



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Eucharist

Grace Episcopal Church

Galena, Illinois

September 17, 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. Dr. Mary Milano, *Presider*
*Rev. Diane Luther, *Deacon*
*Jacquie Thompson, *Lector*
*Cathie Elsbree, *Intervessor*

*Robin French, *Music Director*
*Nancy Cook, *Erben Organist*
*Carl Davis, *Vestry Coordinator*
*Kim Kreiser & Charlotte Stryker
Altar Guild
*Teresa Burke, *Greeter*
*Lynn Giles & Mary Lou Smith, *LEMs*

We Gather to Worship

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

Prelude

The Gift of Love

*English Melody/
J. Carter*

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

Opening Hymn 400

*All Creatures of Our God and King
verses 1, 4, 5, & 7*

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Gloria in excelsis

John Rutter

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his

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peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-migh-ty God and

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Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

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

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

9
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For

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you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

8
you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the

9
glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - - - men.

The Word of God

Presider: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.
O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 **Exodus**.

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm – *In Unison*

Psalm 114:1-8

Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The Epistle

Lector: A reading from **Romans.**

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

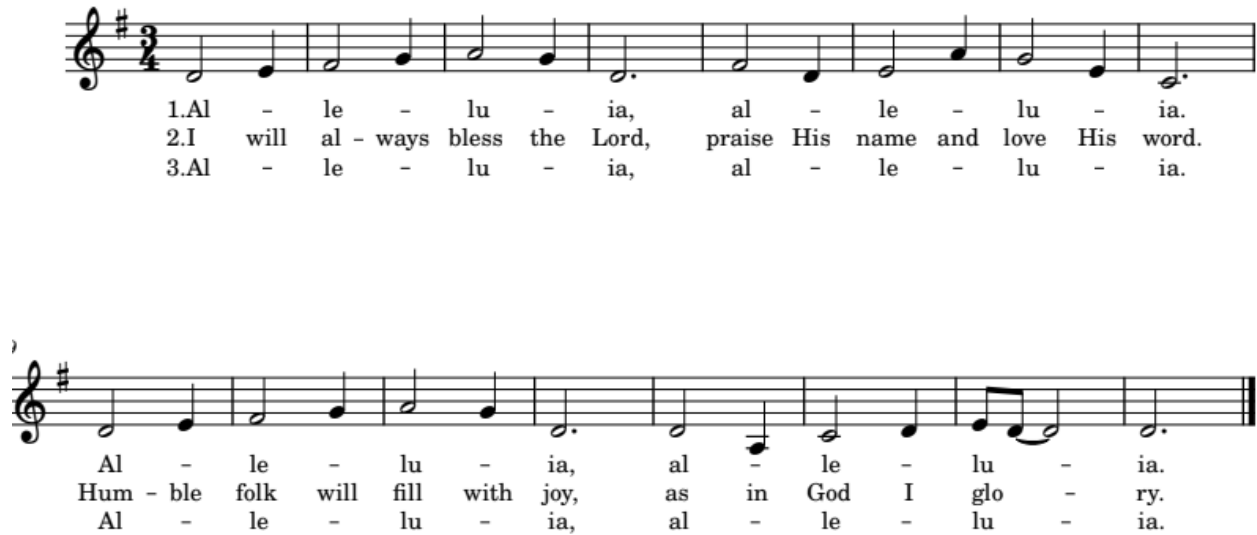
All: Thanks be to God

Please stand as able.

Sequence

John Bell

Scots Gaelic Traditional



1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
2. I will al - ways bless the Lord, praise His name and love His word.
3. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Hum - ble folk will fill with joy, as in God I glo - ry.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew. Matthew 18:21-35**

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would

pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Dr. Mary Milano

We keep a brief moment of silence after the sermon.

Please stand as able.

The Creed

Presider: Let us affirm our faith.

All:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Please stand or kneel, as able

Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All: ***Amen.***

Please stand.

Prayers of the People

Deacon: Your people are gathered together in this place, O God: Fill this house with the Spirit's presence and power as we pray to you: May these words of ours find favor; we will rejoice in the Holy One.

