

The sabbath was  
made for humankind

MARK 2:27

## **Grace Lutheran Church**

*Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania*

### **Welcome to Worship** **Second Sunday after Pentecost**

June 2, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Liturgical worship with piano  
Eclectic Setting

## 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, we're glad you are here!*

*You can learn more about our congregation*

- *on our website at [www.gracedm.org](http://www.gracedm.org)*
- *by asking a greeter or other members of the congregation*
- *picking up one of our brief brochures from the Visitor Center in the Gathering Hall, or newsletters in the Entryway.*

*Worship Online: During times when we are online-only, or when you cannot be with us in person, you can participate in worship on our website or Facebook page @gracelutherandm .*

*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.

**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 needed, the **Kids Corner** in the Gathering Hall has puzzles, books, coloring pages and Mega-blocks! This space is intended to offer a place for children to be and play if they need to step out of worship and during fellowship times.*

**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.*

**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.**

## Prelude

### Welcome

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

### Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: God, our provider,

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**      "Dearest Jesus, At Your Word"      #520

### Sacrament of Holy Baptism Page 227

*This morning we celebrate the Holy Baptism of Marcellus Brian Mwirichia. Parents are David and Kelley Mwirichia. Sponsors Brian Riordan and Harriet Jenkins.*

### Welcome

P: Let us welcome this brother in Christ.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

### Passing of the Peace

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

**C: And also with you!**

### Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the

### **Gathering 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).*

communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### **Kyrie**

*In Mark 10 we hear of Jesus' journey through Jericho to Jerusalem where he encounters Bartimaeus, a blind man, who hears this is Jesus and shouts, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." From that time to the present, Jesus' followers have prayed that same prayer to God: "Kyrie Eleison" ("Lord, have mercy"). We are totally dependent upon God, so we pray for mercy in every aspect of life.*

### **Kyrie**

Leader  
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the reign of God, and for 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.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of  
God; to make all things new.

### Reading Notes

*This portion of the Ten Commandments instructs the Israelites to keep the sabbath. The Israelites are to rest, and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray,

**C: Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*Please be seated*

### First Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 81:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the merry harp, and the lyre.**

<sup>3</sup>Blow the ram's horn at the new moon, and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

<sup>4</sup>**for this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt, where I heard a voice I did not know:

<sup>6</sup>**"I eased your shoulder from the burden; your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.**

<sup>7</sup>You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you; I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

<sup>8</sup>**Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

<sup>9</sup>There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not worship a foreign god.

<sup>10</sup>**I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

## Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**Gospel Acclamation**

### *Celtic Alleluia*

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

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

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the Second Chapter.

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

## Gospel: Mark 2:23—3:6

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse

## Reading Notes

*When we carry out God's ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.*

## 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

*Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and*

*tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.*

### **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."*

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him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

*Please be seated*  
**Sermon**

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**Hymn of the Day** "There is a Balm in Gilead"

#614

### **Prayers of the People**

L: Merciful God,  
**C: receive our prayer.**

L: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.  
**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**

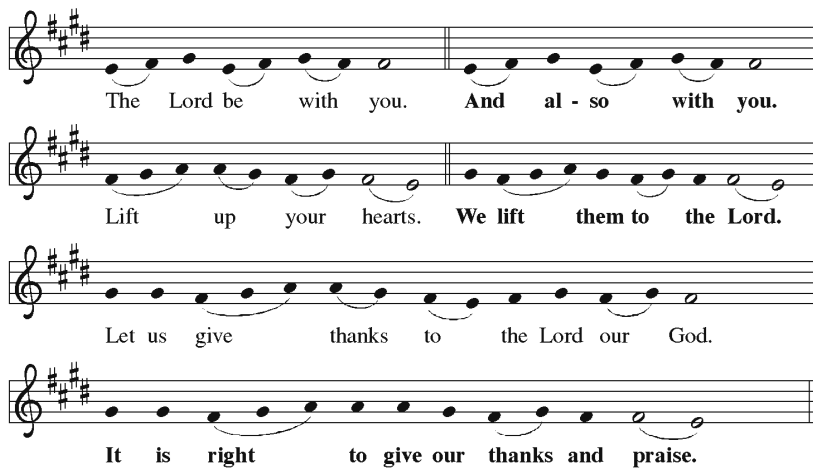
*Please rise in body or in spirit*

### **Offering Prayer**

L: Let us pray,  
**C: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Preface

### Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Thanksgiving at the Table

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

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### Communion

*Today we will receive  
Holy Communion  
through wafers and  
pouring chalice.*

*The line forms from  
the front pews to the  
back, with the ambo  
side of the aisle go-  
ing first followed by  
the organ side.*

*Please use the hand  
sanitizer provided  
and take a cup from  
the tray. Then pro-  
ceed to receive the  
gluten-free wa-  
fer. Both wine and  
grape juice will be  
available. Please  
place your cup in the  
basket by the side  
aisle as you return to  
the pew.*

### Invitation to Communion

L: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

*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: #473 (3x), #496, #484, #492*

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

### Prayer after Communion

L: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**C: Amen**

**Blessing**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. 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**    "Around You, O Lord Jesus"                      #468

**Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude*****Blessing***

*Here as we leave to continue our journey through the wilderness to the Promised Land, God uses the pastor to say words that were said first through Aaron in the wilderness more than 3,000 years ago.*

## Welcome to Grace!

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