



Third Sunday after Pentecost

Grace Episcopal Church Galena, Illinois

June 13, 2021 10:30am

Welcome to Grace Church!

It is, as always, a pleasure and privilege to worship together today. Please know that your presence is valued whether this is your first time at Grace or whether you are a regular, whether we are together in person or online on Zoom.

We have chosen to keep our online and in-person congregations together. For those at home on Zoom, links to the bulletin may be found in Friday's e-Blast, the Zoom invitation, and on our website. Printed copies will be available for the in-person congregation. If you are worshipping in the church and wish to use a bulletin on your electronic device, you must download it **before** coming into the church. Please be aware that we are recording this service for later upload to Facebook, YouTube and our website. It is possible that you will be shown briefly in the recording.

For those present in the Church:

Please put your smartphone or other device in airplane mode so that our internet capacity is reserved for our online streaming.

For those on Zoom:

Please mute yourselves before the Prelude begins and immediately after the Peace.

Also remember:

Masks must be worn throughout your time at Grace for the protection of those near you.

Hand sanitizer is available at each of the entrances.

Sit only in the seats marked by bulletins and leave plenty of space between worshipers/families.

At the time of Communion, the Vestry Coordinator will guide your approach to the chancel steps in the center aisle maintaining distance between communicants.

Reservations are required in advance and you will be checked in by the greeter and admitted through the Parish House entrance. If you did not reserve a seat, please check with the Vestry Coordinator to see if an open seat is available.

Baskets are available at the exits for your pledges/contributions.

Should you become ill after attending worship, please notify the church so that others present may be contacted.

At the end of the service, please depart from the church and maintain the six-foot distancing.

Conversations should take place outside.

As life continues to change, let us rejoice in God who continues to be revealed to us and give thanks for our ability to share in worship in hope for the time when all of us can be together again.

As we prepare ourselves for worship, please sit or kneel in quietness while the prelude is offered.

We gather to worship

For all music, the congregation is invited to hum as we are led by a quartet of singers.

PRELUDE

Thee We Adore, O Savior

Plainsong Mode V/Raabe

OPENING HYMN 525

The Church's One Foundation

S. Stone/S. Wesley

Priest: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

piano only

voices

1Glo ry to God, and we peace on earth! We O
2Spir it of God, sing to you.
wor - ship and bless the God touch of our birth!
Giv - er of life, your makes us new.

9
Thanks - giv - ing and praise, be trans -
Come breathe on us now;

13
your God most high. You are the Ho - ly One.
form all our ways. O Spir - it, stay with us,

21
Your glo - ry fills the sky.
Your glo - ry fills the sky.
Your glo - ry fills the sky.

THE COLLECT

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.
Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

(please be seated)

THE LESSON

Lector: **A reading from Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.
On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.
All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 92:1-4, 11-14

(We read alternately by verse as directed by the lector.)

Bonum est confiteri

It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;

On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.

For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

Those who are planted in the house of the LORD *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;

That they may show how upright the LORD is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

THE EPISTLE

Lector: **A reading from 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, [11-13], 14-17**

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commanding ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia *(sung two times)*



THE GOSPEL

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Rev. Diane Luther

We stand after a brief silence.

We affirm our faith

THE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 [and the Son]. 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.

We offer prayers

Deacon: You have planted the Kingdom of God among us like seeds scattered on the ground, O God: Let your creation flourish and grow into the fullness of your abundant life, as we pray: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

Intercessor: Gracious One, the love of Christ urges us on: Lead your Church to walk by faith and live for him who died and was raised for us. If anyone is in Christ, **there is a new creation.**

Lector: Almighty One, inspire your loving-kindness and justice among the leaders of the nations, that your righteousness may flourish like a palm tree and spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. If anyone is in Christ, **there is a new creation.**

Intercessor: Mysterious One, let your quiet strength work in our sleep and in our rising, night and day, to nurture your purpose for all people, that new life may sprout and grow, we do not know how, and produce a harvest of abundant life for all your creatures. If anyone is in Christ, **there is a new creation.**

Lector: Loving One, you have planted your Spirit into all humanity: Let us regard no one from a human point of view any longer, but open our eyes to see Christ's presence in all persons. If anyone is in Christ, **there is a new creation.**

Intercessor: Compassionate One, you plant hope in our hearts and you bring newness to life. Hear our prayers for those for whom we intercede, especially for _____, and for those on our Prayer List. Others? _____. If anyone is in Christ, **there is a new creation.**

Lector: Hear our grateful thanks for the abundance of your grace, especially for Matthew (Morel) and Max (Vollkommer) serving in the military; the birthdays of *Roxelyn (Pepper), *Bob (Burton), *Curt (Most) and *Ron (Toebaas); the anniversary of *Joe and *Alice (Maffit); our outreach partners Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico; the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission and all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors . Other blessings? _____.
With Paul we also are convinced that one has died for all, therefore all have died and will be raised to newness of life. Raise into your eternal life those who have died, especially the anniversary of the deaths of Fred (Mathey) and John (Crawford).

