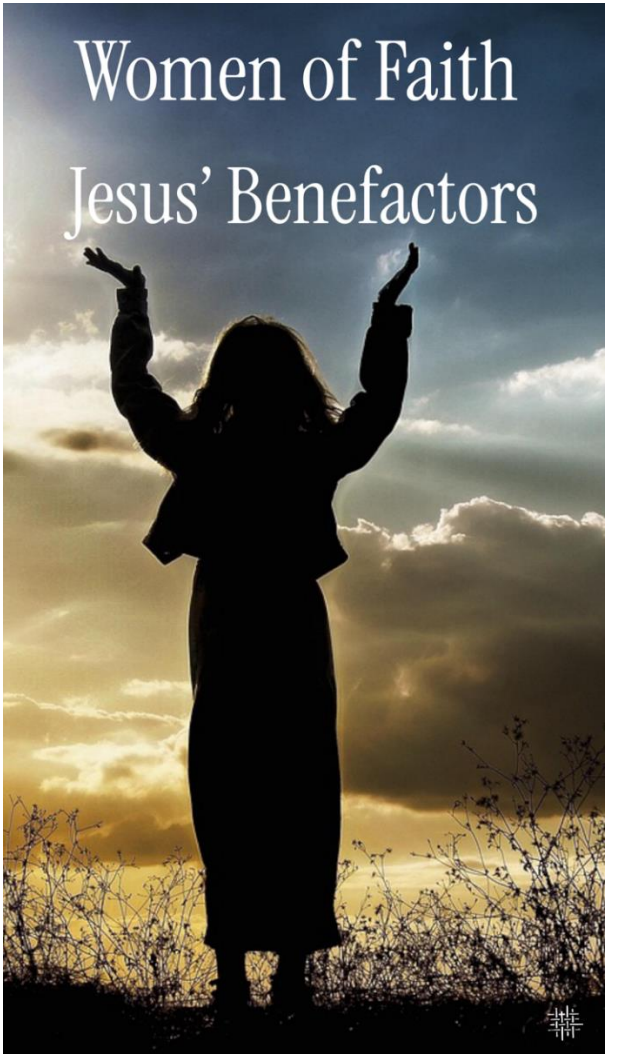


Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

Welcome to Worship

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Liturgical worship with organ

Setting 4

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*

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Prelude Improvisation on the hymn of the day "Praise and Thanksgiving" (ELW 689)
Gaelic folk tune arranged by M. Burkhardt

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 "Come, Ye Thankful People" ELW #693

