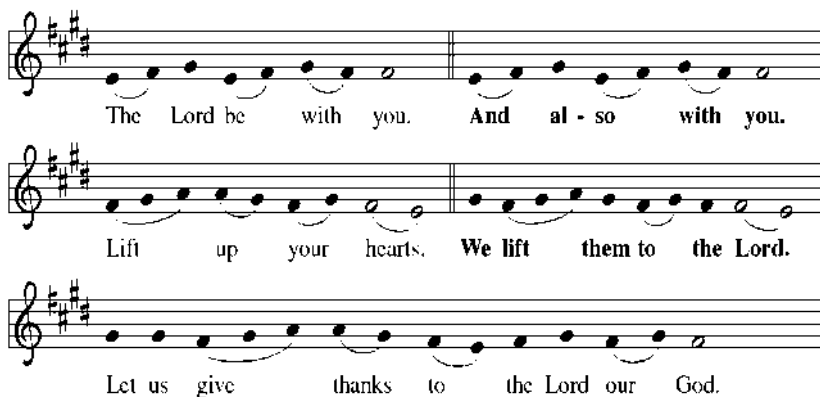
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Offering Prayer

P: Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and
our possessions...for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus
Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The Great

Thanksgiving: These
are among the oldest
words in the liturgy.
We lift our hearts to
give attention to God.

Preface:

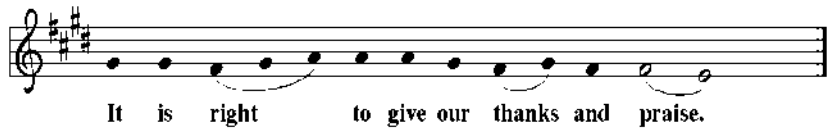
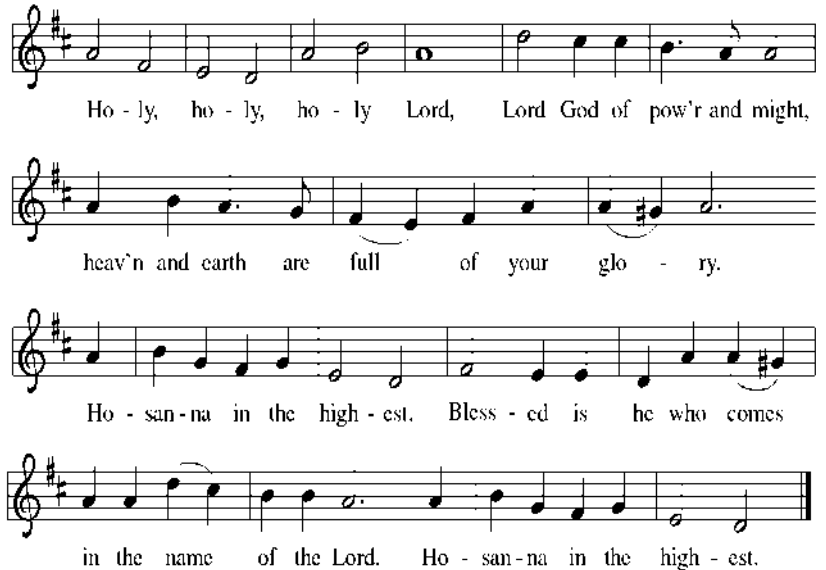
We praise God for God's mighty acts. These words change with the seasons of the church year and serve as an invitation into the Sanctus.

Sanctus:

Latin for "Holy." The congregation responds to hearing of God's mighty acts by singing Holy, Holy, Holy which Isaiah and Revelation say is sung by all the angels in heaven and will be also sung by all creatures and people here on earth.

The Lord's Prayer

is, in a way, our table grace before the meal. As we gather in this meal, the table, or altar, becomes the collection of all of our tables for meals at home.

**Preface****Holy, Holy, Holy****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: We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and 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
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns 472(3x), 423, 492, 592

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

P: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

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

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

#673

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Prelude in Classical Style”

Young

Lamb of God

As we sing together the Lamb of God, we ask God to have mercy on us, and grant us peace as we prepare to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood of Christ.

We will receive by pouring chalice this morning: Receive a cup. Receive and eat the bread. Proceed to the wine or grape juice. Communion bread is gluten free

Dismissal

With the dismissal from worship, we are sent to serve the Lord through the unique gifts, talents, and relationships of each one of us. This is not a conclusion of service, but a start to what the next week will bring in our walk with Christ. So it is fitting that the re-

Welcome to Grace!

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