# **Grace Episcopal Church**

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

107 S. Prospect Street Galena, Illinois 61036 April 21, 2024 10:30am Eucharist



# 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. 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.

# **Ministers of the Service**

Rev. Dr. Paula Harris, *Celebrant* Thom Dennis, *Lector* Debbie Pausz, *Acolyte* Bonnielynn Kreiser, *Chalice Bearer* Phil Jackman, *Vestry Coordinator* Cathie Elsbree, *Greeter* Kim & Bonnielynn Kreiser, *LEMs*  Robin French, *Music Director* Nancy Cook/Joy von Wolffersdorff, *Erben Organists* Maren Coates & Kim Kreiser, *Altar Guild* Greg Serwich, *Sound/Livestream Tech* 

# The Service of the Word

**Rite One** – For today and the next two Sundays, from the Fourth Sunday of Easter (April 21) through Rogation Sunday (May 5), our service will use Rite One, an ancient liturgy retained in the Anglican communion since the 17th century. The Episcopalians who founded Grace Episcopal Church in 1835 would have used a very similar liturgy—Rite One only modestly revised Cranmer's 1662 Book of Common Prayer. Please see your weekly Grace Happenings email for an introduction to the value and use of Rite One.

#### Prelude

Resignation

Traditional/Carter

We stand as the bell rings.

#### **Opening Hymn**

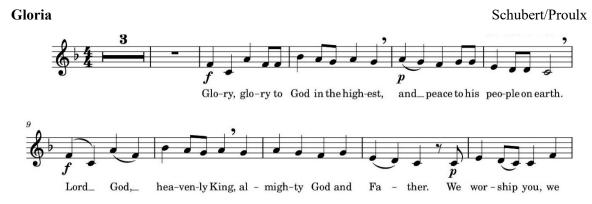
184: Christ the Lord is Risen Again!

#### Welcome

Celebrant:	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People:	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### **Collect for Purity**

Celebrant:	Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name: through Christ our Lord
	Name; through Christ our Lord.
People:	Amen.
Celebrant:	Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:
	Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and
	with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is
	like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two
	commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.



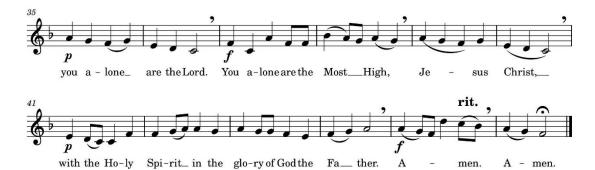






take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us, \_\_\_ You are sea-ted at the right hand of the





#### **The Collect**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

## **First Reading**

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

<sup>5</sup>The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders:

it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Lector:	The Word of the Lord.
People:	Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul

## and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>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.

## Second Reading

Lector: A reading from the First letter of John.

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

Acts 4:5-12

brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

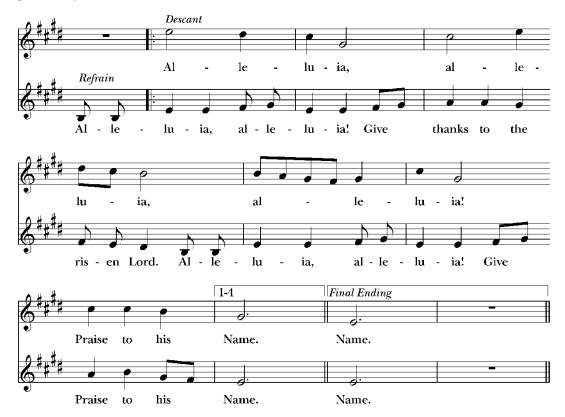
<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

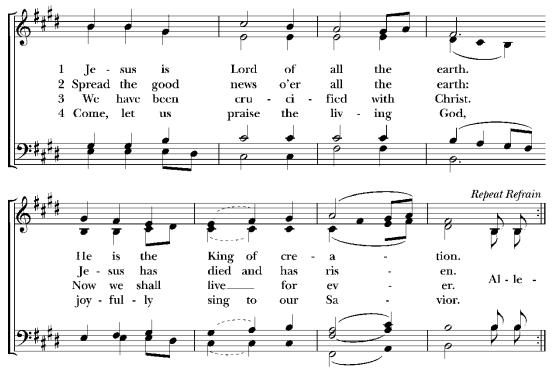
Lector:The Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

#### **Sequence Hymn**

178: Alleluia! Alleluia!, v. 4





The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

#### The Gospel

John 10:11-18

Priest:The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.People:Glory be to thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Priest:	The Gospel of the Lord.
People:	Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## Please be seated.

## The Sermon

## Mother Paula Harris

We keep a brief moment of silence after the sermon.

