



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Grace Episcopal Church
Galena, Illinois**

August 22, 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.

New Information:

Due to the upsurge in COVID infections and out of concern for those who cannot yet be vaccinated or whose immune systems are compromised, we respectfully request that you wear a mask indoors, regardless of your vaccination status.

Social hour will be suspended.

Masks are required for all singing, whether in the choir or congregation.

Masks and hand sanitizer are available at each entrance for those who need them.

You may be seated in any pew EXCEPT for a section in the rear of the nave reserved for any who wish to maintain distancing. In that area, please sit only where seats are marked by bulletins.

Baskets are located at each entrance for your offerings. If possible, please place them in the baskets prior to the service so they may be dedicated with the other gifts at the offertory.

Communion will be offered—wafer only—at the altar rail.

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

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

PRELUDE

Steal Away

Traditional/Labenskee

OPENING HYMN 524

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

T. Dwight/A. Williams

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

People: Glory to God for ever and ever

piano only

5 voices

1 Glo - ry to of God, and we peace on earth! We
2 Spir - it of God, and we sing to you. O

9 wor - ship and bless the God of our birth!
Giv - er of life, your touch makes us new.

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

17 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.
and fill our hearts with praise.

1. 2.

THE COLLECT

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

We proclaim God's word

THE LESSON

Lector: A reading from **Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 34:15-22

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

Benedicam Dominum

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.

**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**

The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.

**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**

Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

**He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.**

Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

**The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.**

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A reading from **Ephesians 6:10-20**

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

John 6:56-59

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell

(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]. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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: Your words are spirit and life, O God: Heed the cry and the prayer that your servants speak to you today as we stand before your altar in the presence of the assembly, saying: Happy are the people whose strength is in you; whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Intercessor: Gracious One, your Church declares with boldness the mystery of the gospel as we put on the whole armor of God in the strength of your divine power: Gird your people with the belt of truth and the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, that we may stand firm in Christ's Word of love and compassion. Happy are the people whose strength is in you;

People: whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Lector: Almighty One, let your word be confirmed before the rulers and authorities of the world, that they may walk before you with all their hearts and be instruments of your mercy and peace. Happy are the people whose strength is in you;

People: whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Intercessor: Compassionate One, though all creation cannot contain you, you come to abide with us and to hear the prayers of the foreigner as well as the prayers of your people.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you;

People: whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Lector: Loving One, let your eyes be open night and day toward this house and this community that your name may dwell with us to bless all your creation.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you;

People: whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Intercessor: Hear our prayer and supplication for all who are in need, especially for Daniel (Dugan), Paulette (Zais) and Gil (Smith) and for those on our Prayer List. Others? ____.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you;

People: whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Lector: Accept our grateful thanks for all the blessings of our life, especially for Matthew (Morel) and Max (Vollkommer) serving in the military; the birthdays of *Alice (Maffit) and *Eric (Kallback); the anniversaries of *Carolyn & *Bill (Norton) and *Mary & *Bill (Foltz); 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? _____. They will climb from height to height.

We remember before you today those who have died, especially Jay (Terry) and Malcom (Doig); and we remember the anniversary of the deaths of Ambrose (Harle) and William (Blewitt). Others? _____. Our souls desire and long for your courts; happy are they who dwell in your house. Happy are the people whose strength is in you;

People: whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Deacon: Your Spirit, O God, gives life through Jesus, the bread that came down from heaven: Give us the words of eternal life, that we may believe and know that Christ is the Holy One of God who brings us spirit and life, in your Holy Name. **Amen.**

We confess our sins and are forgiven

(Please 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 stand.)

We share the peace of Christ

Presider: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

We share the ministries of the church

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.*

*Healing Prayer with anointing and laying-on of hands will be offered in the chapel during Communion.
Please come through the door to the chapel after receiving communion at the altar rail.*

PRESENTATION HYMN 301

Bread of the World

R. Heber/L. Bourgeois

We share the Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly and Im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

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 are yours, now and for ever.**
Amen.