Greeting

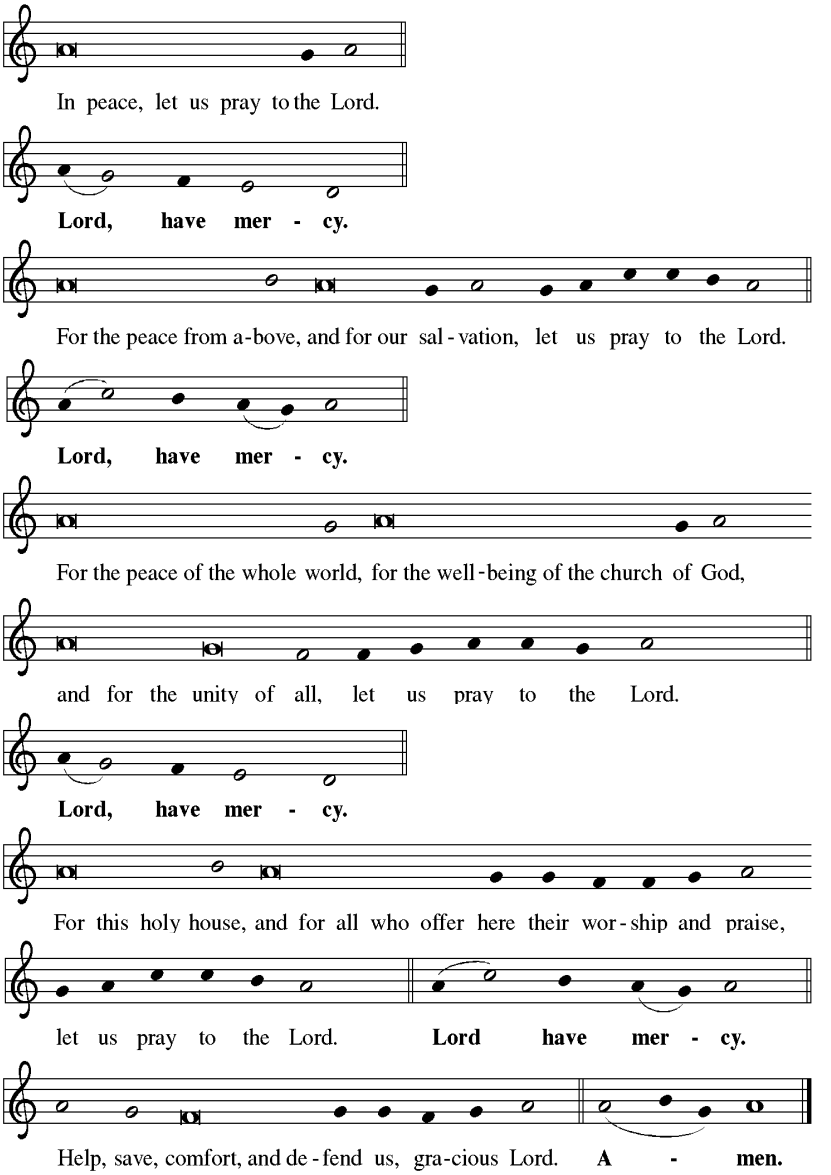
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Kyrie

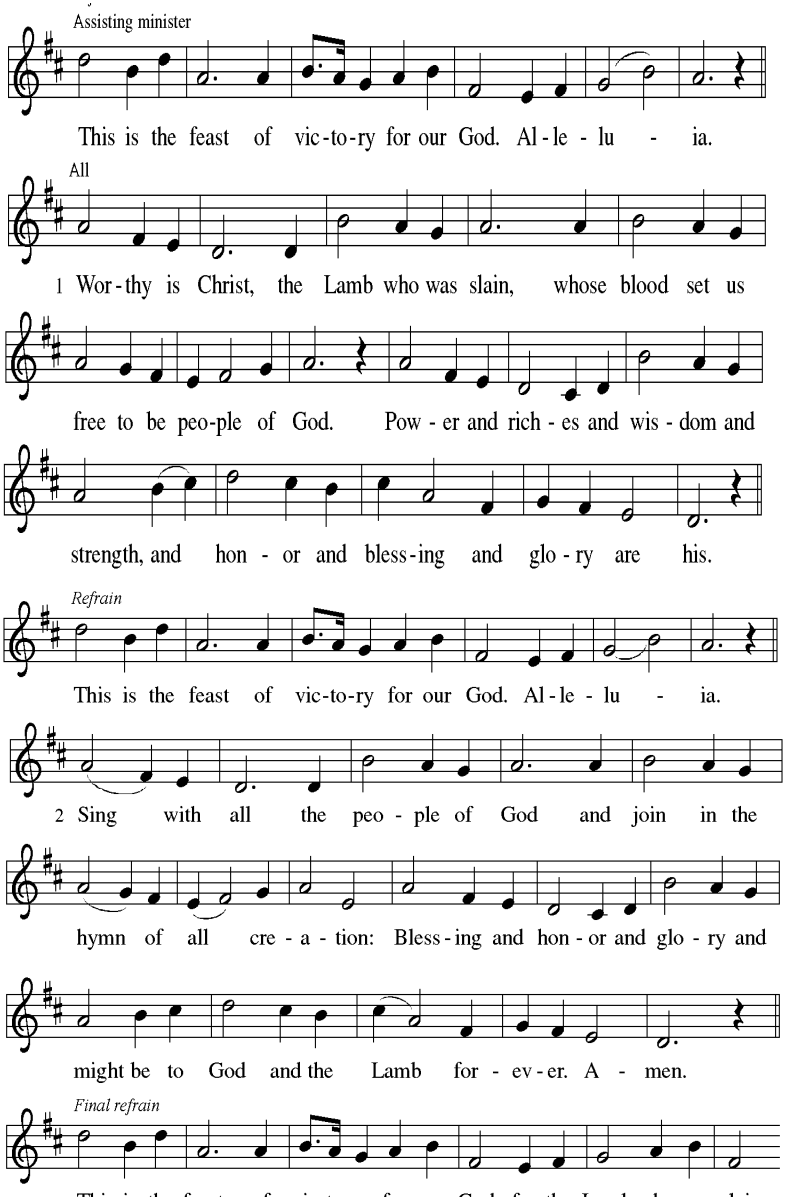
Kyrie: *"Lord have mercy" is a translation of the ancient Greek "Kyrie*

