

Holy Eucharist
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Grace Episcopal Church
Galena, Illinois

March 19th, 2023 10:30 am

Welcome to Grace Church

It is, as always, a pleasure and privilege to worship together today. Please know that your presence is valued whether this is your first time at Grace or whether you are a regular, whether we are together in person or online.

We have chosen to keep our online and in-person congregations together. For those at home on YouTube, links to the bulletin may be found in Friday's e-Blast, the link to YouTube, and on our website. Printed copies will be available for the in-person congregation.

Please be aware that we are live streaming this service to YouTube and our website. It is possible that you will be shown briefly in the recording. Current COVID levels do not require masking. You are welcome to wear a mask if you wish.

Ministers of the Service

*Members and Guests, *Celebrants*
*Rev. Linda Packard, *Presider*
*Rev. Diane Luther, *Deacon*
*William Foltz, *Homilist*
*Steve Coates, *Lector*
*Donna Davis, *Intercessor*

*Robin French, *Music Director*
*Nancy Cook, *Erben Organist*
*Amy Hardwicke, *Vestry Coordinator*
*Maren Coates & Kim Kreiser, *Altar Guild*
*Greg & Karen Serwich, *LEM's*
*Karen Serwich, *Greeter*

As we prepare ourselves for worship, please sit or kneel in quietness while the prelude is offered.

Prelude

Prelude #10

J.S. Bach

We stand as the bell rings and the altar party enters.

A Penitential Order

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

All: His mercy endureth for ever.

Congregation kneels, as able

Intercessor: God spoke these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods but me.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Presider: Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Intercessor: Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Presider: Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Intercessor: Honor thy father and thy mother.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Presider: Thou shalt do no murder.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Intercessor: Thou shalt not commit adultery.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Presider: Thou shalt not steal.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Intercessor: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Presider: Thou shalt not covet.
All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Intercessor: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.
All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. *Amen.*

Presider: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Trisagion S102

Sung three times

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The first system covers the first two phrases, and the second system covers the last two phrases. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with clear lyrics underneath.

The Word of God

The Collect

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy Spirit.

Presider: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Lesson

Lector: A reading from **1 Samuel**.

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God

The Response

Psalm 23: 1-6
(Read in unison)

The LORD is my shepherd; *
 I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures *
 and leads me beside still waters.
He revives my soul *
 and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I shall fear no evil; *
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
 you have anointed my head with oil,
 and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
 and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Epistle

Lector: A reading from **Ephesians**.

Ephesians 5: 8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.



1 Cre - a - tor of the earth and skies, to whom the
 2 We have not known you: to the skies our mon - u -
 3 We have not loved you: far and wide the wreck-age
 4 For this, our fool - ish con - fi - dence, our pride of
 5 Teach us to know and love you, Lord, and hum - bly

1 words of life be - long, grant us your truth to make us
 2 ments of fol - ly soar, and all our self - wrought mis - er -
 3 of our ha - tred spreads, and e - vils wrought by hu - man
 4 know-ledge and our sin, we come to you in pen - i -
 5 fol - low in your way. Speak to our souls the quick - ening

1 wise; grant us your power to make us strong.
 2 ies have made us trust our - selves the more.
 3 pride re - coil on un - re - pent - ant heads.
 4 tence; in us the work of grace be - gin.
 5 word, and turn our dark - ness in - to day.

The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to **John**.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

William Foltz

Please be seated.

We keep a brief silence after the homily.

We affirm our faith

Please stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Deacon: Compassionate and Ever-Loving God, you are always more ready to forgive than we are to confess, and you yearn to celebrate our return to your joyful presence: Receive with gladness the prayers of your people as we come to you in confident hope, saying: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Intercessor: Gracious One, everything has become new in Christ, and you have entrusted to your church the ministry of reconciliation: Endue with the power of your forgiving love all who serve in Christ's Name, that we may share in your work of reunion and celebration. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God;

All: **Shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

Lector: Almighty One, in Christ you have proclaimed the Kingdom of God among us and showed us your model of loving compassion as the true path of leadership: Guide our nation and all in authority, that we may work in harmony with you to create a world of feasting and reconciliation. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God;

All: **Shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

Intercessor: Compassionate One, you welcome sinners and feast with them, restoring the prodigal and embracing the elder: Find all who are lost and return them home; protect those who work in dangerous, dirty, and disreputable jobs; give security and joy to all who labor yet are poor and hungry; expand the hearts of those who are dutiful and proud; that the whole human race may celebrate together with music and dancing. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God;

All: Shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Lector: Holy One, unite all of us in this community and bind our divisions with your compassionate love, that we may welcome all as our own siblings and feast with them on the goodness of our inheritance. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God;

All: Shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Intercessor: We pray for those who are in need; may your new creation bring them hope, especially those on our prayer list. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God;

All: Shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Lector: We embrace gratefully the abundance of your gifts to us, especially for those who serve in the military and all essential workers and their families; our Outreach partners Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz Parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico; the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission; all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors. Other blessings?