Please stand.

## The Nicene Creed

Celebrant:	Let us affirm our faith.
People:	I believe in one God,
-	the Father Almighty,
	maker of heaven and earth,
	and of all 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;
	he suffered and was buried;
	and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
	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 spake 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.

#### The Prayers of the People

Lector: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People: Amen.

#### **Confession of Sin**

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence.

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**People:** Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness. which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father: for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28* 

#### The Peace

Celebrant:	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People:	And with thy spirit.

All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

#### Please be seated.

#### Announcements

Thanksgiving for the birthdays of: Lillie Anderson Beadle and Kim Kreiser

People: 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 Eucharist**

Holy Communion is a sacrament in which we receive holy gifts and become holy people. We call it Eucharist, which means "thanksgiving." In the Episcopal Church, all who claim the name Christian are welcome to share in Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive, you are still welcome to come to the altar and cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing.

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8* 

OffertoryWe Shall Walk Through the Valley in PeaceTraditional/Appling

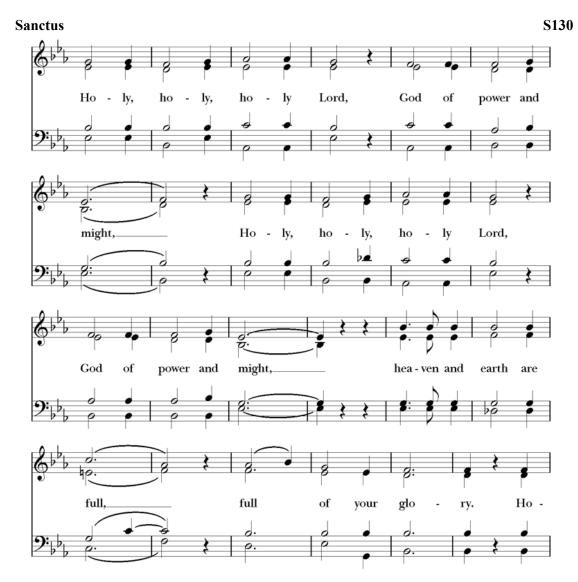
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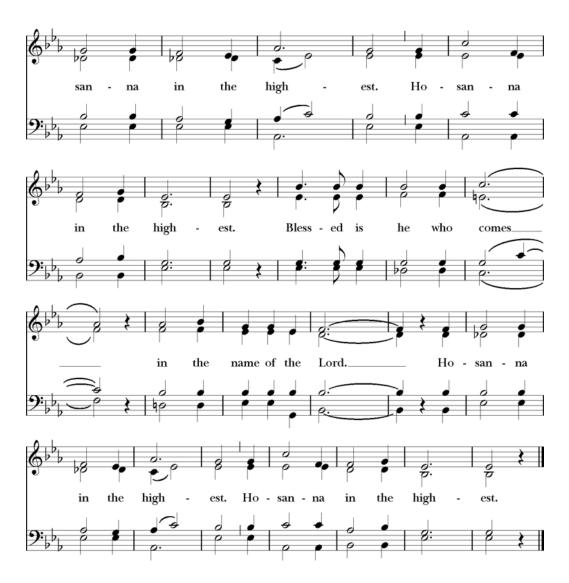
#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	It is meet and right so to do.
Celebrant:	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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,





Please continue standing or kneel.

Celebrant: 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 in 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. **Amen.** 

People: Am

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People: 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.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

Silence

### **Fraction Anthem**

Celebrant:	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People:	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.





Celebrant: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: 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.

**Communion Hymn** 

645: The King of Love My Shepherd Is



Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8; Where charity and love are found, God is there; Taizé Community, 1978 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994 © 1979, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

# Communion Hymn

Taizé: Ubi Caritas

#### Please stand.

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

#### Sending the Eucharistic Ministers

Celebrant: 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.

People: We who are many are one Body, because we all share in one bread, one cup.

#### Blessing

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

**Recessional Hymn** 

304: I Come With Joy, v. 1, 2, 4, 5

#### Dismissal

Celebrant:	Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People:	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

# Postlude Land of Rest Traditional / Helvey

## Announcements

Find additional information in Grace Happenings, our weekly email newsletter sent every Friday. To subscribe, send a request to <u>gracesec@gracegalena.org</u>. The deadline for announcements is noon on Tuesdays. Thank You!

