

Grace Episcopal Church **Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**
107 S. Prospect Street October 27, 2024
Galena, Illinois 61036 10:30am Morning Prayer



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

Eric Kallback, *Officiant*

Debbie Kallback, *Preacher*

Susan Bookless, *Lector*

Pat Golden & Charlotte Stryker, *Altar Guild*

Sue Anderson & Amy Hardwicke, *Vestry Coordinators*

Greg Serwich & Ann Shepard, *Sound/Livestream Techs*

Robin French, *Music Director*

Nancy Cook/Joy von Wolffersdorff,

Erben Organists

Karen Serwich, *Greeter*

The Service of the Word

Prelude

Air

J.S. Bach/Carter

Please stand as the bell rings.

Opening Hymn

11: Awake, My Soul

Welcome

BCP 75

Officiant: Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

Confession of Sin

Officiant: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Please continue standing or kneel.

**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.**

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

All: Amen.

Please stand.

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant: The earth is the Lord's, for he made it.

All: Come let us adore him.

Jubilate

Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
**serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

Know this: The Lord himself is God;
**he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Psalm

Psalm 126

¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

³Then they said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

⁴The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

⁵Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negev.

⁶Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁷Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

⁷Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Taizé: Bless the Lord, My Soul

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

Lector: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

What We Need Is Here by Amy McCreath

The text is the closing sentence of Wendell Berry's poem, "The Wild Geese."



Third Reading

Mark 10:46-52

Lector: A reading from Mark.

⁴⁶[Jesus and his disciples] came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you."⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again."⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Debbie Kallback

We keep a brief moment of silence after the sermon.

Please stand.

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

Officiant: Let us affirm our faith.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Announcements

Thanksgiving for the birthdays of: Brian Beadle, Mother Paula Harris, Nancy Cook, and Lynn Giles

**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.**

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The Prayers

Salutation

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us 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.**

Suffrages

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

All: And grant us your salvation.

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

All: Let your people sing with joy.

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

All: For only in you can we live in safety.

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

All: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

All: Your saving health among all nations.

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

All: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
All: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

Officiant: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

A Collect for Sundays

Officiant: O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

A Collect for Guidance

Officiant: Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

A Collect for an Election

Officiant: Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

A Prayer for Mission

Officiant: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church,

that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you;
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

All: Amen.

Officiant: We pray, also, for those on our prayer board...

All: Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages.

Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

All: Amen.

Concluding Versicle

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Concluding Sentence

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Recessional Hymn

567: Thine Arm, O Lord

Dismissal

Officiant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Traditional/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!

Altar Flowers Were Given by – Charlotte & Pete Stryker

Social Hour Treats – Charlotte & Pete Stryker

On Vacation – October 24-29, Mother Paula will be on vacation out of state. For church administration needs, please contact Sr. Warden Phil Jackman 815-281-2485 or for Ministry of Care, Bonnielynn Kreiser 815-291-9005.

Walk in Love – I’ve heard it said that a budget is a values tool. If you look carefully at a spending or income plan, it reveals the true values held by the person or group who developed it. What does all that have to do with love? This year our annual pledge request theme is “Walk in Love” so we’ll all have lots of opportunities to hear and read about why other people connect their giving and serving with their value of love for people beyond themselves and their immediate family. You can expect that we’ll send some letters and have some short talks at church in the month of November, as we reflect on all this. Mother Paula ☩

Congregational Hearing – The Vestry is calling a two-topic congregational hearing on Sunday November 3, in the sanctuary immediately after Sunday service and before coffee hour.

1. We are proposing a minor amendment to the Grace Constitution and By-Laws,

reducing the size of the Vestry. This amendment has been approved by the Vestry and would be voted upon by the congregation at the Annual Meeting in January.

2. We are presenting a draft 2025 budget for discussion. A final budget has not yet been approved by the Vestry.

Would voting members please familiarize yourself with the two pages of handouts and plan to attend the hearing with your questions.

All Saints Remembrances – As is customary, we will remember those who have died since All Saints’ Day 2023 with the tolling of the bell and all others whose names we wish to lift up by lighting candles in their memory. Please use the sign-up sheet in Parish Hall to provide the names of loved ones that we will remember.

