

Grace Episcopal Church

107 S. Prospect Street
Galena, Illinois 61036

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024
10:30am Eucharist



Welcome to Grace Church

It is, as always, a pleasure and privilege to worship together today. Know that 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

Rev. Dr. Paula Harris, *Celebrant*
Terri Jackman, *Lector*
Donna Davis, *Acolyte*
Bonnielynn Kreiser, *Chalice Bearer*
Carl Davis, *Vestry Coordinator*
Anita Sands, *Greeter*
Lynn Giles, *Sound/Livestream Tech*

Robin French, *Music Director*
Nancy Cook/Joy von Wolffersdorff,
Erben Organists
Debbie Kallback & Cindy
Blakemore, *Altar Guild*
Bonnielynn & Kim Kreiser, *LEMs*

The Service of the Word

The Service of the Word includes prayers, Scripture readings, the sermon, and a Creed. These help us focus on God's work in the world and the good news of Jesus.

Prelude

Jesus, I Come

Stebbins/Thygeron

We stand as the bell rings.

Opening Hymn

372: Praise to the Living God

Welcome

Celebrant: Blessed be our God.

All: **For ever and ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

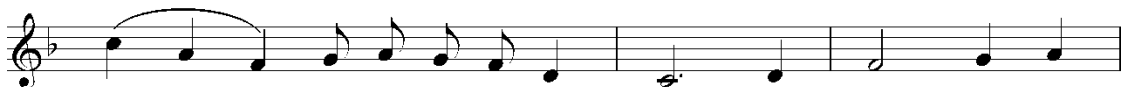
All: **Amen.**

Gloria

S280: Glory to God; Powell



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

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The Collect

Celebrant: God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to

do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Amos 7:7-15

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Amos.

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.’”

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 85:8-13

⁸I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

⁹Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,

that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together;

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹Truth shall spring up from the earth,

and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹²The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,

and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go before him,

and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Lector: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Sequence Hymn

Bell

Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

The Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹⁴King Herod heard of [Jesus and his disciples,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Presider: The Gospel of the 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

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: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence.

Lector: For all people in their daily life and work;

All: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Lector: For this community, the nation, and the world;

All: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Lector: For the just and proper use of your creation;

All: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Lector: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Lector: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Lector: For all bishops and other ministers;

All: For all who serve God in his Church.

Lector: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially ...

Silence.

Lector: Hear us, Lord;

All: For your mercy is great.

Lector: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence.

Lector: For those preparing to be received into the Episcopal Church, and those reaffirming their faith. Hear us, O Lord;

All: For your mercy is great.

Silence.

Lector: We will exalt you, O God our King;

All: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Lector: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence.

Lector: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

All: Who put their trust in you.

Lector: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence.

**All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

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 birthdays of: Crystal Mason and Charlotte Kennedy

**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.**

The Holy Eucharist

Holy Communion is a sacrament in which we receive holy gifts and become holy people.

We call it Eucharist, which means “thanksgiving.” 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. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to our God.

Offertory

Just As I Am

Elliot/Bradbury;

Hal Martin, Dave Mikelson, Robin French

Please stand.

Eucharistic Prayer 2

EOW

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: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

S129: Holy, Holy, Holy; Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

Please kneel, or continue standing.

Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, † a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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

Instrumental Communion Music

Erben Organ

Communion Hymn

295: Sing Praise to Our Creator

Communion Hymn

Taizé: Come and Pray in Us

Canon—4 voices

A Come and pray in us, Ho - ly Spir-it, come and pray in us,
Vie - ni, Spi-ri-to cre - a - to - re, vie - ni, vie - ni,

B

C come and vis-it us, Ho - ly Spir-it, Spir-it come, Spir-it come.
vie - ni, Spi-ri-to cre - a - to - re, vie - ni, vie - ni!

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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

Celebrant: God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always.

All: Amen.

