# **Grace Episcopal Church**

107 S. Prospect Street Galena, Illinois 61036

# **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

August 24, 2025 10:30am Eucharist

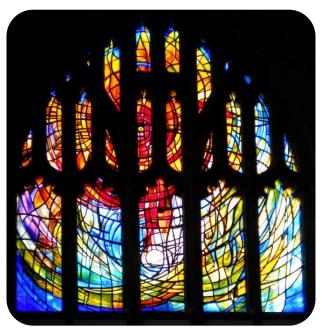


Image: Healing Window in Manchester Cathedral, installed to commemorate the restoration of the cathedral following the IRA bombing in 1996.

### **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*Carol Poston, *Lector*Elizabeth Ludescher & Stephen,
Wendorf, *Acolytes*Cathie Elsbree, *Chalice Bearer*Phil Jackman, *Vestry Coordinator*Teresa Burke, *Greeter*Michele Sullivan, *Sound/Livestream Tech* 

Robin French, *Music Director* Nancy Cook/Joy von Wolffersdorff, *Erben Organists* 

Pat Golden & Charlotte Stryker, *Altar Guild* Lynn Giles & Cathy Esser, *LEMs* 

### The Service of the Word

**Prelude** 

Dove of Peace

Southern Harmony/Carter

S 280: Glory to God

Please stand as the bell rings.

## **Opening Hymn**

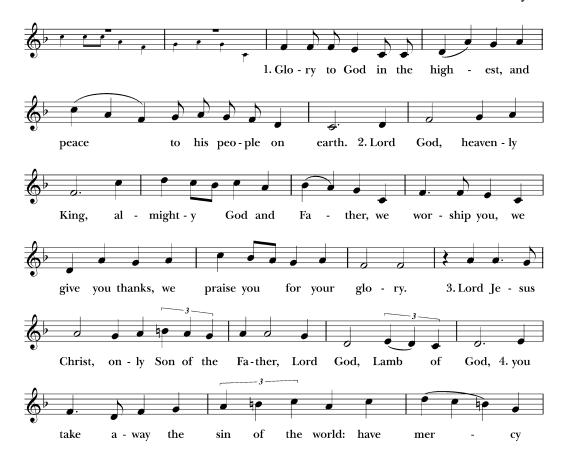
636: How Firm a Foundation, vs. 1, 3-5

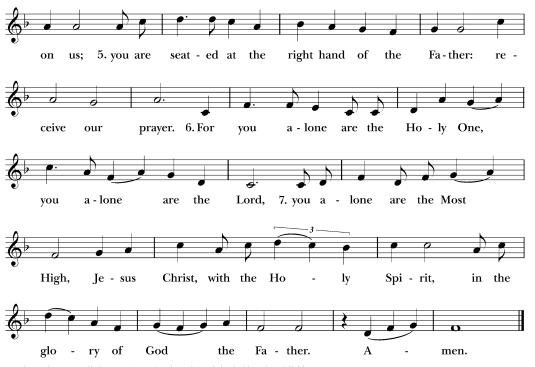
#### Welcome

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

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

Gloria





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#### The Collect

Celebrant: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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.

First Reading Isaiah 58:9b-14

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

<sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt: you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. <sup>13</sup>If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; <sup>14</sup>then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
<sup>2</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.
<sup>3</sup>He forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;

<sup>4</sup>He redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
<sup>5</sup>He satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
<sup>6</sup>The Lord executes righteousness and judgment for all who are oppressed.
<sup>7</sup>He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel.
<sup>8</sup>The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

Second Reading Hebrews 12:18-29

Lector: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup>This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup>for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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 13:10-17

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>10</sup>Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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:

Alice Maffit & Eric Kallback

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 Down to the River to Pray Traditional Debbie Kallback, Michele Sullivan, Greg Serwich, Tom Van Gelder

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

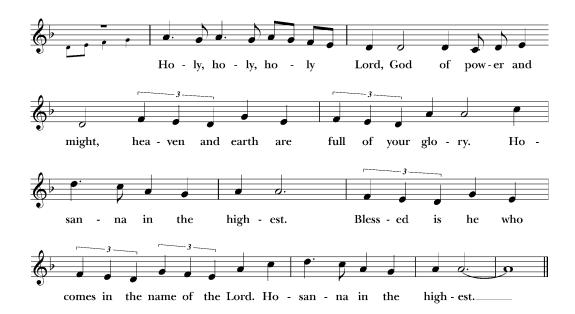
revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your

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,

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.

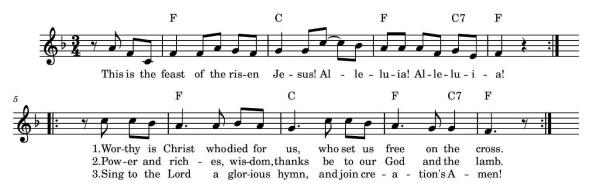
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### 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 he seated.

#### **Instrumental Communion Music**

Erben Organ

### **Communion Hymn**

318: Here, O My Lord

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**

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts Celebrant:

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**

51: We the Lord's People

**Dismissal** 

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

All: Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** Dove of Peace Southern Harmony/Carter

### **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 – Georgia Hansen

**Social Hour** – Terri & Phil Jackman

Emergency Contact Form – From time to time, there is a situation when church clergy and/or the lay caregiving team need to have a connection to an emergency contact person for a church member. If this is information you are willing to share with us, we invite you to fill out the form available in the parish hall. The information here will be held in confidence. It will remain in a secure and safe location, and will only be used in an emergency when it is not possible to communicate with you directly. We make this invitation to you as an extension of our pastoral care ministry here at Grace Church.

**Transitions** – Sadly, Amanda Zasada's time with Grace is coming to an end, as she previously wrote to us. Amanda's last day will be Thursday afternoon, August 28. Please come say goodbye that week, and if you can make it, come for breakfast Wednesday, August 27, at 8:30am in the parish hall.

Choir Retreat – The Fall 2025 Choir season will kick off with a retreat on Wednesday, August 27, at Hawk Valley Retreat Center. We will meet in the Event Barn at 11:00, reconnect with our voices and each other, and start reading through our anthems for the season. Lunch will be provided, then we'll keep singing until we've gotten through Christmas Eve music. We'll take breaks, drink lots of water, and generally have a lot of fun together. If you are thinking about joining the Choir, this is an excellent opportunity to get to know us. If you're already in the Choir, you know you won't want to miss this. Questions and RSVP to Robin: 815-281-2554, robin5french@gmail.com

**Episcopal 101 Schedule Update** – The Episcopal 101 class is cancelled on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. 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>.

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.

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, Mark Klausner, 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, 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 Joe Watts; and for the anniversary of the deaths of: William J. Blewett, Scott Greene, Mary Margaret Brett, Cecilia Corwith Greene.

### **Events This Week**

**Sunday**, 8/24

Eucharist: 10:30am

**Monday**, 8/25

Poetry Group: 2pm (offsite)

Tuesday, 8/26

Outreach Committee: 10am Church Office Open: 12:30 - 4:30pm

Compline: 8:30pm via Zoom

Wednesday, 8/27

Midweek Eucharist: 8am

Goodbye Breakfast: 8:30am Church Office Open: 9am - 4:30pm

Choir Retreat: 11am – 4pm (offsite)

Thursday, 8/28

Church Office Open: 12:30 - 4:30pm

**Friday**, 8/29

Centering Prayer: 9am via Zoom

**Sunday**, 8/31

Eucharist: 10:30am



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