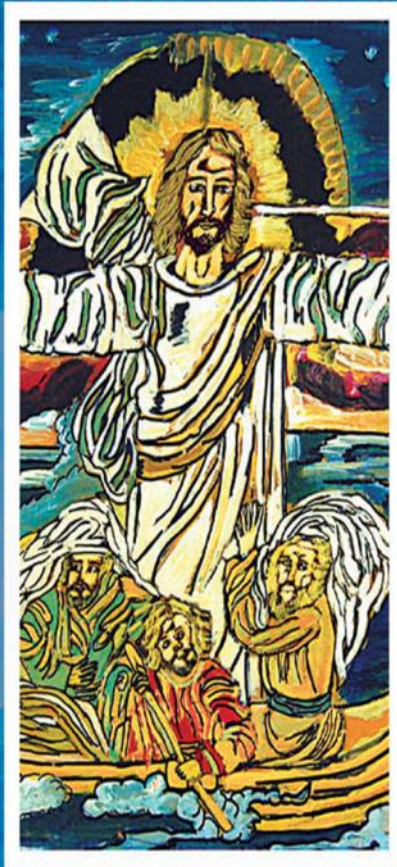


Even the wind
and the sea
obey him

MARK 4:41



Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

Welcome to Worship

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Liturgical worship with organ

Setting 2

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 worshiping at Grace Lutheran, we're glad you are here!*

You can learn more about our congregation

- *on our website at 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: 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, 515-276-6873.

Prelude Introduction, chorale, and alternate arrangement of the hymn "Crashing Waters at Creation" (ELW 455) which reflects a theme of creation that runs through today's lessons

C. Witt, arranged by M. Sedio

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

"When Peace Like a River"

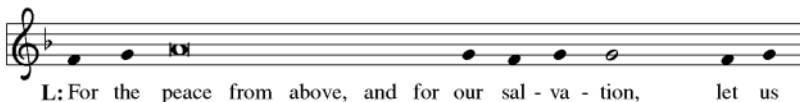
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Greeting

L: 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



pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mer - cy.

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

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

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

let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mer - cy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

C: A - men.

Hymn of Praise
Quite often in the Bible, Jesus eats with people and shares parables about banquets and feasts. This hymn points us to the Lord's Supper as a foretaste of the

Canticle of Praise

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, 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, hon-or, 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, al-le-lu-ia.

feast to come. This is an opportunity for us to hear and sing the hymn of praise with all the saints in heaven.

L: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

Reading Notes

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray,

C: O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Job 38:1-11

¹The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³**Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters.**

²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD, God's wonderful works in the deep.

²⁵**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths; their souls melted away in their peril.

²⁷**They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail.**

²⁸Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD, and you delivered them from their distress.

²⁹**You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea.**

³⁰Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

³¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

Please rise in body or in spirit

Gospel Acclamation



C: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



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

Repeat alleluia



L: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Please rise in body or in spirit

Gospel Acclamation

Old Lutheran liturgies often call this verse the "Gradual" which is based upon a Latin word meaning "step". We step up, with the Gospel acclamation, to hear the words of eternal life.

Gospel Notes: *Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.*

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: *In the middle of worship, we pause to pray not only for ourselves and our loved ones and their needs, but for everyone: the whole church, the world, and its leaders, and the local community. This kind of all-inclusive prayer is at the heart of Christian worship precisely because Jesus Christ died and rose again, not just for a few but for all people.*

Hymn of the Day "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

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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: 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.

Passing of the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all,
C: And also with you!

