Grace Episcopal Church

107 S. Prospect Street Galena, Illinois 61036

The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus

January 12, 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
Terri Jackman, Lector
Debbie Pausz, Acolyte
Karlyn Van Gelder, Chalice Bearer
Phil Jackman, Vestry Coordinator
Anita Sands, Greeter
Greg Serwich, Sound/Livestream Tech

Robin French, *Music Director*Nancy Cook/Joy von Wolffersdorff, *Erben Organists*Debbie Kallback & Cindy
Blakemore, *Altar Guild*Karlyn & Tom Van Gelder, *LEMs*

The Service of the Word

Prelude

Wise Ones Led by a Star

P. Taylor

Please stand as the bell rings.

Opening Hymn

448: O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How Wide vs. 1-3, 6

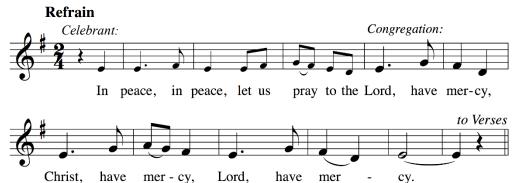
Welcome

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion

of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

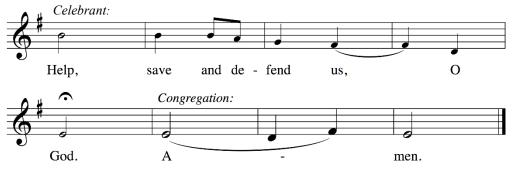
All: And also with you.

Kyrie



Celebrant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

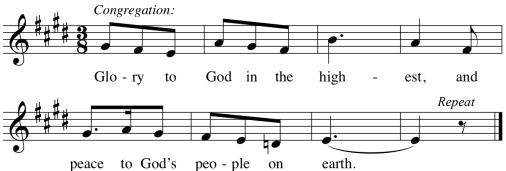
Celebrant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)



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Glory to God

Refrain



Verse 1 (Celebrant)

You are God: we praise you.

You are Lord; we acclaim you.

You are God eternal; all creation worships you.

Verse 2 (Celebrant)

All the angels in the heavens

Chant your praise in endless song!

Holy, holy, God of power and might.

Verse 3 (Celebrant)

The apostles all praise you.

All the prophets acclaim you.

All the martyrs and your faithful people worship you.

Verse 4 (Celebrant)

God, Creator, we praise you.

Jesus the Christ, we adore you.

Spirit of the Living God, we worship you.

The Collect

Celebrant: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and

the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

¹Now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight,

and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

reveryone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;

the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁸The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

⁹And in the temple of the Lord

all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;

the Lord sits enthroned as King forevermore.

¹¹The Lord shall give strength to his people;

the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading Acts 8:14-17

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

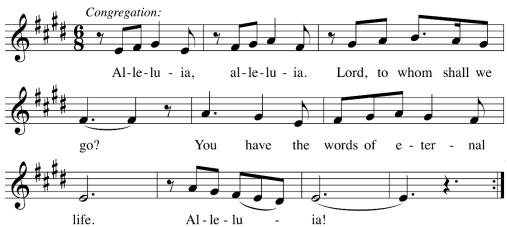
¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Verse



The Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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 Baptismal Covenant

BCP 304

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking

of the bread, and in the prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent

and return to the Lord?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as

yourself?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the

dignity of every human being?

All: I will, with God's help.

Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for the whole human

family, and for all creation.

Lector: I invite your prayers for the church universal, its ministry, and the mission

of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Lector: I invite your prayers for the well-being of creation. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Lector: I invite your prayers for peace and justice in the world, the nations and

those in authority, and the community. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Lector: I invite your prayers for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely. Lord,

in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Lector: I invite your prayers for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in

your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Lector: I invite your prayers for the congregation, and for those listed on our

prayer board ... Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Gather all of our prayers in your wide embrace, most gracious God,

through your Son Jesus Christ.

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

Thanksgiving for the anniversary of:

Bill & Krista Grosshans

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.

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. If you do not wish to receive, you are still welcome to come to the altar and cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing.