You have redeemed the souls of your children and freed them unto eternal life: Take into the fire of your love and we also remember: Grace Hoppe, Margaret C. Hannah, Samuel H. Kittoe, Anna Cleveland, & William James Devine. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;

All: Shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Deacon: Protect us from presumption and judgment, O God, and lead us into the joyful celebration of your new creation on earth, that we may share in the generous banquet of your victory and enjoy the reconciliation of all people within your forgiving compassion by the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, whose peace transcends all understanding and whose mercy and compassion are beyond measure: Protect the people of Ukraine and all the nations of the world. Grant your peace to those who are afraid, your comfort to those who mourn, your protection to those under attack, and your wisdom to those in power, that all war may cease, all weapons be laid down, and all hearts be turned to love you and your peaceable Kingdom, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Almighty God, lover of all your children, be with us as we await our new rector. We thank you for the work completed by our Search Committee. We thank you for those who have stepped up to serve during this time, as lay homilists, leaders of Morning Prayer, and supply priests. We thank you for the leaders of our important ministries that continue as we wait.

We anticipate the time when the Search Committee can proceed with interviews of approved applicants. Give us patience, give us hope, and let us rest in the knowledge that your Holy Spirit is with us and with the person we will ultimately call to lead us as our rector, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

We share the Peace of Christ

Presider: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And with thy Spirit.

ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase;
bless and guide them wherever they may be.

Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful;
raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding
abide all the days of their lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Holy Communion

Presider: Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heaven laden, and I will refresh you.

Anthem *God to Enfold You*

Presentation Hymn 705 *As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought* F. von Christiernson/
English Melody



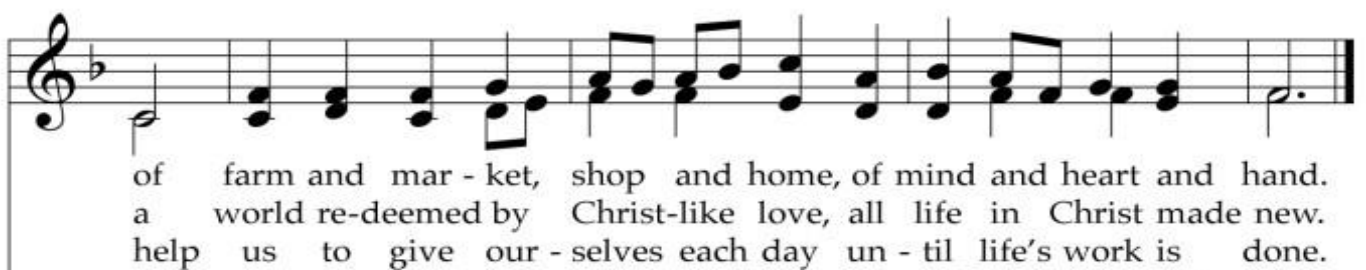
1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,
3 In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to-day,



to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.



so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:
O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.
help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

Presider: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with thy spirit.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
All: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Stand or kneel as able

Presider and All:

Sanctus S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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.

Setting: Robert Powell (c. 1932)

Presider: All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For on the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls, and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All: *Amen.*

Presider: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction S163



Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with Thanksgiving.

The Holy Communion

All are welcome at the communion table to receive a blessing or the wafer.

Hold your hands crossed, palms up, to receive the wafer.

And, if you do not wish to receive the wafer, but desire a blessing, simply approach the priest with your arms crossed across your chest.

If you require a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest.

Communion **663** *The Lord My God My Shepherd Is*

Communion **339** *Deck Thyself, My Soul*

Charge to Eucharistic Ministers

Presider: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

Presider: Let us pray.

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider: Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon: Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people, pardon, and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn **550** *Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult*
Verses 1, 3, 4, & 5

Postlude *Menuet* *Anonymous*

***The Lenten branches/altar decorations today
are given by the Altar Guild.***

Social Hour host is "Treats from the Freezer."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers are Requested: Please include the following concerns during worship today and throughout the week:

Cycle of Prayer:

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa and for our companion Parishes: Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Paula, our Bishop, and all members of Grace Church.