Eleison" (pronounced KEE-ree-yay e-LAY-son) *which is an ancient prayer sung in response to the forgiveness of sins. The Kyrie is not asking forgiveness: rather it is sung in awe of Christ Jesus who has overcome sin and death.*

The Hymn of Praise: *One of two hymns of praise are generally sung after the Kyrie. The hymns, "Glory to God in the highest" and "This is the feast of victory," give the*



Canticle of Praise



congregation the opportunity to praise God and express joy because Jesus is our victorious Savior. "Glory to God in the highest," Luke 2:14; "This is the feast of victory," Revelation. 5:12

Prayer of the Day: *This prayer is a bridge to the next*

part of the service. It also sets the tone for the day. It is related to the prescribed lectionary readings for the day.

Reading notes: *In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.*



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

Prayer of the Day
L: Let us pray,
C: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Please be seated

Reading: Amos 5:18-24

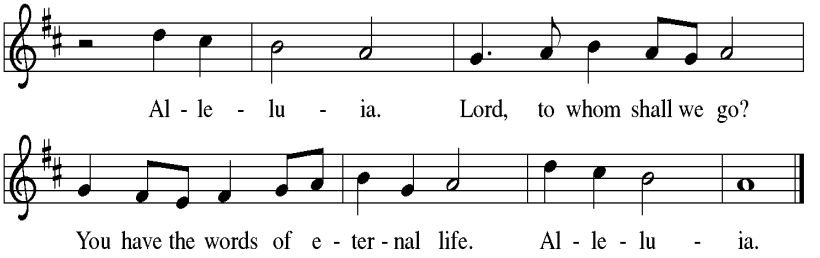
18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want
the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light, 19 as if someone fled from
a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a
hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. 20 Is not the day of
the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your
solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings
and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-
being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. 23 Take away from
me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your
harps. 24 But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an
ever-flowing stream.

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

Psalm 70
1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let

disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

Please rise in body or in spirit
Gospel Acclamation



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

Gospel: Luke 8:1-3
1 Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages,
proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The
twelve were with him, 2 as well as some women who had been cured
of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom
seven demons had gone out, 3 and Joanna, the wife of Herod's
steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for
them out of their resources.

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

Please be seated

Gospel Acclamation: *We stand for the reading of the Gospel as a way to show respect. The Gospels share with us the story of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

Prayers of the People: *We respond to God's love by speaking to God, and expressing our concern for the whole church, for all people in the world, and for people in our congregation.*

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*

Please rise in body or in spirit

Hymn of the Day "Praise and Thanksgiving" ELW #689

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.