Others? _____ If anyone is in Christ, **there is a new creation.**

Deacon: We are always confident, O Gracious One, whether we are at home or away, for our life is hidden in you: Nourish our growth in you that we may become mature and fruitful disciples producing an abundant harvest for the sake of your Name, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

CONFESSON OF SIN

(stand or kneel)

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: **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.***

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

People: ***Amen.***

We share the peace of Christ

Presider: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY BLESSING

*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.*

We offer our lives and gifts to God

Priest: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

For those at home who have received the consecrated wafers and communion items, you may prepare your worship area as the priest prepares the table.

PRESENTATION HYMN WLP 746 *God the Sculptor of the Mountains* J. Thornburg/G. Hancock

We share the Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing....who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in common time, G major, with a treble clef. It features a series of eighth and sixteenth note chords, with a fermata over the eighth note of the first chord. The lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God," are written below the notes. The bottom staff continues the music in common time, G major, with a treble clef. It shows a continuation of the eighth and sixteenth note chords, with a fermata over the eighth note of the first chord. The lyrics "Ho - ly and Im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us." are written below the notes.

Presider:

We give thanks to you, O God for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the Night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After Supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and **people:**

**We remember his death;
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ through whom we may be acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say,

People: 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, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

BCP 364

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

FRACTION

Presider: This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Whoever believes in me shall not hunger or thirst.

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

All are welcome at the communion table to receive a blessing or the wafer. Please approach the steps to the chancel by the center aisle, as guided by the Vestry Coordinator. Hold your hands crossed, palms up, to receive the wafer. And, if you do not wish to receive the wafer, but desire a blessing, simply approach the priest with your arms crossed across your chest. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest. Please return to your seat by the side aisles and wait until you are seated before removing your mask to consume the wafer.

COMMUNION MUSIC

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

THE BLESSING

Presider: May God, the Holy Trinity, make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of Life, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: ***Amen.***

RECESSIONAL 657

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

C. Wesley/R. Prichard

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

All Things Bright & Beautiful

Royal Oak/Hayes

The flowers today are given by Bonnie Lynn Kreiser

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers are Requested: *Please include the following concerns during worship today and throughout the week:*

Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Rev. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury and for our companion Parishes: Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Paula, our Bishop-Elect and all members of Grace Church.

We pray for those who are sick or in need:

Leila (Anwar), Barbara (Bolsen), *Bob (Burton), Rose (Buttell), *Bill (Calvert), Julia & TJ (Cellery), Bishop-Elect Paula (Clark), *Kathy (Doig), Matthew (Dowe), *Renee (Dowe), *Al (Elsbree), *Jennie (Fjelde), Janet (Groezinger), Susan (Haerle), *Georgia (Hansen), *Jae (Hezlep), Barb (Hiller), *Barb (Hooper), Bishop Joseph, Barb (Kellar), Jean (Kohler), Ginger (Komiskey), Alden (Kuntz), Verity (Liljedahl), *Alice Maffit, *Diann & *Robert (Marsh), Betty (Montgomery), *Mary (Nelson), Ruth (Niendorf), Sarah (Newton), *Bill (Norton), Jim (Opelt), Alan (Oyen), Anne (Poston), Lisa (Prindle), Lois (Rafter), N.J. (Replogle), *Karen (Serwich), Melody (Serwich), *Kathy (Shannon), Paula (Simosky), Gary (Smith), *Pat (Terry), *Tom (V.), Joe (Watts), Mina, Breckin, Marilyn, Dawn H., Katie L., Missy, Katie, Pam, Scott, Jeremy and Audrey.

We give thanks for the many blessings we have received:

Max (Vollkommer) and Matthew (Morel) serving in the military; the birthdays of *Roxelyn (Pepper), *Bob (Burton), *Curt (Most) and *Ron (Toebaas); the anniversaries of *Joe and *Alice (Maffit); our Outreach partners: the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission and all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors.

