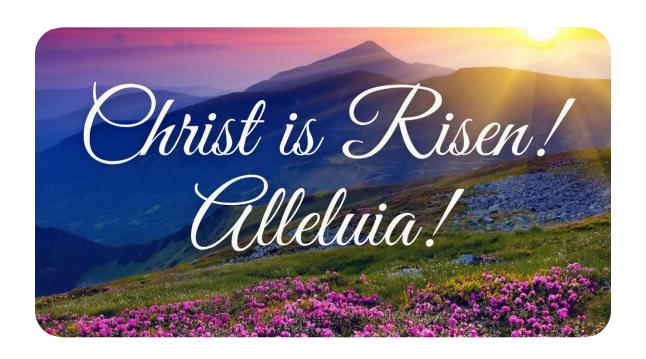
Grace Episcopal Church

107 S. Prospect Street Galena, Illinois 61036

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025 10:30am Eucharist



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*Thom Dennis, *Lector*Elizabeth Ludescher, *Acolyte*Chuck Edwards, *Chalice Bearer*Georgia Hansen, *Vestry Coordinator*Anita Sands, *Greeter*Michele Sullivan, *Sound/Livestream Tech*

Robin French, *Music Director*Nancy Cook/Joy von Wolffersdorff, *Erben Organists*Ann Berry & Maren Coates, *Altar Guild*Bonnielynn & Kim Kreiser, *LEMs*

The Service of the Word

Prelude O Perfect Love Barnby/Carter

Please stand as the bell rings.

182: Christ is Alive, vs. 1-4

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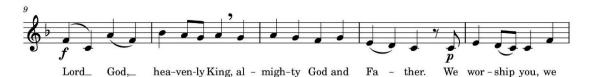
Opening Hymn

Welcome

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.



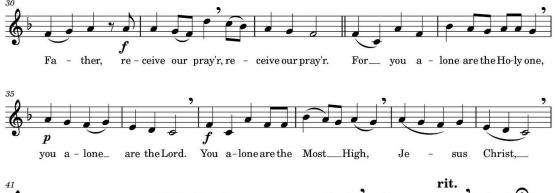








take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us,... You are sea-ted at the right hand of the





The Collect

Celebrant: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and

you will be told what you are to do." [⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 30

¹I will exalt you, O Lord,

because you have lifted me up

and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

²O Lord my God, I cried out to you,

and you restored me to health.

³You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;

you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;

give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

⁵For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *

his favor for a lifetime.

⁶Weeping may spend the night,

but joy comes in the morning.

⁷While I felt secure, I said,

"I shall never be disturbed.

You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

⁸Then you hid your face,

and I was filled with fear.

⁹I cried to you, O Lord;

I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

¹⁰"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?

will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹¹Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;

O Lord, be my helper."

¹²You have turned my wailing into dancing;

you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

¹³Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Second Reading Revelation 5:11-14

Lector: A reading from the Revelation to St. John.

¹¹I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might

and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb

be blessing and honor and glory and might

forever and ever!"

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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Please stand.



The Gospel John 21:1-19

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will

go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Savior.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please he seated.

The Sermon Mother Paula Harris

We keep a brief moment of silence after the sermon.

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 members of Christ's Risen Body, let us pray to the Lord:

Lector: For the holy Church of God,

All: That it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming.

Lector: For The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, for The Rt. Rev.

Paula Clark, our own Bishop, and for all the holy people of God,

All: That in faithful witness we may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Lector: For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith,

All: That they may receive the light of the Gospel.

Lector: For the peace of the world,

All: That a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples.

Lector: For a blessing on all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of

creation,

All: That the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster.

Lector: For those in positions of public trust,

All: That they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.

Lector: For this congregation,

All:

All: That we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do.

Lector: For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have

injured or offended,

That we may stand reconciled before you.

Lector: For all who have commended themselves to our prayers including those

you would name silently or aloud:

Silence.

for our many blessings including those you would name silently or aloud:

Silence.

and for our families, friends, and neighbors,

All: That we may live in joy, peace, and health.

Lector: For all who have died in the communion of your Church including those

you would name silently or aloud:

Silence.

that, with all the saints,

All: they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but

life eternal.