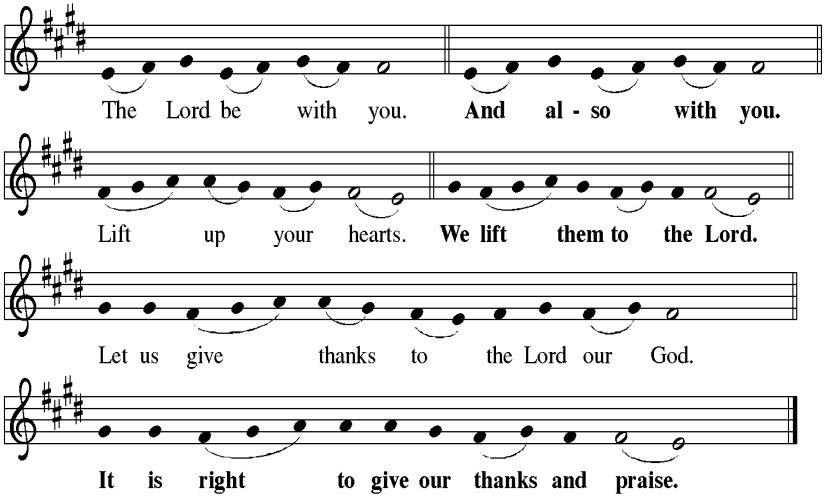
All: God of love, have mercy on us. Pour out your Spirit upon us. Center us in worship. Hold us in grace. Strengthen us in love.

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.

Great Thanksgiving



Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

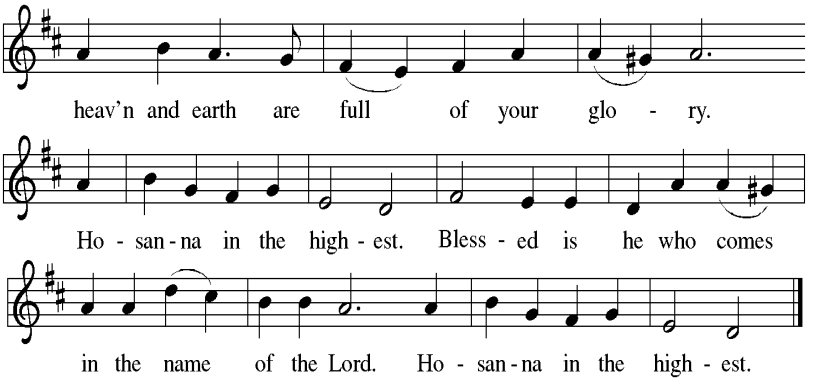
The Great Thanksgiving: *These are among the oldest words in the liturgy. We lift our hearts to give attention to God.*

Preface:
We praise God for God's mighty acts. These words change with the seasons of the church year and serve as an invitation into the Sanctus.

Sanctus:
Latin for "Holy." The congregation responds to hearing of God's mighty acts by singing Holy, Holy, Holy which Isaiah and Revelation say is sung by all the angels

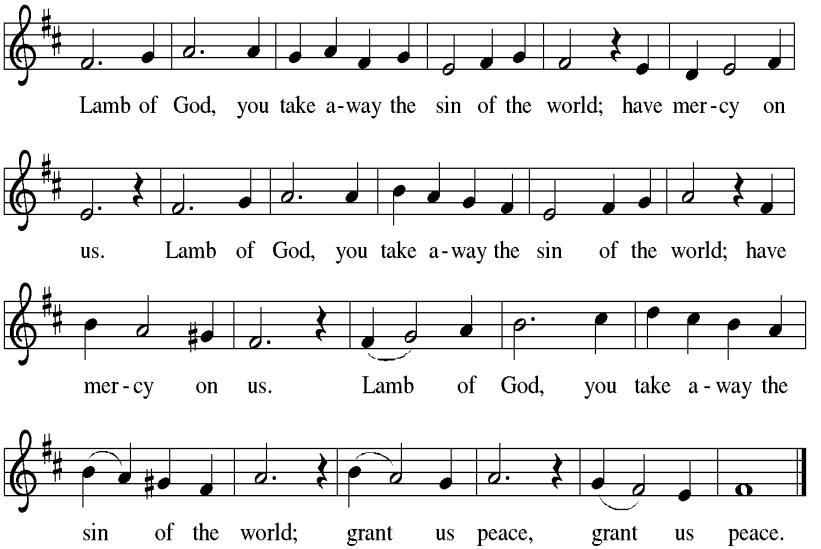
The Lord's Prayer: *is, in a way, our table grace before the meal. As we gather in this meal, the table, or altar, becomes the collection of all of our tables for meals at home.*

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*



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.

The 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.



Distribution Hymns: ELW #616, ELW #462, ELW #494, ELW #461

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 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

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

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*

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Welcome to Grace!

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