

# Grace Episcopal Church

107 S. Prospect Street  
Galena, Illinois 61036

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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*  
Carol Poston, *Lector*  
Cathie Elsbree, *Acolyte*  
Lynn Giles, *Chalice Bearer*  
Georgia Hansen, *Vestry Coordinator*  
Maren Coates, *Greeter*  
Lynn Giles & Terri Jackman, *LEMs*

Robin French, *Music Director*  
Nancy Cook/Joy von Wolffersdorff,  
*Erben Organists*  
Pat Golden & Charlotte Stryker,  
*Altar Guild*  
Pat Golden, *Sound/Livestream Tech*

## The Service of the Word

**Rite One** – For today and next Sunday, 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

Wondrous Love

Southern Harmony/Cotter

*We stand as the bell rings.*

### Opening Hymn

182: Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing, v. 1-4

### Welcome

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### Collect for Purity

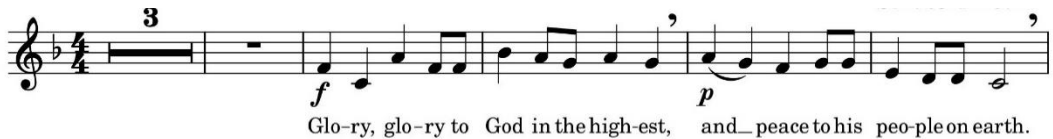
Celebrant: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

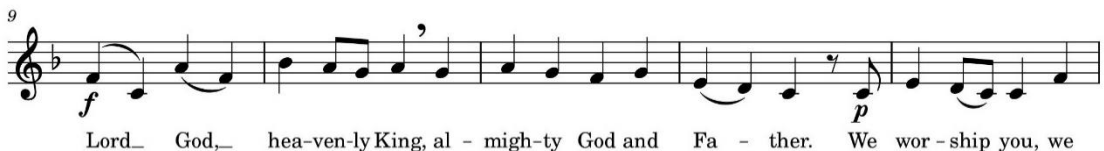
Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:  
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the 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

14

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

19

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

25

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

30

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

35

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

41

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 Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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

**First Reading**

Acts 8:26-40

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

Psalm 22:24-30

<sup>24</sup>My praise is of him in the great assembly;

**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

<sup>25</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:

**“May your heart live for ever!”**

<sup>26</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
**and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

<sup>27</sup>For kingship belongs to the Lord;

**he rules over the nations.**

<sup>28</sup>To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;

**all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

<sup>29</sup>My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him;

**they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

<sup>30</sup>They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn

**the saving deeds that he has done.**

## Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

Lector: A reading from the First letter of John.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

<sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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,

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It begins with a 'Descant' section. The second system has a 'Refrain' section. The third system continues the melody. The fourth system has a 'Final Ending' section with a '1-1' marking. The fifth system contains four numbered verses of lyrics and a bass line accompaniment.

*Repeat Refrain*

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

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

## The Gospel

John 15:1-8

**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>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

**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

Blessing of Red Bags

Thanksgiving for the birthday of: Charlotte Stryker

Thanksgiving for the anniversaries of: Phil & Terri Jackman, Dave & JoAnn Mikelson

**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** Lead Me Lord Psalm 5/S. Wesley

*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 music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

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

The second line of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

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

The third line of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.



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**

513: Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

**Communion Hymn**

577: Christ Is Love, and Where True Love Is

*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**

296: We Know That Christ Is Raised and Dies No More

## **Dismissal**

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

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

## **Postlude**

Now the Green Blade Rises

French Traditional/Carter

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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** – Phil & Terri Jackman, in honor of their wedding anniversary

**Social Hour Hosts** – Treats from the Freezer

**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 today, April 28. For questions, contact Cathie Elsbree (815-281-0299)

**Greeter Team Hosts “Invite, Welcome, Connect”** – Join us on three Sundays after church for learning sessions with a themed video and discussion prompts (today, 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](mailto:gracerector@gracegalena.org)) or Maren Coates (563-580-5462).

**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.

## **In the Greater Galena Community**

**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 Sunday, May 5th at 1:30pm, with training to follow on May 26th and June 2nd. All are invited! Contact Patricia Allen-Steward for more information at 815-291-2487 or 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 birthday of Charlotte Stryker; for the anniversaries of Phil & Terri Jackman, Dave & JoAnn Mikelson; 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:** Edson Ward Page, Carl Edwards, and Aimee Gear.



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Fri. 9:00am – 4:30pm

### **Vestry**

**Phil Jackman**, Sr. Warden

**Eric Kallback, Jr.** Warden & Clerk

**Tom Van Gelder**, Treasurer

**Carl Davis** (2025)

**Amy Hardwicke** (2025)

**Sue Anderson** (2026)

**Cindy Blakemore** (2026)

**Georgia Hansen** (2027)

**Stephen Wendorf** (2027)