Lector: Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the

saints, we commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to you,

All: For you, O Christ, are the Way, and the Truth, and the Life.

Celebrant: Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrated with awe the

Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

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

Welcome Newcomers

Thanksgiving for the birthday of: Carolyn Norton

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: "On this day the Lord has acted, we will rejoice and be glad in it."

Offertory Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded Dufner/Gastoldi/

Hooker

Please stand.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

EOW 62

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: All thanks and praise

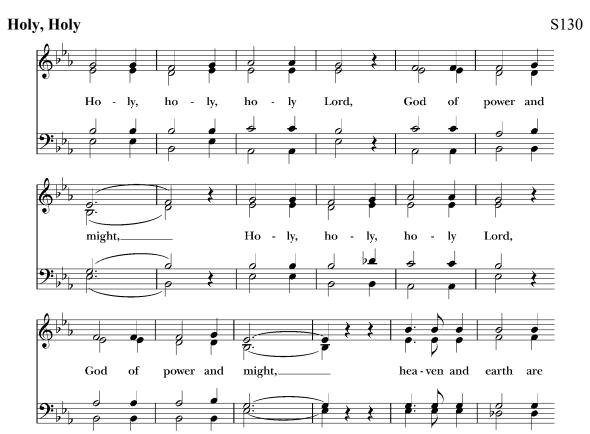
are yours at all times and in all places,

our true and loving God;

through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,

the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:





Please continue standing or kneel.

Celebrant:

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant:

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

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

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

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.

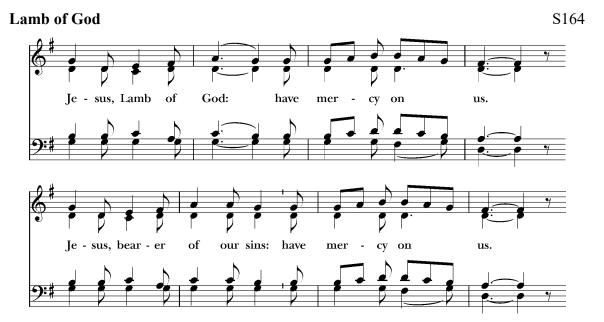
Forgive us our sins

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





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;

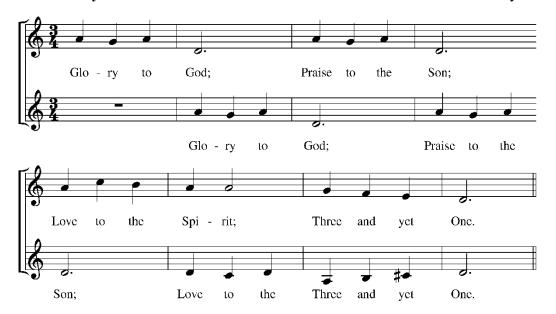
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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

Please be seated.

Communion Hymn

307: Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor



Please stand.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. 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 EOW 71

Celebrant: The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen

you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy

Trinity,

All: Amen.

Recessional Hymn

417: This Is the Feast of Victory, v. 1-3

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude Praise Him! Praise Him! Allen/Hayes

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 – Bonnielynn Kreiser

Social Hour Hosts – Welcome Committee

2025 Parish Directory – The updated directory is now available! Pick up a hard copy from the greeters or email Parish Administrator Amanda at gracesec@gracegalena.org for a digital PDF.

Outreach Red Bag Collection – Our Grace Church Red Bag collection will be for the Dubuque Rescue Mission. The Mission is serving so many men that they have opened a warming house for the overflow. They need cleaning supplies, plus personal hygiene items. The red bags are available for pickup in the Narthex. There is a list of needed items in each bag. The bags will be collected and blessed on Sunday, May 18. Thank you for always caring for others! – Grace Outreach Committee.

Check In Meeting: 190th Anniversary Celebration – A check in meeting regarding progress of the various planning subgroups. Wednesday, May 7th at 11am in the Conference Room. If no member of your subgroup is able to attend, please send a brief project update to Amanda at gracesec@gracegalena.org.