Intercessor: Gracious One, let our trust in your Spirit grow so fully that we may do the works that Christ has done, and greater works than these. May these words of ours find favor,

All:

John Bell



Lector: Almighty One, scatter our pride and teach those who hold authority in the world to turn to you for instruction and truth. May these words of ours find favor;

All:

John Bell

Antiphon



A-men, a-men. A-men, a-men. A-men, a-men. Your will be done.

Intercessor: Ever-present One, pour out your Spirit upon all flesh and let the Holy Comforter bring healing and peace to all who live with illness, suffering, oppression, or injustice. May these words of ours find favor,

All:

John Bell

Antiphon



A-men, a-men. A-men, a-men. A-men, a-men. Your will be done.

Lector: Ever-near One, let your deeds of power be with us in this community, that your children may prophesy, your young people see visions, and your elder people dream dreams. May these words of ours find favor,

All:

John Bell

Antiphon



A-men, a-men. A-men, a-men. A-men, a-men. Your will be done.

Intercessor: Listen to all who call to you for help and honor our prayers on behalf of those for whom we intercede, especially all those affected by recent floods and wildfires in this country and around the world.

All:

John Bell

Antiphon



A-men, a-men. A-men, a-men. A-men, a-men. Your will be done.

Lector: Hear our thanksgivings for your benevolence and providence as we offer our prayers of gratitude and praise, especially for those who serve in the military and all essential workers and their families; for the birthdays of Georgia Hansen & Joe Maffit; for the anniversary of Jason & Nikki Frank; 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.

We pray for the anniversary of the deaths of: Albert Hoffman, Edward Christian Reifsteck, Louis Hornung, Edwin Benton Thurman, & Bill Calvert.

All:

John Bell

Antiphon



A-men, a-men. A-men, a-men. A-men, a-men. Your will be done.

Deacon: Let us pray.

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. *Amen.*

How manifold are your works, Gracious One; you open your hand and all your creatures are filled with good things: Let your Spirit abide with us and in us, that we may love you and keep your commandments to love one another, living in the unity of the Son, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, One God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

We Share the Peace of Christ *Please stand.*

Presider: The Peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY BLESSING

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*

We Offer Our Lives and Gifts to God

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice
to God.

Offertory

Bless the Lord

Taizé'

Presentation

John Bell



1. Take this mo - ment, sign, and space;
2. Take the time to call my name,
3. Take the tired - ness of my days,
4. Take the lit - tle child in me,
5. Take my ta - lents, take my skills,



take my friends a - round;	here a - mong us
take the time to mend	who I am and
take my past re - gret,	let - ting your for -
scared of grow - ing old;	help me here to
take what's yet to be;	let my life be



make the place where your love is found.
what I've been, all I've failed to tend.
give - ness touch all I can't for - get.
find my worth made in Christ's own mold.
yours, and yet, let it still be me.

We share the Holy Communion

Enriching Our Worship Prayer 3

Presider: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and all the
company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name;

Sanctus

Wm. Bradley Roberts

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

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might. Heav-n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

15
in the high - est. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the

22
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider: We give thanks to you, O God for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After Supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and **All:**

**We remember his death;
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread, and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ through whom we may be acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All: ***Amen.***

Presider and **All:** **Blessed are you now and for ever. *Amen.***

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All: **Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours now and for ever. *Amen.***

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Fraction Anthem

Gary James

Choir *Congregation*

Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread. Be

known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread. The bread which we break, al-le-

lu-ia, is the com-mun-ion of the bod-y of Christ. Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the

break-ing of the bread. One bod-y are we, al-le-lu-ia, for though man-y we share one

Congregation

bread. Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Communion Hymn 674

Forgive Our Sins

Communion Hymn

Ubi Caritas

Taize'

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

The musical score is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in 2/4 time. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The first system of music includes the lyrics 'U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,' with chords F, C, Dm, Bb, D, G, and C indicated above the staff. The second system includes the lyrics 'u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est. live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.' with chords F, C, Dm, Gm, C, and F indicated above the staff. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above the staff in the second system.

