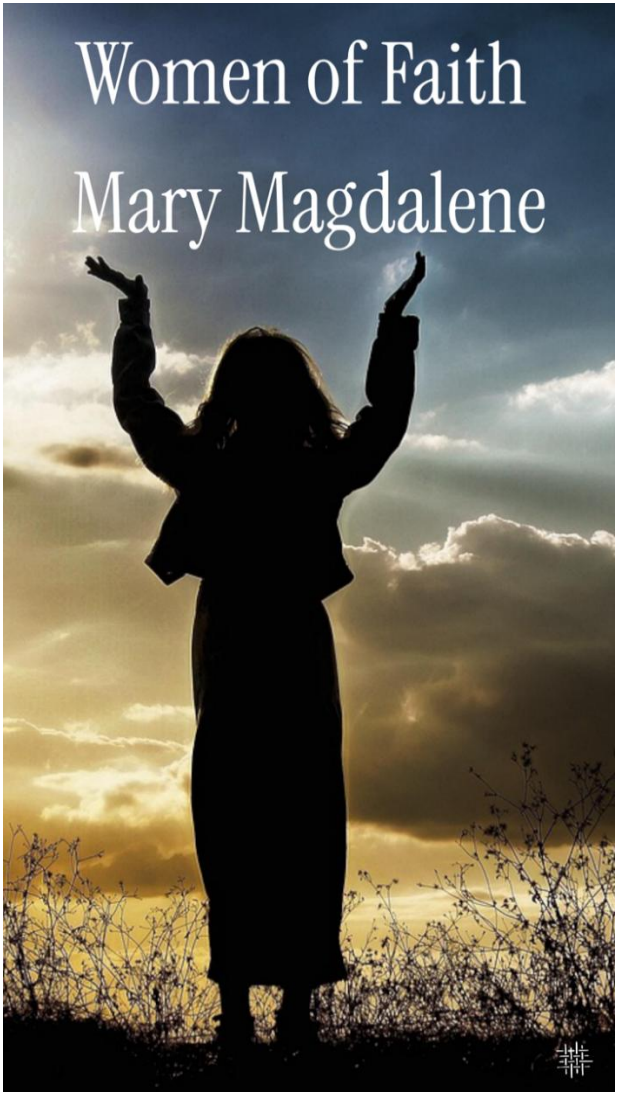


Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

Welcome to Worship

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Liturgical worship with piano
Setting 8

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.

Grace Lutheran Church commits to welcoming and celebrating all people; those in the LGBTQIA+ community, Black, Indigenous, People of Color, and their allies.

We commit to the work of anti-racism, liberation, social and environmental justice for all of God's creation. We affirm the sacredness of all people, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

We affirm the sacredness of all those who have experienced exclusion because of race, ability, age, culture, or nationality. We affirm the sacredness of those who wrestle with addiction, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us.

No matter the labels others may place upon you, or the labels you may place upon yourself, here at Grace you will find a home among friends in need of a Savior. You are welcome here.

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 brochures or newsletters from the display in the Entryway.*

Worship Online: *During times when you cannot be with us in person, you can participate in worship on our website or Facebook page at facebook.com/gracelutherandm. You do not need a Facebook account to watch.*

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.***

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 more. 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.*

- *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.*
- *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 interested in finding out more about membership at Grace, please contact Pastor Mike at Mike@gracedm.org, 515-276-6873.

Prelude Partita on “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” (ELW 308) - P. Nicolai arranged by A. Organ

Welcome

Please rise in body or in spirit
Confession and Forgiveness
L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Holy God,
C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

L: Inherit the riches of God’s grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn “Light Dawns in a Weary World” ELW #726

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.