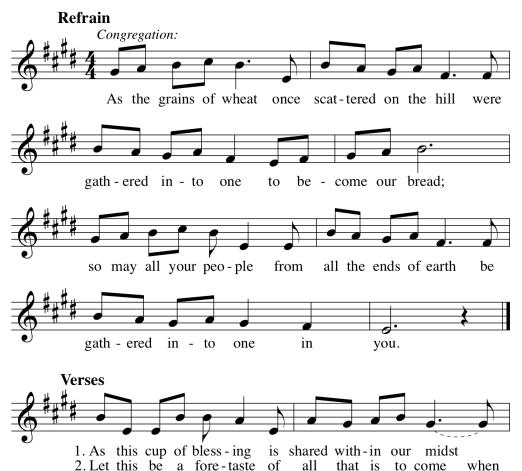
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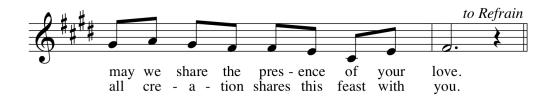
Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. (*Psalm 29*)

Anthem O Nata Lux Tallis/Cuttill

Offertory As the Grains of Wheat





Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

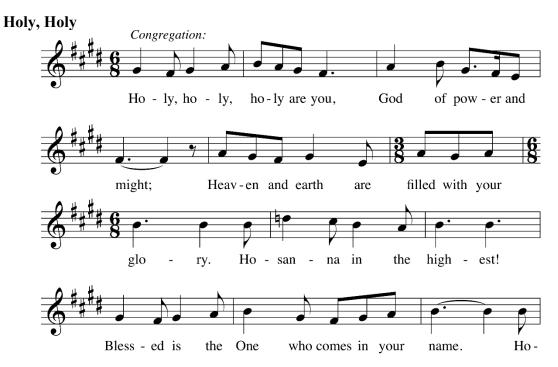
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

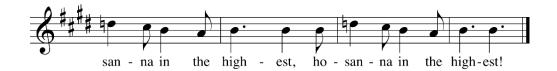
All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer

thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who is your light made manifest to all the nations, and so with the church on earth, all creation, and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their

unending hymn:





Please continue standing or kneel.

Celebrant:

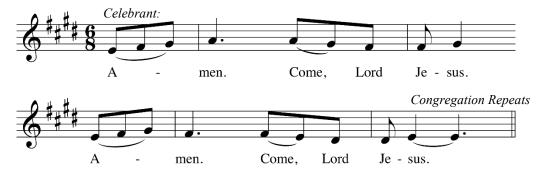
You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

On the night of his betrayal our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all the people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

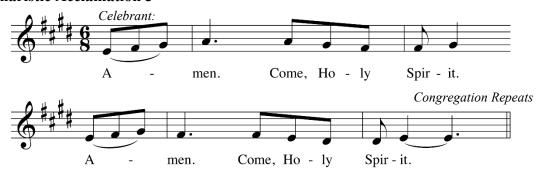
Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

Eucharistic Acclamation 2



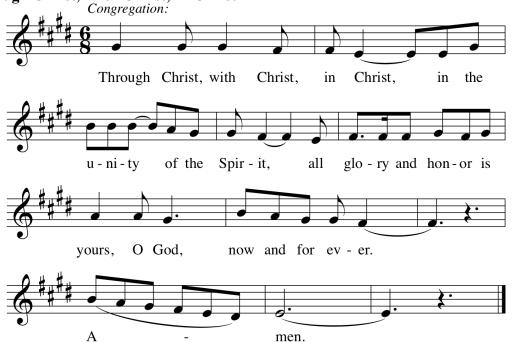
Celebrant: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

Eucharistic Acclamation 3



Celebrant: This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.





Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, BCP 364

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

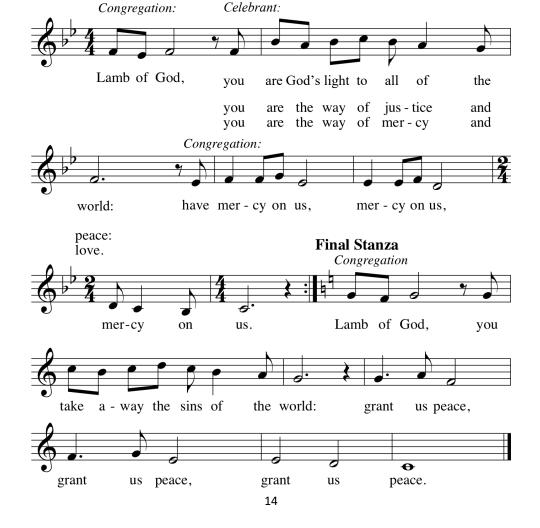
Give us today our daily bread.

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

Lamb of God

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.

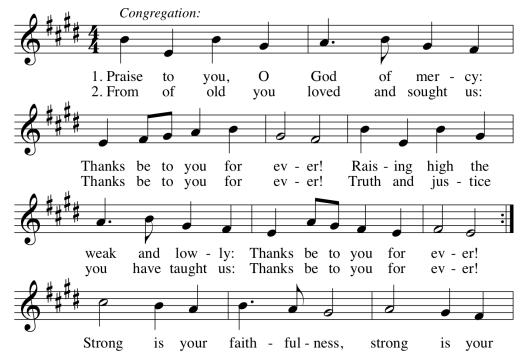
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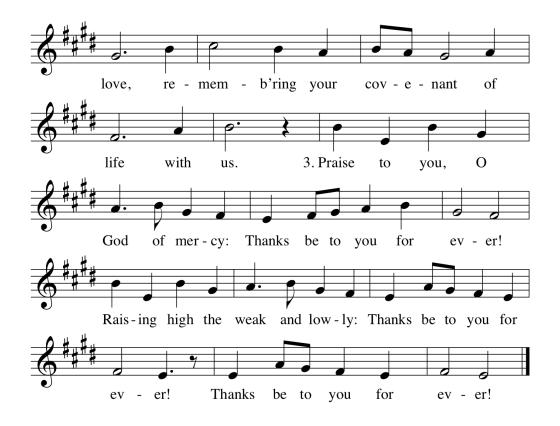
Erben Organ

Communion Hymn

121: Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized

Thanks Be to You





Please stand.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: We give you thanks, O God, for the blessings of this table. May our lives be made new by these gifts of grace and may your love be made

known through us. 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

Celebrant: May God bless and keep us.

May God's face shine on us and be gracious.

May God look on us with favor and # give us peace.



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Recessional Hymn

135: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Wade in the Water Traditional/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!

Altar Flowers – Bob Burton

Social Hour Treats – Pete & Charlotte Stryker

Thank You! – The Altar Guild extends their thanks to all those who have given flowers throughout the past year, helping to adorn the Altar each Sunday and on Christmas and Easter.

Rapid Response Team – In mid-December Grace Church held a 'know your rights' training for the benefit of the local immigrant community as well as any interested businesses. About forty people attended, from both groups. A follow-on action is to set up a Rapid Response Team, whose purpose is to help ensure any possible ICE raids are conducted without abusing the rights of the immigrants. Given that Trump's inauguration is January 20th, we need to move quickly to organize and populate the team/sub-groups. Today, Sunday, January 12th, there will be a meeting following the morning service for those folks who are interested in being part of this effort.

Administrator Vacation – Parish Administrator Amanda will be on vacation January 12-20. If you have a church office need during that time, please contact Mother Paula.

Winter Weather, friendly reminder – It's that time of year when the weather sometimes interferes with driving to church. If there is a winter weather advisory, be aware that driving may be tricky and we generally have a livestream link available on the weekly email. If there is a winter weather watch, be prepared for the situation to change quickly. If there is a winter weather warning (the weather service is saying it's not safe), then check to see if church services or events have been canceled, before you go out. Look for a special email or Facebook notification, or ask your group leader.

Winter Warmth Project – Help spread warmth this winter by bringing in new and/or gently used hats, scarves, gloves and mittens to be shared with our neighbors. Both handmade and store-bought items are welcome and may be dropped off in the collection box in the Parish Hall.

Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 26, 11:45am. At the congregation's Annual Meeting, church members review the year's budget, elect Wardens and Vestry, and receive reports from all church ministries. If you are confused about your membership status, please consult with Mother Paula. If you are a ministry leader, please submit your report to the church office by January 2.

Elections at Annual Meeting

- Running for Vestry Member, Maren Coates (2025-2028)
- Because Sr. Warden Phil Jackman will be on an extended journey, January 12 through mid May, the Vestry is proposing that Jr. Warden Eric Kallback will temporarily become Sr. Warden for these months. Likewise, Vestry Member Stephen Wendorf would temporarily become Jr. Warden. Upon Phil's return, they all would complete their terms through the end of 2025 (Wardens) and 2027 (Steve Wendorf, Vestry). This arrangement will be up for approval by voting church members at the annual meeting.
- Vestry member Sue Anderson is stepping down and Charlotte Stryker has agreed to complete her term (2025-2026).
- Running for Vestry Clerk, Michele Sullivan

Ash Wednesday – March 5, 2025, 10:30am Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes. Do you have palms at home, which were blessed last Palm Sunday (or some other year)? One tradition in the church is to bring them back around this time of year, so that the priest can burn them to use for our ashes on Ash Wednesday.

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

Open Hike Night at Casper Bluff and Casper Creek – January 18, 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Join the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) to experience Casper Bluff Preserve and the adjacent Casper Creek Natural Cemetery after dark during JDCFs annual Open Hike Night. Luminarias will light the trails leading to the Thunderbird effigy mound, the Galena Rotary Pavilion, and through the natural cemetery. There will also be several communal bonfires burning to keep you warm. RSVPs are not needed and you are free to arrive and depart at any time during the event. There is no fee to attend but donations are gladly accepted. Celebrate the start of a new year by getting outside and enjoying the magical Casper Bluff. Snow date is 1/25/24, same time.

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.

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.

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.

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, Kevin Beuge, Emery Beyer, Bob Burton, Margaret Carlisle, Shawn Crossley, Matthew Dowe, Al Elsbree, Kathie Farlow, Carmen Ferguson, Jennie Fjelde, Adeline Hanson, Diane & Richard Luther, Alice & Joe Maffit, Liam Malone, Hal Martin, Emmitt McIntyre, JoAnn Mikelson, Ruth Neindorf, Mady & Don Norman, Carolyn Norton, Tony Packard, Janet Post, Larry Poston, Neal Purdy and Family, Doug Rector, Warren Schaller, Jim Schmid, Greg Serwich, Melody Serwich, Ann Shepard, Pat Terry, Casey Walters, Joe Watts, Jim & Kathleen Webster, Vicki Whitesell, Abby, Andrea, Anna, Mina, and the family of Logan & Andreya.

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, Roxelyn Pepper, and for the anniversary of the deaths of: Robert Bartholomew, Father Andy Bro, Elizabeth Bench.

Events This Week

Sunday, 1/12

Sunday School: 9:45am Eucharist: 10:30am

Rapid Response Training: 11:45am

Monday, 1/13

Poetry Group: 2:00pm (offsite)

Tuesday, 1/14

Compline: 8:30pm via Zoom

Wednesday, 1/15

Midweek Eucharist: 8:00am Bible Study: 10:00am Executive Committee: 10:00am Thursday, 1/16

Yarn Ministry: 1:30pm

Friday, 1/17

Centering Prayer: 9:00am via Zoom

Saturday, 1/18

Choir Rehearsal: 10:00am

Sunday, 1/19

Eucharist: 10:30am



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Office Hours:

Tues./Thurs. 12:30pm - 4:30pm

Wed. 9:00am - 4:30pm

Vestry

Phil Jackman, Sr. Warden (2026)

Eric Kallback, Jr. Warden & Clerk (2026)

Tom Van Gelder, Treasurer

Carl Davis (2025)

Amy Hardwicke (2025)

Sue Anderson (2026)

Cindy Blakemore (2026)

Georgia Hansen (2027)

Stephen Wendorf (2027)