We Send the Eucharistic Ministers

Deacon: 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.

Post Communion Prayer

Deacon: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Presider: May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit forever.

All: ***Amen.***

Presider: May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence.

All: ***Amen.***

Presider: May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and all your days.

All: ***Amen.***

Recessional 347

Go Forth for God

Deacon: Go forth to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Praise to the Lord Almighty

*Lobe den Herren/
Carter*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Cycle of Prayer:

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean 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 Diocesan Bishop; and all members of Grace Church.

We pray for those who are sick or in need:

Emery Beyer, Dan Burke, Teresa Burke, Bob Burton, Mia Carson, Shawn Crossley, Kathy Doig, Jocelyn Douglas, Renee Dowe, Steve Dowe, Matthew Dowe, Abby, Al Elsbree, Ed & Rita Ersfeldt, Jennie Fjelde, Olivia Gilbert, Ezryn “Ezzy” Gotautis, Elaine Guidry, Dean Hanson, Megan Hearnburger, Justin Kash, Josie Keaton, Anika Kerkhoven, Alice & Joe Maffit, Liam Malone, Diann & Robert Marsh, Crystal Mason, Katie McIntyre, JoAnn Mikelson, Mina, Mary Nelson, Sarah Newton, Pam Ohms, Paige, Rev. Linda Packard, Tony Packard, Doug Rector, Warren Schaller, Warren Schaller, Jr., Melody Serwich, Jennifer Stienstra, Lori Severtson, Pat Terry, Casey Walton, Joe Watts, Jim Webster, Aidan Williams, Larry Wycoki, & Paulette Zais.

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Albert Hoffman, Edward Christian Reifsteck, Louis Hornung, Edwin Benton Thurman, & Bill Calvert.

*The flowers today are given by
Georgia Hansen.*

*Today’s Coffee Social hosts
are Ann Berry & Amy Hardwicke.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

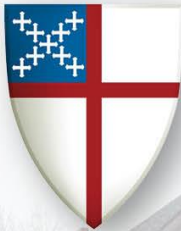
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Grace Happenings, our weekly eBlast newsletter is sent out every Friday.

*To start receiving it, please use your preferred email to send your request to our Parish Administrator
at gracesec@gracegalena.org*

Welcome Reception

for Rev. Dr. Paula Harris



Sunday, October 1st

Join us for worship at 10:30am
Reception following worship in Parish House



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Thank You! On behalf of the Outreach Committee, thank you to all who supported the recent ARC school supply drive, whether it was cash or supplies.

New Date for September Canape & Conversation: The September event will be held at the home of Stephen & Maren Coates on **Friday, September 22nd from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.**

Save the Date! “It’s Okay, Boomer, It’s Going to Be Okay: Reflections and Reassurance for the Journey Ahead”: Join Thom Dennis, D. Min., LCPC and other members of the Baby Boomer generations at the Sinsinawa Mound Center for a morning of reflection. We’ll consider the wisdom we’ve acquired over the course of our lives and what our world needs from us as we face the personal, societal, and global challenges ahead.

Saturday, September 23, 2023, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Sinsinawa Mound Center, 585 Country Road Z, Sinsinawa, WI 53824

To register or for more information visit <https://www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter/event>

Altar Flowers: There are many openings for the remainder of 2023. To sign-up, the Flower Chart is located on the Parish Hall’s bulletin board.

Social Hour: There are many openings during **October & November** 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 Morning 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 on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., either in the Parish House Conference Room or on Zoom (link in the Eblast). If needed, **contact Greg Serwich (312-933-6228) for assistance.**

Yarn Ministry: meets on Thursdays from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm at the Parish House. For more information, **contact Meg Gibbs (708-421-1512).**

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



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The Rev. Linda Packard, Priest Associate
The Rev. Diane Luther, Deacon
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Phil Jackman (2024)

Carl Davis (2025)
Amy Hardwicke (2025)

Cindy Blakemore (2026)
Sue Anderson (2026)

Scripture Readings for September 24th, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Track 1

Exodus 14:19-31

Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

Track 2

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

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