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

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People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

FRACTION

(sing refrain, verse 1, refrain)

J. E. Moore

Refrain

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the
Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verses

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.

Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
You'll want for noth - ing if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord
I called the Lord who an - swered me;
Taste and see that the Lord is good;

for God has been so good to me.
from all my troub - les I was set free.
in God we need put all our trust.

D.C.

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 chancel by the center aisle. Proceed to the altar rail where you may stand or kneel. 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.

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 the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always.

People: ***Amen.***

RECESSIONAL 530 *Spread, O Spread Thou Mighty Word* *J. F. Bahnmaier/W.F. Havergal*

Deacon: Go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* *P. Scholtes/M. Hayes*

The flowers today are given by Alice and Joe Maffit.

Ministers of the Service

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| * Members and Guests, <i>Celebrants</i> | * Robin French, <i>Music Director</i> |
| * Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell, <i>Presider</i> | * Nancy Cook, <i>Erben Organist</i> |
| * Rev. Diane Luther, <i>Deacon</i> | * Eric Kallback, <i>Vestry Coordinator</i> |
| * Richard Luther, <i>Lector</i> | * Alice Maffit & Pat Golden, <i>Altar Guild</i> |
| * Debbie Kallback, <i>Intervessor</i> | * Amy Hardwicke, <i>Greeter</i> |

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 (Buttall), *Bill (Calvert), Bishop-Elect Paula (Clark),
*Kathy (Doig), Matthew (Dowe), *Renee (Dowe), Daniel (Dugan), *Al (Elsbree), *Cathie (Elsbree),
*Jennie (Fjelde), Barb (Hiller), *Barb (Hooper), Barb (Kellar), Jean (Kohler), Ginger (Komiskey),
Verity (Liljedahl), *Alice (Maffit), Terry (Maglich), *Diann & *Robert (Marsh), Betty (Montgomery),
*Mary (Nelson), Sarah (Newton), *Bill (Norton), Alan (Oyen), Anne (Poston), Shelby (Powers),
Lisa (Prindle), *Greg (Serwich), *Karen (Serwich), Melody (Serwich), Paula (Simosky), Gil (Smith),
*Pat (Terry), *Tom (V.), Ed (Ward), Joe (Watts), Paulette (Zais), Mina, Jeremy, Audrey, Patricia and Al.

We give thanks for the many blessings we have received:

Max (Vollkommer) and Matthew (Morel) serving in the military; the birthdays of Alice (Maffit) &
Bill (Foltz); the anniversaries of Carolyn & Bill (Norton) and Mary & Bill (Foltz); our Outreach partners:
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Scripture Readings for August 29th, 2021 ***Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	James 1:17-27
Psalms 15	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of August 22nd, 2021

Celebrating the Life of Ruth H. Beegle

Ruth's Celebration of Life will be at the Beegle farm on Thursday, September 2nd at 3:00pm (outdoors under a tent). The farm is at 5490 West Beegle Lane, Hanover, IL. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by August 20th: Lucretia@mypurefreedom.com or 512-423-4381.

Registration for EfM 2021-2022

The next year of EfM at Grace Church will begin the week of October 17, 2021. There is room for a few more students. Registration will begin soon. Please let Lynn Giles know if you plan to join the group so she can send you a registration link. Her email is lynngiles@lynngilesphotography.com, phone/text is 815-757-2011 or simply talk with her at church.

Adult Inquirer's Class

An Adult Inquirers Class will be offered 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 qualifies you to being received or confirmed in the Episcopal Church, if you choose. This is open to anyone in the church or community. Those considering reception will be given priority (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.

Social Hour has been suspended due to COVID upsurge.

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, August 23rd at 6:30pm in person.

Service of Compline is Tuesday, August 25th at 8:30pm on Zoom.

Mid-Week Morning Prayer is this Wednesday, August 25th, at 7:30am in the church and online.

Wednesday Morning Study Group will be taking a break for the remainder of the summer, and will reconvene in September.

Meditative Prayer meets Friday, August 27th, 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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