

# Grace Episcopal Church

107 S. Prospect Street  
Galena, Illinois 61036

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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*  
Susan Barg, *Lector*  
Ann Shepard, *Acolyte*  
Debbie Kallback, *Chalice Bearer*  
Sue Anderson, *Vestry Coordinator*  
Charlotte Stryker, *Greeter*  
Karen & Greg Serwich, *LEMs*

Robin French, *Music Director*  
Nancy Cook/Joy von Wolffersdorff,  
*Erben Organists*  
Amy Hardwicke & Charlotte Stryker,  
*Altar Guild*  
Melanie Hoffman, *Sound/Livestream  
Tech*

## The Service of the Word

**Rite One** – For today 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.

### Prelude

Adagio

Tommaso Albinoni

*We stand as the bell rings.*

### Opening Hymn

191: Alleluia, Alleluia!, v. 1, 2, 4, 5

### 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.

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.

### Gloria

Schubert/Proulx

Glo-ry, glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther. We wor-ship you, we

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give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry, we praise you for your glo - ry.

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Lord, Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

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

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Fa - ther, re - ceive our pray'r, re - ceive our pray'r. For — you a - lone are the Ho - ly one,

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you a - lone — are the Lord. You a - lone are the Most — High, Je - sus Christ, —

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with the Ho - ly Spi - rit — in the glo - ry of God the Fa — ther. A - men. A - men.

## The Collect

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with thy spirit.**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People:** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the Lord a new song,

**for he has done marvelous things.**

<sup>2</sup>With his right hand and his holy arm

**has he won for himself the victory.**

<sup>3</sup>The Lord has made known his victory;

**his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>4</sup>He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,

**and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

<sup>5</sup>Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;

**lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>6</sup>Sing to the Lord with the harp,

**with the harp and the voice of song.**

<sup>7</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn

**shout with joy before the King, the Lord.**

<sup>8</sup>Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,

**the lands and those who dwell therein.**

<sup>9</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands,

**and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.**

<sup>10</sup>In righteousness shall he judge the world

**and the peoples with equity.**

## Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Lector: A reading from the First letter of John.

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Sequence Hymn

178: Alleluia! Alleluia!, v. 4

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-1 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

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1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -  
 Now we shall live for ev - er. vior.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

*Repeat Refrain*

*The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.*

## The Gospel

John 15:9-17

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to his disciples,] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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.**



*Please kneel, or continue standing.*

### **Confession of Sin**

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

*Silence.*

**Minister &  
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: Patricia Schaller, Carolyn Norton

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*

## Offertory

God Is Here

G. Wonacott

*Please stand.*

## 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,

**Sanctus**

**S130**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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.

*Please kneel, or continue standing.*

**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.

**People:** Amen.

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.**

S164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first line of musical notation is for the Fraction Anthem. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a steady rhythm.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

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Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

**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**

341: For the Bread Which You Have Broken

**Communion Hymn**

LEVAS 151: One Bread, One Body

**Refrain:**

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
 one cup of blessing which we bless.  
 And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
 We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
 woman or man, no more.  
 One Lord. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.  
One Lord. *Refrain*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all.  
One Lord. *Refrain*

*Corinthians 10:16, 17; 12:4; Galatians 3:28; The Didache 9*  
*These words are in the public domain.*

*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

344: Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

## Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## Postlude

Joy in My Soul

Hayes

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## Announcements

*Find additional information in Grace Happenings, our weekly email newsletter sent every Friday.*

*To subscribe, send a request to [gracesec@gracegalena.org](mailto:gracesec@gracegalena.org).*

*The deadline for announcements is noon on Tuesdays. Thank You!*

**Altar Flowers Were Given by** – Pete & Charlotte Stryker

**Social Hour Hosts** – Lynn Giles and Billy & Betty Bookless

**“Invite, Welcome, Connect” Class** – Join us after church for learning sessions with a themed video and discussion prompts (today, May 5: Welcome; May 19: Connect). Attend any topic which interests you. For questions, contact Mother Paula Harris ([gracerector@gracegalena.org](mailto:gracerector@gracegalena.org)) or Maren Coates (563-580-5462).