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Ministers of the Service

* Members and Guests, *Celebrants*
* Rev. Linda Packard, *Presider*
* Rev. Diane Luther, *Preacher*
* Richard Luther, *Lector*
* Deb Pausz, *Intercessor*

* Robin French, *Music Director*
* Nancy Cook, *Erben Organist*
* Crystal Mason, *Vestry Coordinator*
* Alice Maffit & Maren Coates, *Altar Guild*
* Amy Hardwicke, *Greeter*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of June 13th, 2021

HELP WANTED! An apprentice to work with Zoom at Grace Church.

This is an important part of our Worship Ministry, and more people are needed to keep our live online services coming! It may seem very complicated, but those of us who have been handling it for nearly a year now all had to start from very basic computer skills and learn "on the job." If we have a small team, the responsibilities can be rotated, making it easier for all of us--and making it possible to explore better ways to assure the best audio and visual experience for those worshiping in person and those online.

Please contact Lynn Giles if interested and for more information:

lynngiles@lynngilesphotography.com

Adult Inquirer's Class

Our Bishop-elect, Paula Clark will be consecrated on August 28th. Prior to her medical emergency she was Able to attend our Deanery meeting and talked about her intent to hold deanery-wide services to provide Confirmations, and receive new members to the church. By doing this, those wishing to be received or confirmed would not have to wait for her to visit their parish, which might take two or more years.

Because of this, I will be offering an Adult Inquirers Class sometime this summer (dates will be determined by the schedules of those interested in attending). We will be talking about our identity as Episcopalians, the Book of Common Prayer, a brief history of the Anglican/Episcopal church, our creeds, prayer, Baptism, Eucharist, the Trinity (don't come looking for an explanation!), and the Jesus Movement as described by Presiding Bishop Curry. Attending does not commit you to being received.

This is open to anyone in the church or community, although if there is a large response, those considering reception into the Church will be given priority due to limited space (this is an in-person class). The time commitment is about eight hours.

If you are interested in this or would like more information, please contact Rev. Diane Luther at dm20luther@gmail.com, or call (815) 281-2301.

Richard Pepper Memorial Garden

Soon there will be a flurry of activity in preparation for a new garden at Grace. It will be located to the right of the church, along the sidewalk leading to our Meditation Garden. This will be a pollinating garden, featuring a burst of colors to attract our native birds, butterflies and bees. Our new garden will be in memory of Richard Pepper, a generous donator to Grace Church.

Flowers

Please sign up for Sunday flowers on the Flower Chart in the Parish Hall entry. There are many openings from July through the end of the year. Contact Ann Berry if you have questions.

Zoom Poetry Meeting

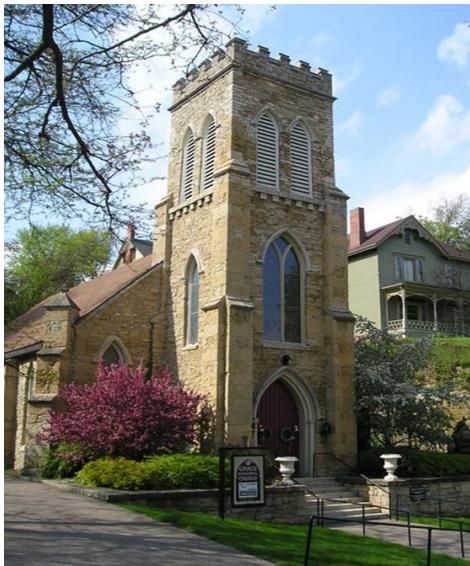
A Zoom Poetry group is meeting on Mondays at 2:00pm. If you are interested, write Carol Poston at poston@sxu.edu or call her at 815-777-0220 to receive information about the meeting.

EfM Meeting is Monday, June 14th at 6:30pm online.

Mid-Week Eucharist is this Wednesday, June 16th, at 7:30am in the church and online.

Wednesday Morning Study Group is Wednesday, June 16th, at 10:30am online.

Meditative Prayer meets Friday, June 18th, at 9:00am online. You are welcome to join, and gentle guidance will be provided for those unfamiliar with this practice.



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The Rev. Gloria G. Hopewell, D. Min., Rector
The Rev. Linda Packard, Priest Associate
The Rev. Diane Luther, Deacon
Nancy Kenney, Parish Administrator

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Scripture Readings for June 20, 2021 *Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49
Psalm 9:9-20
or
1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16
Psalm 133
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

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