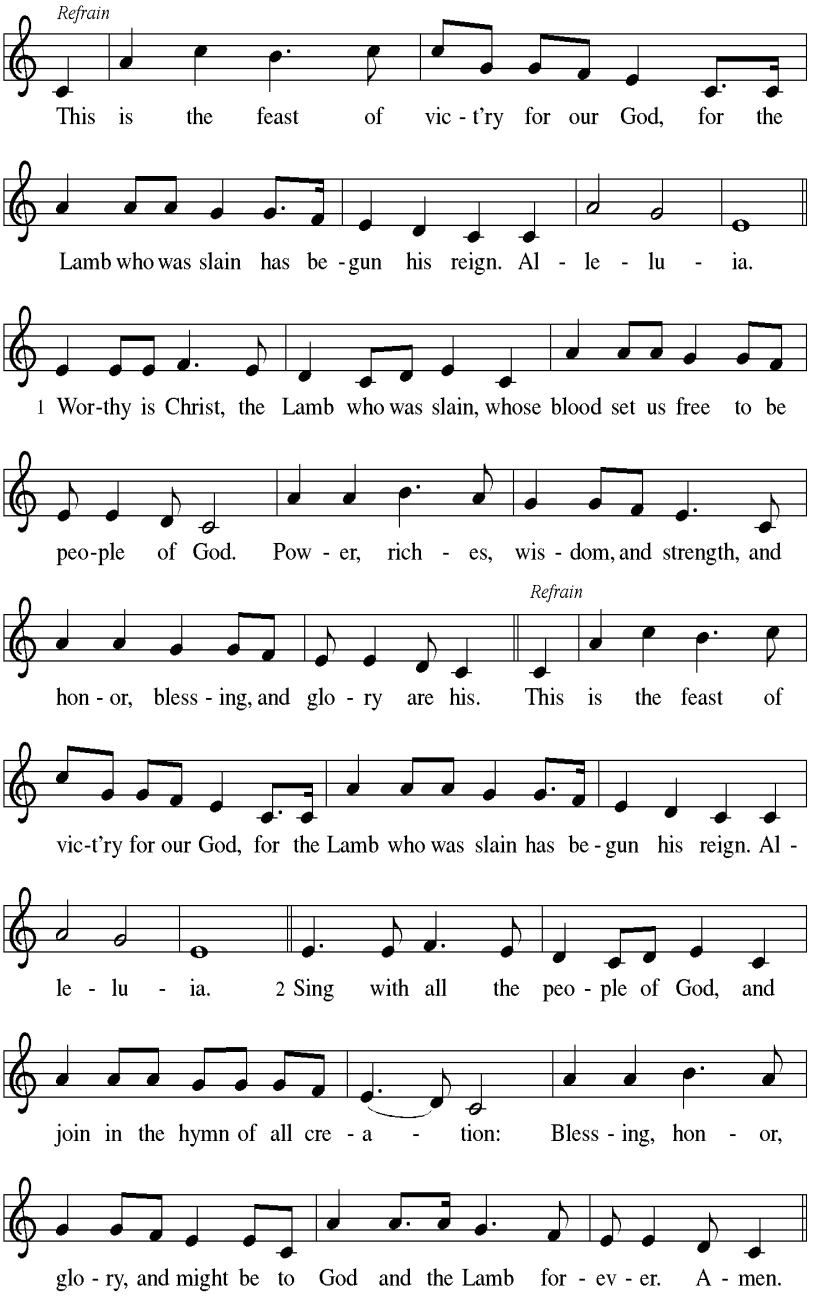
Gathering:
We come to worship from different places. Some directly from work, others out of weekend activities. Some live around the corner and others from another county. We gather to "do liturgy", which means literally, the "work of the people". We gather to do the work of hearing the Scriptures read and proclaimed. We gather to act out the Gospel in the ritual drama of the meal. As we gather, God is at work also, making the Good News come alive in our midst.

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



Canticle of Praise



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 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.

Prayer of the Day
L: Let us pray,
C: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

Reading Notes:
Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.

Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at
hand! The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his
guests.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will
punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in
their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though
they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.
14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the
sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the warrior cries aloud
there. 15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and
anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and
gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet
blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the
lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like
the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood
shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither
their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of
the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall
be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the
inhabitants of the earth.

