

# **Grace Lutheran Church**

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

# Welcome to Worship Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025 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 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: 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 Megablocks! 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, 515-276-6873.

#### **Prelude**

#### Welcome

Please rise in body or in spirit

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

L: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn "Making Their Way"

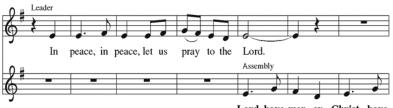
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## Greeting

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**



Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have

## **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).

## 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 pre-

sent, 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.





Refrain



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God;

## Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray,

C: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Please be seated

#### Psalm 49:1-12

- <sup>1</sup>Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world.
- <sup>2</sup> you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- <sup>3</sup> My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- <sup>4</sup> I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- <sup>5</sup> Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- <sup>6</sup> the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?
- <sup>7</sup> One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;
- 8 for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,
- <sup>9</sup> in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.
- <sup>10</sup> For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- <sup>11</sup> Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.
- <sup>12</sup> Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.

## Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in

## **Reading Notes**

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ. knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

L: The Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God

Please rise in body or in spirit

#### **Gospel Acclamation**



L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the Tenth Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.** 

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." 14 But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" 15 And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your quard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." 16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 18 Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

Please be seated **Sermon** 

Please rise in body or in spirit

#### 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
In God's reign, the
"rich will be sent
away empty." Jesus
uses a parable to
warn against identifying the worth of
one's life with the
value of one's possessions rather
than one's relationship with God.

Hymn of the Day "All My Hope on God is Founded" ELW #757

#### 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 of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name 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** 

Please rise in body or in spirit

**Offering Prayer** 

L: Let us pray,

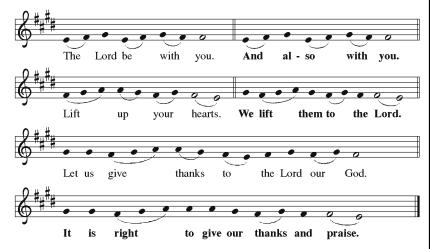
C: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Prayers of the Peo**ple** 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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#### **Preface**

## Holy, Holy, Holy



# 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.

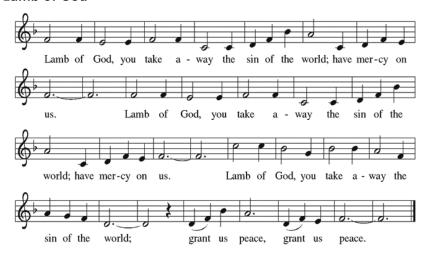
Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

L: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Please be seated

#### Lamb of God



Distribution Hymns: #473 (3x), #496, #484, #492

Please rise in body or in spirit

# **Prayer after Communion**

L: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **C: Amen** 

#### Communion

Todav we will receive Holv 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 iuice will be available. Please place your cup in the basket by the side aisle as you return to the pew.

#### **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 "We Know that Christ is Raised" ELW #449

#### **Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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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