# **Grace Episcopal Church**

107 S. Prospect Street Galena, Illinois 61036

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025 10:30am Eucharist

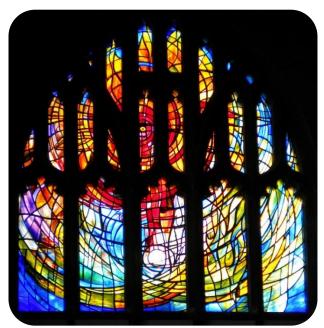


Image: Healing Window in Manchester Cathedral, installed to commemorate the restoration of the cathedral following the IRA bombing in 1996.

### **Welcome to Grace Church**

It is, as always, a pleasure to worship together today. Your presence is valued whether this is your first time at Grace or whether you are a regular attendee. Please be aware that we are live streaming this service on YouTube. Restrooms are located up the ramp on the left side of the sanctuary, through the double doors, and to the right.

## **Ministers of the Service**

The Rev. Dr. Paula Harris, *Celebrant*Terri Jackman, *Lector*Donna Davis, *Acolyte*Lynn Giles, *Chalice Bearer*Cindy Blakemore, *Vestry Coordinator*Anita Sands, *Greeter*Pat Golden, *Sound/Livestream Tech* 

Robin French, *Music Director*Nancy Cook/Joy von Wolffersdorff, *Erben Organists*Maren Coates & Kim Kreiser, *Altar Guild*Georgia Hansen & Terri Jackman, *LEMs* 

### The Service of the Word

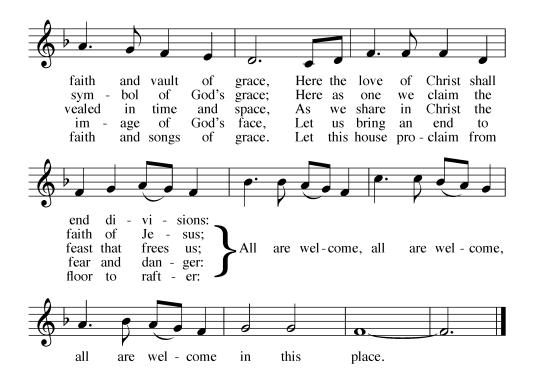
Prelude

In Remembrance of Me

R. Burl

## Please stand as the bell rings.



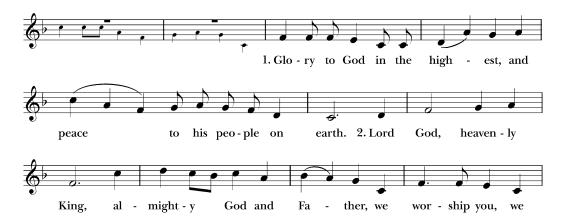


#### Welcome

Celebrant: Blessed be God: most holy glorious, and undivided Trinity.

All: And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

Gloria S 280: Glory to God





Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

#### The Collect

Celebrant: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Collect EOW 52

Celebrant: Beloved God, as we approach your Presence, guide and stir us with your

Holy Spirit, that we may become one body, one spirit in Jesus Christ our

Savior.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading Sirach 10:12-18

Lector: A reading from the Wisdom of Jesus, Son of Sirach

<sup>12</sup>The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.

<sup>13</sup>For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.

Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely.

<sup>14</sup>The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place.

<sup>15</sup>The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place.

<sup>16</sup>The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.

<sup>17</sup>He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth.

<sup>18</sup>Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112

Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord

and have great delight in his commandments!

<sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty in the land;

the generation of the upright will be blessed.

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house,

and their righteousness will last for ever.

<sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness for the upright;

the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>For they will never be shaken;

the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;

their heart is right;

they put their trust in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and will not shrink,

until they see their desire upon their enemies.

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor,

and their righteousness stands fast for ever;

they will hold up their head with honor.

<sup>10</sup>The wicked will see it and be angry;

they will gnash their teeth and pine away;

the desires of the wicked will perish.

## **Second Reading**

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Lector: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and

let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

## **Sequence Hymn**

# This Is the Day (John Bell)



The Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Savior.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

**The Sermon** Mother Paula Harris

We keep a brief moment of silence after the sermon.

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed EOW 53

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith.

All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

### **Prayers of the People**

Celebrant: As God's healing and peace spread among us, let us offer prayers for this

broken world and for every person and every need.