Recessional Hymn

601: O Day of God Draw Nigh

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

When We Are Living

Somos del Señor/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 Tuesdays. Thank You!*

Altar Flowers Were Given by – Georgia Hansen

Social Hour Hosts – Mary & Bill Foltz

Becoming an Episcopalian – On Sundays July 7 through 21, after church, Mother Paula will teach a conversational course for those interested in being received or confirmed by Bishop Clark when she visits our parish, or reaffirming their Episcopal faith. Those to attend have been asked to choose and read a book, in preparation.

Canapés & Conversation – Come share food, drink, and conversation with us! Friday, July 19 from 5-7pm at the home of Charlotte & Pete Stryker (3 Arcadia Court, Galena).

Continual Thanks – Thank you for filling and returning your UTO boxes last month! This Sunday will be the perfect day to pick up a new box. The next collection will be in January. That gives you plenty of time to count your blessings by dropping a coin in your "tip jar for Jesus."

Erben Organ Recital – Saturday July 27 at 4:30pm, *with reception immediately following*. Our guest musician is Chuck Barland, Professor of Music and University Organist at University of Dubuque. Please invite your friends to this free event. Donations gladly accepted for the preservation of our historic instrument.

Do You Need a Computer? – During the pandemic, the church bought a computer to run the livestream. It has only been used about once a week for that purpose, so is very “gently used.” Three year old Dell desktop computer tower running Windows 11, and includes a keyboard and mouse (but no monitor). Intel i7 processor, 16 GB DDR4/256 GB SSD + 1 TB SATA Hard Drive, and NVIDIA GPU. We are asking for a suggested donation of \$600-800.

Episcopal Visitation – The Right Reverend Paula Clark will be visiting Grace Church on July 28, at the 10:30 service, together with her chaplain, Rev. Luis Garcia. She will preach and preside at Sunday service; meet leaders (in advance) and those being baptized, received, confirmed, or renewing their faith; and socialize with us all. An offering is usually taken on the occasion, for the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund.

Restoring the Erben Organ – The Capital Campaign has begun to fund the restoration of our world famous Henry Erben organ to fully function again! A number of fund raising initiatives will be announced in the coming weeks, but it is not too early to make a contribution towards our goal of raising \$25,000. Make checks payable to Grace church and indicate Erben organ in the memo. Thank you!

Ongoing Happenings at Grace:

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 – Lectionary study in the Conference Room and via Zoom, link in the weekly e-news. Contact: Greg Serwich, 312-933-6228. *Note: Bible Study will be on summer break beginning July 10th. Meetings will resume September 4th.*

Galena Foreign Policy Study Group, 2:30 pm – Monthly on the second Wednesday in the Parish Hall. 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. *Note: This ministry is on summer break. Meetings will return on September 12.*

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

Ministry of Care – Provides congregational support (rides, meals, errands, etc.) during a time of need. Contact: Bonnielynn Kreiser, 815-777-1468 or 815-291-9005.

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; 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, Teresa Burke, Bob Burton, Kathy Buttell, Margaret Carlisle, Ginny Christopherson, Shawn Crossley, Pete Doering, Ron Doser, Matthew Dowe, Al Elsbree, Carmen Ferguson, Jennie Fjelde, Olivia Gilbert, Ezryn “Ezzy” Gotautis, Adeline Hanson, Megan Hearnburger, Kristi L, Alice & Joe Maffit, Liam Malone, Robert Marsh, JoAnn Mikelson, Mary Nelson, Pam Ohms, Tony Packard, Larry Poston, Doug Rector, Warren Schaller, Melody Serwich, Lori Severtson, Mike Simosky, Jennifer Stienstra, Steve Symons, Pat Terry, Casey Walters, Joe Watts, Jim Webster, Abby, Andrea, Maria, and Mina.

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

We pray for those who have died, Jocelyn Douglas, and for the anniversary of the deaths of: Henry Rollin Hodson, James B. Sheehan, Clyde Ellsworth, Grace Julia Nicholls, George Wilson Pillsbury, and Charles A. Melvill.



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Wed. 9:00am – 4:30pm

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