**Wear Red for Pentecost** – We will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. The festive color is red, so all are encouraged to dress in red for 10:30am worship that day.

**Celebration of Music** – The sanctuary will be filled with “joyful noise to the Lord” on Sunday, May 26 at 10:30am. Please invite your family and friends to join us for this music-filled morning!

**Pride in the Park** – This year Grace will once again sponsor Galena’s annual Pride the Park event, and we are expanding to host a booth on June 8. The planning committee is organizing a children’s selfie station and an adult wedding theme selfie station. For that, we need the following items (either on loan or donated): Blazers/Suit Jackets (multiple sizes), Dresses, Clip on ties, Hats (any gender), Shawls, Flowers (fake/plastic to make bouquets), Boas, Veils, Bead Necklaces, Masks (wild/flamboyant), and any extra items Rainbow colored.

If you have any items to donate and would like them back, please put a piece of tape and name or initials so we can return them. Otherwise, everything will go into storage for future Pride Picnics.

**How to Become an Episcopalian** – “Stand, sit, kneel, stand, kneel:  
It’s quite a good workout for  
a Sunday morning.”

Episcopal Haiku

We Episcopalians come from many places, we have many spiritual paths, and believe many things. Shocking, I know. In our communion there has traditionally been more a focus on the words and actions we use when we pray together (“common prayer” as our book title has it) than what is going on in our heads when we do it. “It is a most invaluable part of that blessed ‘liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free,’ that in his worship different forms and usages may without offense be allowed, provided the substance of the Faith be kept entire” (Book of Common Prayer, p. 9). So “we, who are many and diverse, come together in Christ through our worship, our common prayer.” (<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/what-we-believe/>.) But we do have a relatively unique approach to church governance (e.g. decision-making), and arguably, to inclusion and reading scripture.

This summer, our Bishop is visiting, and the office of the Bishop is also symbol of the unity of the church. She is empowered to recognize and welcome Christians who have been practicing their faith in other churches, and fully include them as new Episcopalians. If you would like to explore being received as an Episcopal lay person, please join me after church on Sunday June 9, in the upstairs conference room. If that date is impossible but you’re interested, just reach out to me personally. Mother Paula+

**Save the Date for Mass in the Grass** – Sunday, June 16 at 10:30am at Linmar Gardens.

## **In the Greater Galena Community**

**Free Online Series on Mother’s Day Grief** – Join grief specialist David Kessler in this two-part series: “When You’re Grieving Your Mother” on Saturday, May 4 and “When You’re a Mother Grieving a Child” on Sunday May 5. Register at [www.davidkesslertraining.com/mothers-day](http://www.davidkesslertraining.com/mothers-day)  
**Invitation from Tracey Roberts** – “Can you believe it? Terri Jackman saved my life 25 years ago by donating one of her kidneys to me. I am deeply grateful for the past 25 years and I want to celebrate Terri, her amazing gift to me, and LIFE!” Open house Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3-6 pm at The Irish Cottage. Special gathering at 4:00 to mark the occasion. Cake, coffee, snacks. Cash bar.

**VBS 2024 - General Registration and Call for Volunteers** – The United Churches of Galena Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, June 10 to Friday, June 15 at Galena United Methodist Church. Registration forms are on the Parish Hall bulletin board. There are multiple volunteer positions available to make this community outreach possible. The orientation for VBS Team Members is today, Sunday, May 5th at 1:30pm, with training to follow on May 26th and June 2nd. All are invited! Contact Patricia Allen-Stewart for more information at 815-291-2487 or [allnstwt@gmail.com](mailto:allnstwt@gmail.com).

## 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, George Bookless, 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 Hearnburger, Kristi L, Richard Luther, Alice & Joe Maffit, Liam Malone, Robert Marsh, JoAnn Mikelson, Ruth Neindorf, Mary Nelson, Pam Ohms, Alan Oyen, 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 Patricia Schaller and Carolyn Norton; 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; **and for the anniversary of the deaths of:** Florence Greiner, Viola Edwards, Dorothea M. Reifsteck, Julia Wittick, Daisy Mae Vandervate, and George Seubert.



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