**Outreach Committee Collecting Mop Shop Donations** – During the month of April, our red bags will be out with a list of needed products inside. The donations will be blessed Sunday, April 28. For questions, contact Cathie Elsbree (815-281-0299)

**Pride Planning Task Force** – Our church would like to sponsor Galena's family friendly Pride Picnic again this year, and also to fund a church booth. We need volunteers to help organize our presence at Grant Park (Pride event is Sat. June 8, 12-5 pm). Our first organizing meeting is April 21 (today!), 11:30 am, in the upstairs conference room. Future meetings will be scheduled at the group's convenience. Please see Mother Paula for more information.

**Phishing Attacks** – Occasionally, those in Galena who know me are on the receiving end of urgent text messages or emails signed with my name, with a request for help. A good preventative is to put my cell phone number 608-345-6479 and/or emails gracerector@gracegalena.org or revdrpharris@gmail.com in your contacts. That way you can know if it was really me, writing. But generally it's not. – Mother Paula

**Greeter Team Hosts "Invite, Welcome, Connect"** – Join us on three Sundays after church for learning sessions with a themed video and discussion prompts (April 28: Invite; May 5: Welcome; May 19: Connect). Attend all three or any topic which interests you. For questions, contact Mother Paula Harris (gracerector@gracegalena.org) or Maren Coates (563-580-5462).

# In the Greater Galena Community

**Combined Concert** – Individual musicians and small ensembles are invited to participate in a combined concert on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at Galena Bible Church. For a participation form, contact Amanda in the church office (gracesec@gracegalena.org).

# **Ongoing Happenings at Grace:**

**Sunday Social Hour** – Join us for a time of fellowship each Sunday after service. The sign-up sheet for hosting is posted near the coffee pots.

**Monday Poetry Meeting, 2:00 pm** – Via Zoom for winter. Contact: Carol Poston, poston@sxu.edu or 815-777-0220.

**Tuesday Service of Compline, 8:30 pm** – Via Zoom, link in the weekly e-news. Contact: Lynn Giles, 815-757-2011

**Wednesday Morning Service, 8:00 am** – Worship in the Chapel and hear stories of saints' lives. The group continues afterwards with breakfast at a local restaurant.

Wednesday Morning Study Group, 10:00 am – Lectionary study in the Conference Room and via Zoom, link in the weekly e-news. Contact: Greg Serwich, 312-933-6228.

**Galena Foreign Policy Study Group, 2:30 pm** – Monthly on the second Wednesday in the Parish Hall. Contact: Greg Serwich, 312-933-6228.

**Thursday Yarn Ministry, 1:30-2:30 pm** – Meets in the Conference Room. Contact: Meg Gibbs 708-421-1512.

Friday Centering Prayer, 9:00 am – Via Zoom, link in the weekly e-news.

**Ministry of Care** – Provides congregational support (rides, meals, errands, etc.) during a time of need. Contact: Bonnielynn Kreiser, 815-777-1468 or 815-291-9005.

# **Prayers of the People**

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

**For Our Outreach Partners:** Opening Doors; Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk, South Sudan; La Santa Cruz Parish in the Diocese of Southeast Mexico; the United Thank Offering; the Galena ARC; the United Churches Food Pantry; Episcopal Relief and Development; Shelter Care Ministries; and Dubuque Rescue Mission.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Paula, our Diocesan Bishop; Paula, our Rector; and all members of Grace Church.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Connie Bennett, Kevin Beuge, Emery Beyer, Dan Burke, Teresa Burke, Bob Burton, Mia Carson, Shawn Crossley, Bob Doering, Pete Doering, Ron Doser, Jocelyn Douglas, Matthew Dowe, Al Elsbree, Ed & Rita Ersfeldt, Carmen Ferguson, Jennie Fjelde, Olivia Gilbert, Ezryn "Ezzy" Gotautis, Elaine Guidry, Adeline Hanson, Megan Hearnsburger, Kristi L, Richard Luther, Alice & Joe Maffit, Liam Malone, Robert Marsh, JoAnn Mikelson, Ruth Neindorf, Mary Nelson, Pam Ohms, Tony Packard, Larry Poston, Doug Rector, Warren Schaller, Melody Serwich, Lori Severtson, Mike Simosky, Steve Symons, Pat Terry, Casey Walters, Joe Watts, Jim Webster, Tim Winters, Abby, Andrea, Carmella, Maria, Meghan, and Mina.

We give thanks for the many blessings we have received: those who serve in the military; all essential workers and their families; for the birthdays of Lillie Anderson Beadle and Kim Kreiser; and all who worship in this place & those who have not yet walked through these doors.

We pray for those who have died, Sheila (Burke) Arends, Diann Marsh, and Jeff Kerkhoven; and for the anniversary of the deaths of: Hazel Martin.

## The Altar Flowers Were Given by: Bonnielynn Kreiser

Social Hour Hosts: Welcome Committee

The May sign-up for Social Hour is now posted!



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