Yarn Ministry Blessing – The annual Blessing of the Work of the Yarn Ministry will be in church on Sunday, December 1, 2024. The deadline for submitting finished work to be blessed and donated is Thursday, November 21. Any work completed as part of the Richard Babcock Memorial Yarn Ministry may be turned in during the regular sessions on Thursday between 1:30 and 2:30pm in the Parish House.

Reiki for Your Pets –I’m honoring St. Francis by offering reiki for pets for any donations to Grace church. I will be offering this through Thanksgiving. I will come to their home, barn, or stable for their pet. - Kathy Doig, 815 262 8670

Annual Advent Retreat: (The Virgin) Mary in Art and Music – Saturday, December 7, 10:30-2:30 pm. Guest Speaker: The Rev'd. Deacon Daryce Hoff-Nolan. Deacon Daryce serves as Director of Christian Formation at The Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist where she was an active member of the choir as a young person. Her interest and talent in music led her to a long career as a music educator at Morgan Park Academy and most recently St. John Fisher School. Since being ordained to the Vocational Diaconate, Deacon Daryce has served as Deacon at St Helena in Burr Ridge and Holy Nativity in the Beverly neighborhood in Chicago, as well as the Deacon assisting the Right Rev. Paula Clark on many of her parish visitations.

Planning Ahead?

- Thanksgiving Eve Service, Wednesday, November 27, 10:30am
- Christmas Eve Service, Tuesday, December 24, 5:30pm
- Christmas Lessons & Carols, Sunday, December 29, 10:30am

In the Wider Episcopal Church

Join Election Night Virtual Prayers – The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations will host Election Night Virtual Prayers on November 5 from 7 to 9pm Central. Bishop Sean Rowe, who will become presiding bishop on November 1, will offer an opening reflection and prayer. Join the event via Zoom by registering through the e-news link, or watch a livestream on The Episcopal Public Policy Network’s Facebook page.

Orientation for Lay Worship Leaders – Monday, November 4, 7pm-8pm on Zoom. Leadership Development Officer Louisa McKellaston will host an online orientation for new worship leaders. Planned with lay leaders in mind, this Zoom meeting will provide guidance on how to lead Morning Prayer—especially in the context of a Sunday morning—and provide background on this alternative to Sunday morning Eucharist. See the Grace Happenings email for the registration link, or email Amanda (gracesec@gracegalena.org) for assistance.

The Investiture of Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe – The churchwide virtual celebration of new ministry and investiture of Bishop Sean Rowe as Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church will take place on Saturday, November 2, beginning with a virtual "roll call" of dioceses at 8:30 am Central and a livestreamed Service of Holy Eucharist at 10 am Central. The scaled-down service, intended to increase churchwide virtual engagement and reduce the event's carbon footprint, will be livestreamed on www.episcopalchurch.org/investiture as well as The Episcopal Church’s Facebook page.

Diocesan Convention – The 187th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago will be held Saturday, November 23, 2024, as a virtual gathering on Zoom. Convention is the annual business meeting of the diocese, during which we elect leaders, consider resolutions and hear reports from across the diocese and the wider church. General attendees and visitors are invited to observe the proceedings online on YouTube (www.youtube.com/@EpiscopalDioceseofChicago/featured), and no registration is needed to attend as a guest.

Ongoing Happenings at Grace:

Altar Guild – Sets the Communion table for Sunday, Wednesday and occasional holiday services; assists the clergy behind the scenes; and handles other church duties pertaining to the Seasons of the church. Contact: Ann Berry, 815-777-1107 or 815-541-6119.

Welcome Committee – The Welcome Committee supplies greeters for Sunday mornings and special services to make visitors and congregants feel comfortable. Contact: Maren Coates, 563-580-5462

Ministers of the Service – If you would like to learn more about becoming one of the people who serves on a Sunday (those listed on the front page of the bulletin), reach out to Mother Paula for information: office 815-777-2590, gracerector@gracegalena.org.

Choir – The choir sings most Sundays from September to May. Rehearsals take place on Saturdays at 10am. Contact: Robin French, robin5french@gmail.com.