Lector: For this congregation and every holy gathering and for all who enter with

faith.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lector: For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lector: For those in positions of public trust.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lector: For those discouraged by failure or disheartened by sin.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lector: For those listed on our prayer board ... and for all those in danger and

need: the sick and the suffering, the hungry and the oppressed, travelers

and prisoners.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lector: For those who have died to life in this world.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lector: For all of us, justified by faith in Jesus Christ.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lector: Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all

the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through

Christ.

All: To you, O Christ.

Celebrant: God who travels and eats with sinners, hear the prayers we offer this day

and embrace with love your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our

Lord.

All: Amen.

Please kneel or remain standing.

### **Confession of Sin**

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

Silence may be kept.

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.

Celebrant: 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.

All stand.

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

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

Please be seated.

#### Announcements

Celebrations

Thanksgiving for the birthday of: Tom Van Gelder Thanksgiving for the anniversary: Ann & Bill Shepard

All: 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.

Giving

Link to online giving via PayPal:



## The Holy Eucharist

In the Episcopal Church, all who claim the name Christian are welcome to share in Holy Communion. Here at Grace, we do not intinct (i.e. dip) the wafer. Receive (eat) the wafer first. If you prefer not to receive from the communal cup, you may simply pass on the wine. If you do not wish to receive either element, you are still welcome to come to the altar rail, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

## **Offertory Sentence**

Celebrant: God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has

been given to us. (Romans 5:5)

Offertory Sweet By and By Bennett/Webster/Rose

Anna Ashcraft, Sarah Johnson, Melanie Hoffman, Robin French

Please stand.

## The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 369

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and

praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar

space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth,

our island home.

All: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed

us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers and servants of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we

turned against one another.

All: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you

revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of

freedom and peace.

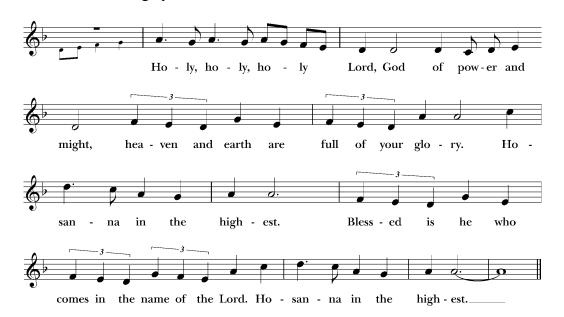
All: By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with

prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their

unending hymn:



Please continue standing or kneel.

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Gracious God, through Jesus Christ our

great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church

gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All: Amen.

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

Our Father in heaven, All: 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.

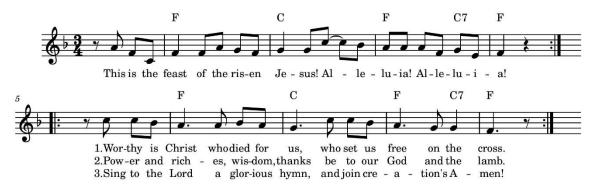
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread

#### Silence

#### **Fraction Anthem**

This Is the Feast of the Risen Jesus Revelation 7, Traditional South African Tune



### Invitation

Celebrant: So come to this table,

You who have much faith

and you who would like to have more;

you who have been here often

and you who have not been for a long time;

you who have tried to follow Jesus,

and you who have failed;

Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Please be seated.

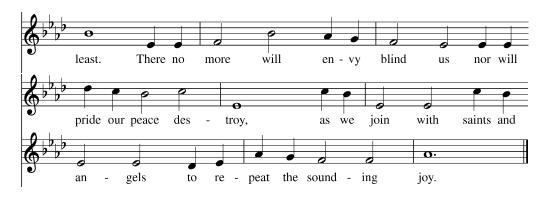
#### **Instrumental Communion Music**

Erben Organ

## **Communion Hymn**

WLP 763: As We Gather at Your Table





Please stand.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the Body of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out

to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you

as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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.

All: We who are many are one Body, because we all share in one bread,

one cup.

Blessing St. Clare, EOW 71

Celebrant: Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected

you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and

may God's blessing be with you always.

All: Amen.

## **Recessional Hymn**

437: Tell Out My Soul

**Dismissal** 

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Gather Us In M. Haugen

### **Announcements**

Find additional information in Grace Happenings, our weekly email newsletter sent every Friday. To subscribe, send a request to gracesec@gracegalena.org.

The deadline for announcements is noon on Wednesdays. Thank You!