We pray for those who are sick or in need:

Emery Beyer, Peggy Brady, Hannah Brown, Dan Burke, Teresa Burke, Bob Burton, Shawn Crossley, Kathy Doig, Jocelyn Douglas, Steve Dowe, Matthew Dowe, Abby, Al Elsbree, Jennie Fjelde, Gianna, Olivia Gilbert, Justin Kash, Anika Kerkhoven, Ginger Komiskey, Rev. Peggy Lee, Joyce Lewis, Verity Liljedahl, Rev. Diane Luther, Joe Maffit, Alice Maffit, Liam Malone, Diann & Robert Marsh, Crystal Mason, JoAnn Mikelson, Mary Nelson, Sarah Newton, Bill Norton, Pam Ohms, Rev. Linda Packard, Tony Packard, Deb Pausz, Stefanie Penoyer, Warren Schaller, Melody Serwich, Jessy Sims, Jennifer Stienstra, Kelsey Storey, Pat Terry, Joe Watts, Paulette Zais, Becky, and Bill.

We give thanks for the many blessings we have received:

those who serve in the military and all essential workers and their families; for the birthdays of: Marla Kuntz, Steve Coates, & Greg Serwich; for the anniversary of Brian and Frani Beadle; the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission and all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors.

We pray for the anniversary of the deaths of:

Grace Hoppe, Margaret C. Hannah, Samuel H. Kittoe, Anna Cleveland, & William James Devine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of March 19th, 2023

Grace Happenings, our weekly eBlast newsletter, is sent out every Friday.

To start receiving it, please use your preferred email to send your request to

Kris Egan, Parish Administrator at gracesec@gracegalena.org.

*The weekly bulletin announcements **deadline is noon on Tuesdays.***

Please email your announcements to Kris Egan, Parish Administrator. Thank You!

UTO Boxes: The boxes will be collected next Sunday, March 26. If you do not have a box, they are available at either church entrance.

Easter Flower Sign Up: The Easter flower donation sign-up sheet is located on the Parish House bulletin board. The cost this year is \$15.00. Please help decorate the church for the upcoming Easter season.

Agape Meal: The meal will be held at 5:30 pm, April 6th at the parish house. A sign-up sheet for the meal's elements is located in the parish house. Also, please register on the separate form to register as an attendee. Space is limited. Maundy Thursday service follows at 7:00 pm in the church.

Parish House Doorbell Reminder: A friendly reminder to please be patient for someone to come to greet you at the door. Typically, someone needs to come from the parish house's second floor to meet you at the door. Thank you in advance.

Social Hour: There are many openings during April for the weekly Coffee Hour. The sign-up sheet is posted near the coffee pots. Reminder for Hosts: coffee supplies, napkins & plates are available in our pantry. Keep it simple as the focus is on fellowship.

Ministry of Care: Because of the many volunteers willing to help out with calls, rides, errands, meals, etc., the Ministry of Care won't miss a beat while our search for a new rector is ongoing. Please don't hesitate to contact **Bonnielynn Kreiser at 815-777-1468 or 815-291-9005** if you are in need. Also know that our clergy are available to meet your spiritual needs as well.

Wednesday Morning Study Group (10:00 a.m.): The Wednesday study group uses the online Episcopal Lectionary Calendar (more specifically, the scriptures and Bible Study guide) to read and reflect upon the lessons and gospel for the ensuing Sunday Eucharist. After doing so, we find our hearts and minds are more fertile for the seeds sown from the lectionary and the pulpit. All are welcome to join us on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. either in the parish house conference room or on Zoom (link in the E-blast). If needed, contact **Greg Serwich (312-933-6228)** for assistance.

