

# Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2010

9:00 a.m.

*The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to bring the good news of God's saving grace, through Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection to all to be free to be the people of God.*

## Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

**Prelude** "Aria" based on *Nettleton* arr. Wayne Wold

(Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation)

### Announcements

#### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

#### Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all,

**C: And also with you!**

**Hymn**

**"Drawn to the Light"**

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## Greeting

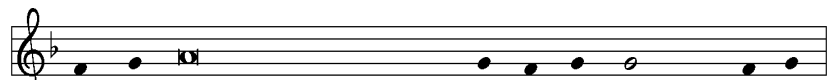
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

## Kyrie



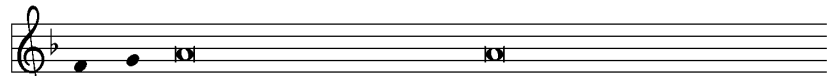
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



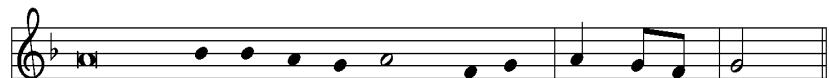
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



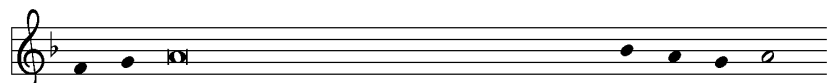
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



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



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



**A - men.**

## 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.



1 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.

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray...Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*sit*

**First Reading**

**Genesis 18:1-10a**

*The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.*

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10</sup>Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music**

**"This We Pray"**

Jay Althouse

Paul Kallenbach, Soloist

**Second Reading**

**Colossians 1:15-20**

*Sometimes Paul preaches with great attention to theological concepts. Here, however, Paul offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.*

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he

might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Tenth Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### The Gospel

**Luke 10:38-42**

*Jesus uses his visit to two sisters as an occasion to remind disciples that an important aspect of obedience is singleminded devotion to Jesus and his word.*

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things;

<sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Children's Sermon

Sermon "The Glue of the Universe"

*stand*  
Hymn

"Beautiful Savior"

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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 Intercession

P: Hear us O God,

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

**All: God of Love, pour out your unifying Spirit upon us. Awaken your gifts in us so we can faithfully build up the body of Christ. Equip us for the work of your ministry here at Grace. In Jesus' Holy Name, Amen.**

*sit*

**The Offering**                      **“Jesus Loves Me!”**                      Robert A. Hobby

*stand*

**Offering Prayer**

P: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

**Thanksgiving at the Table**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our

Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory,  
now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

### Invitation to Communion

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*sit*

### Communion Song



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: #592, #515, #528

**Communion** – We welcome all people to the Lord's table to receive Holy Communion. Children not instructed are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you would prefer to have grape juice, take a rose colored glass from the inner ring of the tray. Communion bread is gluten free.

*stand*

### Prayer after Communion

P: God our creator, at this table you have satisfied us with the good things of your grace. Fix our hearts on your mercy and truth, that our lives may reflect your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### Blessing

P: Continue to walk in Christ Jesus, rooted and built up in him. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn

"Blest Are They"

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### Postlude

"Exultation on Lanchashire"

Alice Jordan



Parents, we welcome children in the worship service. If children become restless, or begin crying, we encourage you to take children to the Gathering Hall where the service is broadcast.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Flowers on the altar are offered by the Grace Garden Club to the glory of God and his marvelous creation.

Quarters placed in the offering plate this morning, and every first Sunday, are given to Quarters for Hunger.

**Happy Birthday to the following people this week!** James Marshall, Richard Martinson, Dan Warren, Tiffany Putnam, Bradley Nelson, Anders Nelson, Maria Anguiano Regalado, Lucius Chapman, Krista Nelson, Christian Culp, Kate Schaller, Dennice Dague, Pat Bordt, Linda Biegger, Ann Hansen, Tobias May, Jonathan Baires, and Jacob Gibney.

**Adult Bible Study** meets Tuesday mornings, from 8:45–10:15a.m., in Grace Hall II. Pastor Johnson leads this study.

**Congregational Notice** – Proposed By-Law changes will be presented for final approval at the end of today’s service. Your vote is important!

**VBS Lost and Found:** A variety of crafts, T-shirts, and other items were left after VBS and can be found on or under the table in the entrance to the Gathering Hall. If your child is missing something, please go through the pile. **Items will be discarded after July 31.** Thank you for your help.



**Grace Men in Mission afternoon at the ball game** will be Sunday, August 8, at 1:05 p.m. Tickets cost \$6 per person. Tickets are on sale Sunday, July 11 through Sunday, July 25, in the Gathering Hall. Payment is due when you sign up. Tickets will be handed out on August 1 and 8. Contact Max Palmer at 515-255-3304 or Carter Woodruff at 515-971-7219 if you have questions.

**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** is now playing at The Playhouse from July 16 - August 8. The Biblical saga of Joseph and his coat of many colors comes to vibrant life in this delightful musical parable. For more information and a discount on tickets you can go to [dmplayhouse.com](http://dmplayhouse.com) or call 277-6261. To receive a discount, use the coupon code "**GREEN**".

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

### SUNDAY, July 18

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship  
10:45 a.m. – Esperanza Holy Communion

### MONDAY, July 19

4:00 p.m. - TOPS  
5:45 p.m. - Worship Committee in Conference Room  
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - AA in Grace Hall

### TUESDAY, July 20

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
8:45 a.m. - Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. –TOPS  
6:00 p.m. - Lydia Circle - Pastor Tim is the Speaker  
6:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Grace Memory Making Scrapbooking

### WEDNESDAY, July 21

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers  
7:00 p.m. - Book Discussion at Char Nielsen's home

### THURSDAY, July 22

9:00 a.m. – Quilters  
5:00 p.m. - Hannah Circle Dinner at Ruby Tuesdays

### FRIDAY, July 23

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - LSI Training in Room 102

### SATURDAY, July 24

5:00 p.m. – Holy Communion Service in Esperanza Chapel

### SUNDAY, July 25

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion (Spanish Translation Available)  
10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

## **Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!**

Visitors and members are asked to sign the Attendance Registrations sheets which are found in each pew. Visitors, please sign the guest book at the Welcome Center.

Interim Pastor – Tim Johnson  
Director of Music - Rich Dewein  
Director of Laity Ministries - Stephanie Johnson  
Grace Kids' Care Director - Heather Nelson  
Office Administrator - Jackie Holmes  
Building/Grounds - Luis Reaza  
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Publications Editor – Lori Fry  
Lector – Carol Woodruff  
Liturgist – Paul Kallenbach  
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Communion Assistants – Kathy Bowermaster/Kelley Bowermaster  
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