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

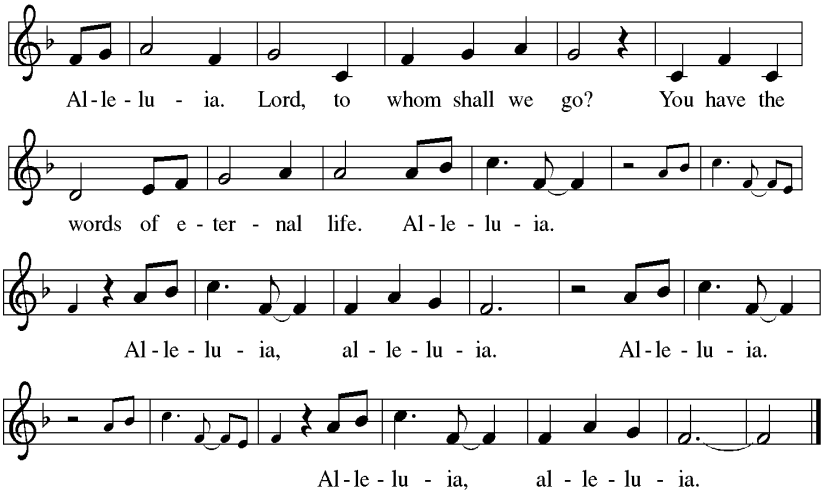
Anthem "Be Still"
Chancel Choir

Psalm 90:1-12
1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**
3 You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**
5 you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
7 For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**
9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
10 **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**
11 Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?
12 **So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

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.*

Please rise in body or in spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Acclamation

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the Twentieth Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 20:11-18

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she
bent over to look into the tomb, 12 and she saw two angels in
white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the
head and the other at the feet. 13 They said to her, “Woman, why
are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my
Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” 14 When she
had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there,
but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her,
“Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?”
Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you
have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will
take him away.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said
to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus
said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended
to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am
ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your

God.' " [18] Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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 "Christ, Be Our Light" ELW #715

Apostles' 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: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
C: Amen.

All: God of love, have mercy on us. Pour out your Spirit upon

Apostles' 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.
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.

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: Eternal God,
C: our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Commitment Sunday
L: Let us pray.
Holy God, you are known through relationship, and we know you through and with this gathered community. As we plan and support our ministry in your name at Grace Lutheran Church, we give thanks for all the generosity seen here.
We give thanks for all the plans, hopes, and dreams planted here. We give thanks for all who have joined hands to make ministry happen at Grace Lutheran Church. You have called us together in mission, you have called us together with purpose, and you continue to equip us to do your work. We give you thanks for 99 years of ministry, and for calling us to continue in your name.
Bless the hopes and plans we now embark on fulfilling and bless the work of our hands to your praise. We pray this in Jesus' name.
C: Amen.

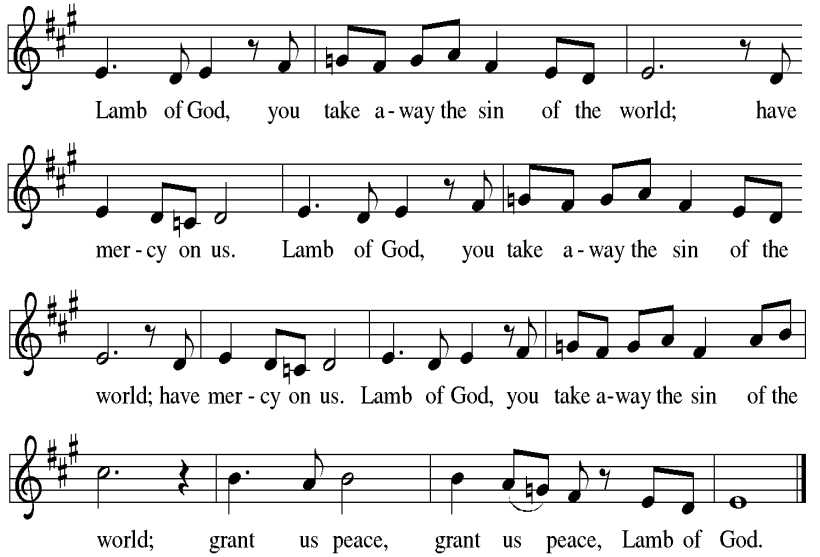
Thanksgiving at the Table
L: In the night in which he was betrayed…

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: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

Please be seated
Lamb of God



Distribution Hymns: ELW #473, ELW #826, ELW #464, ELW #542

Please rise in body or in spirit
Prayer after Communion
L: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed

Communion:
Today we will receive Holy Communion through wafers and pouring chalice. Two lines will form from the front pews to the back. 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.

your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
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 "We Praise You, O God" ELW #870

Dismissal
L: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Setting of "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" (ELW 843) - J. Wyeth arranged by T. Doran

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