Sunday Social Hour – Join us for a time of fellowship each Sunday after service. The sign-up sheet for hosting is posted near the coffee pots.

Monday Poetry Meeting, 2:00 pm – Meets at various outdoor locations during summer and via Zoom during winter. Contact: Carol Poston, poston@sxu.edu or 815-777-0220.

Tuesday Service of Compline, 8:30 pm – Via Zoom, link in the weekly e-news. Contact: Lynn Giles, 815-757-2011

Wednesday Morning Service, 8:00 am – Worship in the Chapel and hear stories of saints' lives. The group continues afterwards with breakfast at a local restaurant.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 10:00 am – Meets in the Conference Room and via Zoom, link in the weekly e-news. The Wednesday Morning Study Group reads and reflects upon the Lessons and Gospel for the ensuing Sunday Service. After doing so, we find our hearts and minds are more fertile for the seeds sown from the lectionary and the pulpit. Contact: Greg Serwich, 312-933-6228.

Thursday Yarn Ministry, 1:30-2:30 pm – Meets in the Conference Room. Contact: Meg Gibbs, 708-421-1512.

Friday Centering Prayer, 9:00 am – Via Zoom, link in the weekly e-news.

Ministry of Care – Provides short term congregational support (rides, meals, errands, etc.) during a time of need and helps connect people to agencies for long term support. Contact: Bonnielynn Kreiser, 815-777-1468 or 815-291-9005.

Servants Through Prayer – A small group committed to praying the Grace Prayer List at least 5 times per week. We pray anytime, anywhere, and meet quarterly to update the list. Contact: Debbie Kallback, 630-297-3195.

Outreach Ministry – Provides ways for parishioners to help and support others in need, benefitting people locally and globally, through the distribution of available funds and by doing hands-on projects whenever possible. Meets on the fourth Tuesday morning of each month. Contact: Karlyn Van Gelder, 563-542-2304.

Prayers of the People

Please include the following concerns during worship today and throughout the week:

For Our Outreach Partners: Opening Doors; Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk, South Sudan; La Santa Cruz Parish in the Diocese of Southeast Mexico; the United Thank Offering; the Galena ARC; the United Churches Food Pantry; Episcopal Relief and Development; Shelter Care Ministries; and Dubuque Rescue Mission.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: for † Michael, our Presiding Bishop; † Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect; † Paula, our Diocesan Bishop; Paula †, our Rector; and all members of Grace Church.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Connie Bennett, Kevin Beuge, Emery Beyer, Bob Burton, Margaret Carlisle, Ginny Christopherson, Shawn Crossley, Ron Doser, Matthew Dowe, Al Elsbree, Kathie Farlow, Carmen Ferguson, Jennie Fjelde, Adeline Hanson, Richard Luther, Alice & Joe Maffit, Liam Malone, Hal Martin, JoAnn Mikelson, Ruth Neindorf, Mary Nelson, Mady & Don Norman, Carolyn Norton, Tony Packard, Stefanie Penoyer, Larry Poston, Neal Purdy and Family, Doug Rector, Warren Schaller, Jim Schmid, Melody Serwich, Lori Severtson, Pat Terry, Casey Walters, Joe Watts, Jim Webster, Vicki Whitesell, Abby, Andrea, Mina, and the family of Logan & Andrey.

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, Myron Petrakis, and for the anniversary of the deaths of: Jessie Dean Melvill, Dr. Nathan Short, Harry J. Brown, and Holmes Martin.

Events This Week

Sunday, 10/27

Morning Prayer: 10:30am

Monday, 10/28

Poetry Group: 2:00pm (offsite)

Tuesday, 10/29

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

Compline: 8:30pm via Zoom

Wednesday, 10/30

Midweek Eucharist: 8:00am

Church Office Open: 9:00am - 4:30pm

Bible Study: 10:00am

Thursday, 10/31

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

Yarn Ministry: 1:30pm

Friday, 11/1

Centering Prayer: 9:00am via Zoom

Saturday, 11/2

Choir Rehearsal: 10:00am

Sunday, 11/3

Eucharist: 10:30am



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Wed. 9:00am – 4:30pm

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Georgia Hansen (2027)

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