The Altar Flowers Were Given by – Joe and Alice Maffit

Social Hour – Cathie Elsbree and Karlyn Van Gelder

**Episcopal 101 Schedule Update** In the first week of September, class will meet on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Then class will resume on Wednesdays on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Meditation Garden Up** - Hi Everyone! Our beautiful Meditation Garden is getting a little shaggy. If you have some time, let's meet there at 10am on the first Saturday of each month to do some cleanup. Upcoming dates are 9/6 and 10/4. Bring your favorite garden tools and we'll get the garden looking beautiful again! Thank you, Eric

Mass in the Grass – This year Mass in the Grass will be held on September 7 at 10:30 am, at the Northern Lights Pavilion at Rec Park, 1721 Field Street, Galena. Coming from Galena, this is the first turn off on your right near the first parking lot. Coming from GTA, it is the second turn off on your left, after the pool turn. (There are not many flowers at Rec Park, but if you happen to be allergic to bees, consider your epipen.) There are some picnic tables and benches, but if you prefer a lawn chair, please bring one. Pets are welcome, appropriately restrained. (But we will bless animals on October 5, the Feast of St Francis.) Please sign up for the potluck in the parish hall.

Learn Morning Prayer - Are you curious about how to use your prayerbook to pray? Do you want to learn or refresh your knowledge of how to pray the daily office? The Daily Office is what we Episcopalians call our services of morning prayer, noonday prayer, evening prayer and compline (the night office, which Lynn Giles leads every Tuesday evening on Zoom.) Here at Grace we have a strong tradition of using the daily office. In the 1820s, lay Episcopalians read the daily office together for years before the Galena group could persuade a clergy person to move here. Now on Wednesdays once a month, a lay person leads Morning Prayer. Do you also want to learn? On Wednesday September 17, at 8:00 am, Mother Paula will lead an instructed service of Morning Prayer.... including how to use a prayerbook or the easy way, with an app. Please join

us. (If you have not recently come to Wednesday service, our group usually goes out to breakfast at a local restaurant afterwards; that's great too.)

Seeking Diocesan Convention Attendees – The Vestry is looking for three volunteers plus alternates to attend this year's Diocesan Convention on behalf of our parish. Part of Convention is a business meeting for the diocese, and a part of it is socializing and a Eucharist with the Bishop and the wider Episcopal Church. Please contact Phil Jackman or Mother Paula Harris if you are interested. Online evening business session: Tuesday, November 18. In-person gathering: Saturday, November 22 at Cliffbreakers Event Center in Rockford. For more information: https://episcopalchicago.org/were-trying-something-new-2025-diocesan-convention-shifts-to-two-day-event/

## **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 + Sean, 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, Emery Beyer, Denise Biagini, Bob Burton, Margaret Carlisle, Shawn Crossley, Matthew Dowe, Cathie Elsbree, Kathie Farlow, Carmen Ferguson, Jennie Fjelde, Krista Ginger, Carole Jacques, Debbie Kallback, Diane & Richard Luther, Alice & Joe Maffit, Liam Malone, Hal Martin, JoAnn Mikelson, Carolyn Norton, Alan Oyen, Tony Packard, Karen Persen, the Purdy Family, Warren Schaller, Melody Serwich, Ann Shepard, Mike Simosky, Kristin Tasler, Pat Terry, Casey Walters, Jim & Kathleen Webster, Herschel Weifeld, Doris Whitesell, Vicki Whitesell, Abby, Andrea, Connor, Erin, Judy, Kristin, and Mina.

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

We pray for those who have died, Mark Klausner, Jim Berry; and for the anniversary of the deaths of: Burr H.Upson, Raymond DuBord, Jr, Minnette M. Carr, Rev. George Nelson, Daisy DuBord

### **Events This Week**

## **Sunday**, 8/31

Eucharist: 10:30am

## Monday, 9/1

Poetry Group: 2pm (offsite)

### Tuesday, 9/2

Church Office Open: 12:30 - 4:30pm Compline: 8:30pm via Zoom

## Wednesday, 9/3

Midweek Eucharist: 8am Church Office Open: 9am - 4:30pm Bible Study: 10am

### Thursday, 9/4

Church Office Open: 12:30 - 4:30pm Episcopal 101 Class: 2pm

### Friday, 9/5

Centering Prayer: 9am via Zoom

## Saturday, 9/6

Meditation Garden Clean Up: 10am Choir Rehearsal: 10am

### Sunday, 9/7

Mass in the Grass (at Rec Park): 10:30am



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