Please be seated

Announcements

Congregational Presentation to Bunny Dillard

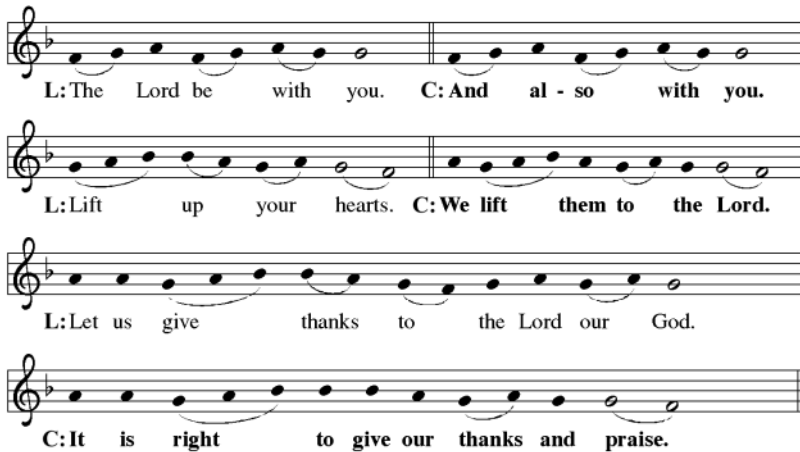
Please rise in body or in spirit

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



L: The Lord be with you. C: And al - so with you.

L: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Offering: As Lutherans, we believe that Christian giving is about worship AND action. As an option to the offering plate, scan this QR code to access our secure digital offering plate.



Sanctus

As we draw close to God in this meal, we sing these words from the angels. The words harken back to Isaiah's vision in the temple, where he hears the seraphim singing "Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory."

Lord's Prayer

We gather in prayer in response to the gospel heard in the proclamation that this meal is given "for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin." We find ourselves at the very heart of the gospel message. Christ not only speaks to us in the supper, but gives us what he is speaking about: his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins.

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 going first followed by the organ side. Please use the hand sanitizer provided and take a cup from the tray. Then proceed to receive the gluten-free wafer. Both wine and grape juice will be available. Please place

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.**

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.

Distribution Hymns: #616 (3x), #712, #779, #482

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 for the Beginning of Internship

P: O God, who through the Holy Spirit illumines the mind and sanctifies the lives of those who are called to rostered leadership in your church: look with favor upon the seminaries of our church in their efforts to instruct and form those who are to serve in the Sacred Ministry of the Gospel. Bless your people in this congregation who by word and example aid your servant, Jesse in learning to grow into a pastoral identity, develop a pastoral imagination, and grow in the competencies of ministry. Grant as we continue to serve together, submitting ourselves in obedience to your Son and guided by your Spirit, that our lives may be enriched and our ministries fulfilled with joy -- to the glory of your Name.

C: Amen.

P: The Apostle Paul writes, "People have different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them. There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served. God works through different people in different ways, but it is the same God who achieves God's purpose through them all." (1 Cor. 12:4-6) It is the task of the student under the direction of the supervising pastor and in mutuality with the congregation to learn by doing and become by being.

P: I ask you, Jesse, are you willing to embrace this time of intentional teaching and learning in your ministry here, and will you seek God's guidance to be challenged and grow for the sake of the Gospel and to the Glory of God? If so, answer, "I am ready. May God help me, empower me, and form me in this ministry."

V: I am ready. May God help me, empower me, and form me in this ministry.

P: It is our opportunity as members of this congregation to serve as a teaching and learning congregation for a student in formation for Rostered Ministry in the ELCA. It is our opportunity to serve as place of learning and growth for Jesse Hershberger who now begins her internship. It is our opportunity to accompany her as she seeks to grow toward competence in the essential practices of ministry, to deepen her pastoral identity, and to embrace the call that God has placed upon her life.

your cup in the basket by the side aisle as you return to the pew.

P: Now I ask you, will you accompany and support this servant of God during internship? Will you uphold her in prayer? Will you help her grow into God's call for her life? If so, answer, "Yes, with God's help."

C: Yes, with God's help.

P: Almighty God, by whose call we are at work, bless and empower us in our ministry that what we do together will be pleasing in your sight and bring honor to your holy name.

P: Let us pray, Almighty God, we ask you to bless Vicar Jesse Hershberger and this congregation. May this time of internship be rich in opportunities for growth. May we accompany Jesse with grace. May we guide her with love. May we nurture her with compassion. Offer your continual help to all who labor in love and service. Grant us your spirit, power, and wisdom, steadfastness of faith, and hope for all good things; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: 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

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

#773

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Toccata on the hymn "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" - L. Bourgeois arranged by M. Burkhardt

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 response is a resounding "Thanks be to God."