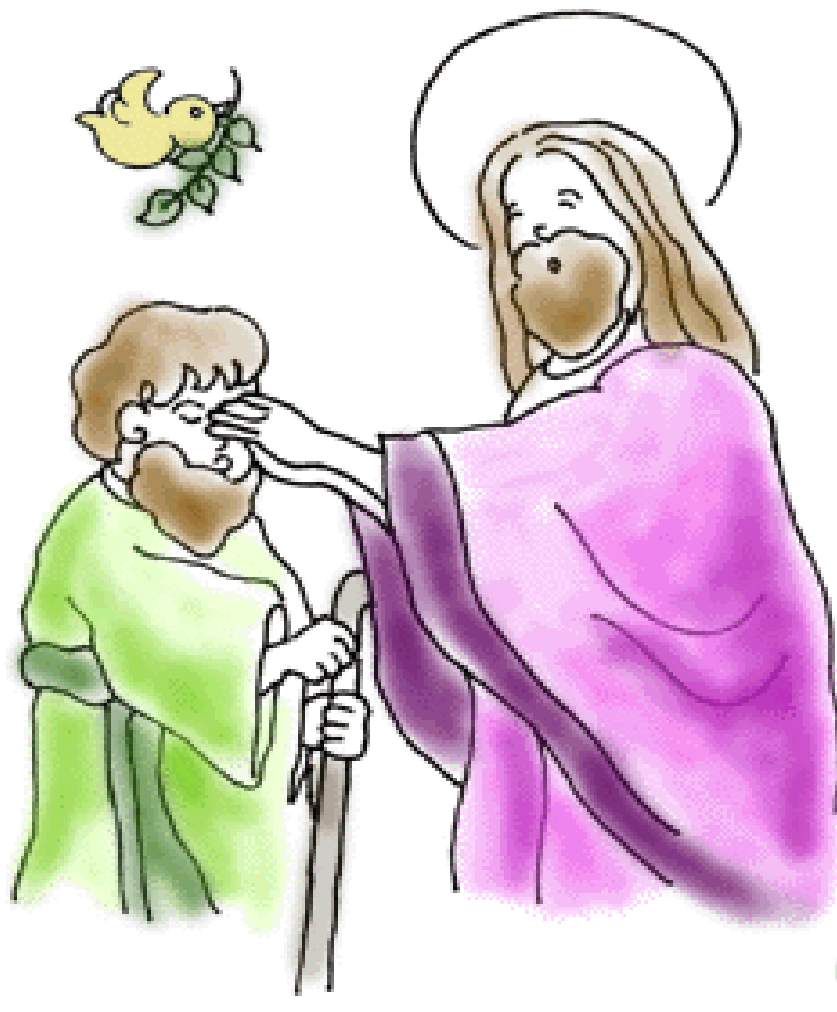
Search Committee Update: The position of Rector at Grace Church is posted on the Diocesan website. Recently we created a flyer to be set out by email to potential candidates or to anyone who might know a potential candidate. A link to the flyer is in this week's *Grace Happenings*.

Yarn Ministry: is meeting via Zoom on Thursdays from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. at the parish house and via ZOOM. **Contact Meg Gibbs (708-421-1512)** for log on instructions.

Zoom Poetry Meeting: A Zoom Poetry group is meeting on Mondays at 2:00pm. If you are interested, write to **Carol Poston** at poston@sxu.edu or call her at **815-777-0220** to receive information about the meeting.

Service of Compline: is 8:30 pm, Tuesday evenings via Zoom.

Meditative Prayer: meets online at 9:00 am on Fridays. You are welcome to join, and gentle guidance will be provided for those unfamiliar with this practice.





United Churches of Galena Lenten Ecumenical Study

Once again this Lent, Grace Church will join with First Presbyterian, Galena United Methodist, and Lord of Love Churches for a Lenten Ecumenical Study, sponsored by the United Churches of Galena.

The original soup and study format has evolved into a book with video discussion. This year the group will read Adam Hamilton's book *"The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul."*

In the video, the author visits the ancient sites where Paul traveled in Greece and Turkey. We will meet as a group on Thursday evenings during Lent from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Lord of Love Lutheran Church, 219 Summit St., Galena.

Session 4 (March 23) Pastor Jin-Hee Kang, United Methodist

Session 5 (March 30) Pastor Robin Luckey, Lord of Love

You will purchase the book on your own through the publisher, Abingdon Press, Amazon, or your favorite bookseller.

Please register by calling the church office (815-777-2590) or emailing Lynn Giles (lynngiles@lynngilesphotography.com).



Palm Sunday -- Maundy Thursday -- Good Friday -- Easter Sunday

2023 Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday April 2nd 10:30 am

Procession of Palms & Eucharist

Maundy Thursday April 6th

Agape Meal 5:30 pm

Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 pm

Communion, Stripping of Altar

Reposition of Sacrament to

Garden of Repose

Good Friday April 7th 7:00 pm

The Passion with Veneration of the Cross

Communion

Easter Sunday April 9th 10:30 am

New Fire, Bells, & Festal Eucharist



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Scripture Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent March 26th, 2023

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45
Psalm 130

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