Belonging to Grace – Anyone who would like to explore a deeper sense of belonging to our community at Grace Episcopal Church, Galena, is invited to join Mother Paula in the upstairs conference room on Sunday May 18, after Sunday worship. Whether or not you are interested in a more formal connection with the broader Episcopal Church - if you would like to make Grace the faith community where you continue your journey following Christ, you are welcome to this conversation. (If you are interested but May 18 is not possible due to other commitments, simply make an appointment by emailing gracerector@gracegalena.org or phoning the church 815-777-2590.)

Altar Flowers – There are several open Sundays in the summer months on the flower sign up sheet. Consider honoring a special date through this offering. The cost for flowers is \$30, or you may donate your own flowers (note this by placing an asterisk [*] next to your name on the sign up).

Making Pride Picnic Plans – The Galena Pride Picnic is scheduled for June 14, 12-5pm, in Grant Park — the same weekend as our 190th Anniversary celebration. Grace has plans to sponsor the Pride picnic again. If you are available to help, please see Susan or Steve Barg.

Celebrating 190 Years – The community which became Grace held its first service of Morning Prayer in 1821, and the parish Grace Episcopal Church, Galena was formed in 1835. In the year 2025 our church is having its 190th anniversary. Please mark your calendar for June 15, 2025, when we will celebrate.

In the Greater Galena Community

This Month's Pantry Need – The United Churches of Galena Food Pantry is currently in need of pasta noodles (any shape or kind). Small packages are preferred. Donations can be brought to Grace and placed in the basket in Parish Hall. Thank you! – Alma Mariano, Director.

Flamy Grant in Concert TONIGHT – Sunday, May 4th at 6pm at Lord of Love Lutheran Church (219 Summit St). Join us for an intimate evening of song, storytelling, and prayer with Flamy Grant! Both a powerhouse vocalist and an intrepid songwriter, Flamy blends the evocative art of drag with her iconic mix of country, gospel, folk, and roots music. The opening act is our own Amanda Zasada. \$15 Adults, \$10 Students/Seniors, Free 12 & Under. www.lordoflovegalena.org

"The Vagina Monologues" Returns – Come join us for a night of powerful storytelling and celebration of femininity at the Lacy Mansion. Get ready to laugh, cry, and be inspired by the incredible performances on May 8, 9, and 10 at 7:30 PM. After a completely sold-out weekend in March at The Galena Center for the Arts, which was also part of Broad Ideas 2025, the cast and crew were thrilled when Katherine Tully invited the production to perform at the Lacy Mansion in May, giving the local community one more chance to lean into the stories that must be told. You'll recognize several Grace members upon the stage! Reserve your seats at https://TVM2025.eventbrite.com.

5th Annual Galena Food Pantry Golf Outing & Silent Auction – Tuesday, July 22 at 10am at Eagle Ridge South Course (10 Clubhouse Dr, Galena). Support the Galena Food Pantry by participating as a golfer, sponsor, or silent auction donor. View details and registration at www.galenafoodpantry.com.

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, Gary Grimm, Adeline Hanson, Carole Jacques, Diane & Richard Luther, Alice & Joe Maffit, Liam Malone, Hal Martin, JoAnn Mikelson, Carolyn Norton, Tony Packard, Karen Persen, Neal Purdy and Family, Warren Schaller, Greg Serwich, Melody Serwich, Ann Shepard, Pat Terry, Casey Walters, Joe Watts, Jim & Kathleen Webster, Doris Whitesell, Vicki Whitesell, Abby, Andrea, Erin, 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, Bill Foltz and Larry Poston, and for the anniversary of the deaths of: Florence Greiner, Viola Edwards, Dorothea M. Reifsteck, Julia Wittick, Daisy Mae Vandervate, George Seubert.

Events This Week

Sunday, 5/4

Eucharist: 10:30am

Newcomer Welcome: 11:45am

Monday, 5/5

Poetry Group: 2pm (offsite)

Tuesday, 5/6

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

Compline: 8:30pm via Zoom

Wednesday, 5/7

Midweek Eucharist: 8am

Church Office Open: 9am - 4:30pm

Bible Study: 10am

190th Check In Meeting: 11am

Thursday, 5/8

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

Yarn Ministry: 1:30pm

Friday, 5/9

Centering Prayer: 9:00am via Zoom

Saturday, 5/10

Choir Rehearsal: 10am

Sunday, 5/11

Fucharist: 10:30am



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Wed. 9:00am - 4:30pm

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