



## 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: 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 of 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.**

# Listen! God Is Calling! *An East African Worship Service*

(based upon Tanzanian hymns and hymn tunes)

**Prelude** "Brethren, We Have Met To Worship"  
William Moore, setting by John Carter

## Welcome

*Please rise in body or in spirit*  
**"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.

**Tanzanian Liturgy**  
As we worship today, we celebrate the ways that we walk with our brothers and sisters in Christ from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania, especially those of the Msindo and Mararo parishes with whom we share a Companion Congregation relationship. At Grace Lutheran Church, every time we have a month with five Sundays, we set the fifth one aside as a time to share in a worship setting with a Tanzanian Liturgy worship setting using a Tanzanian liturgy, festive candleholders and banner. In doing so, it serves as a reminder of our journey with these brothers and sisters, and others throughout the world.

## Confession and Forgiveness

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Merciful God,

**C: We confess that from the beginning of time we have failed to understand your call to us. We have acted as though we are gods in our own lives. We have acted or failed to act in ways that have led to injustice and oppression. We have turned away from you and sought after other gods—possessions, people, media, and other distractions. Forgive us for all the ways in which we have failed you and our neighbors. Call us back into the abundant life of loving service that you offer us in your holy name.**

L: Beloved of God, hear these words of hope. God who created you in God's image has redeemed you in Christ Jesus, and for his sake forgives you for all the ways you have sinned and fallen short. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

"All Are Welcome"

#641

## Greeting

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

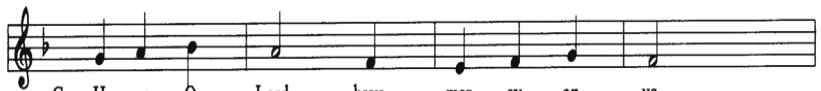
**C: And also with you.**

## Kyrie (Prayerfully)

*Mfurahini (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.

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

L: Holy God,

**C: Even in the most dire situations, your love and guidance shine through, sustaining us. Teach us to rely on you, and to know that you are always with us. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Anthem** "Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand"

*Chancel Choir*

African hymn, adapt. Greg Scheer, #1024 in new All Creation Sings hymnal

### Reading Notes:

*Joseph's brothers don't like the idea that they may one day have to serve him. So they sell him into slavery. But this sad event gave Joseph a chance to live into the life God had intended for him.*

### Reading: Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

<sup>3</sup>Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. <sup>4</sup>But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

<sup>5</sup>Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. <sup>7</sup>There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf." <sup>8</sup>His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

*[Some time later, Joseph sought after his brothers.]*

<sup>17</sup>The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. <sup>18</sup>They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. <sup>19</sup>They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. <sup>20</sup>Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that

a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” <sup>21</sup>But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” <sup>22</sup>Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. <sup>26</sup>Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup>Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. <sup>28</sup>When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. <sup>29</sup>When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. <sup>30</sup>He returned to his brothers, and said, “The boy is gone; and I, where can I turn?” <sup>31</sup>Then they took Joseph’s robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. <sup>32</sup>They had the long robe with sleeves taken to their father, and they said, “This we have found; see now whether it is your son’s robe or not.” <sup>33</sup>He recognized it, and said, “It is my son’s robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces.” <sup>34</sup>Then Jacob tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

*[Many years passed, and Israel died an old man.]*

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**Hymn of the Day** “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” #767

### **Creed**

*The Apostle's 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 Apostle's 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.*

### **Welcome of New Members**

*Today we welcome Mason and Melissa Berg.*

### **Welcome**

**L:** Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

**C:** We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

### **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:** God, in your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

**L:** These and all our prayers we lift up to you, O God. Amen.

**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**

*Please rise in body or in spirit*



## Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray,

**C: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## 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: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

*Please be seated*

## The Distribution

*"Jesus, O Lamb of God" is a haunting tune that comes from a traditional Maasai cry for help.*

*Prayerfully (free meter)*

*Engoipapayai Enamu (T.M.26)*

Je - sus, O Lamb of God, who takes a - way the  
sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The notes are simple, with some rests, and the overall feel is solemn and prayerful.

**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.



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



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

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**Prayer after Communion**

L: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

*Joyfully*

*Kwa Neema na Pendo (T.M.64)*



1. Lord, send your ser - vants in peace.  
 2. God's sav - ing work has been shown:  
 Ac - cord - ing to your good word.  
 A light all na - tions may see.  
 Your pro - mise now is com - plete:  
 To Is - rael glo - ry has come;

Sal - va - tion for the whole world.  
God's peo - ple now are set free!

Refrain

So thank the Lord for such love - Give Thanks!

Tell ev' - ry - one what he's done.

Re - jice and car - ry his name - Go Forth!

That all may wor - ship the Son.

**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** "My Life Flows on in Endless Song" #763

**Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

"Thy Word"

Michael W. Smith, setting by John Carter

**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."*

## Welcome to Grace!

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