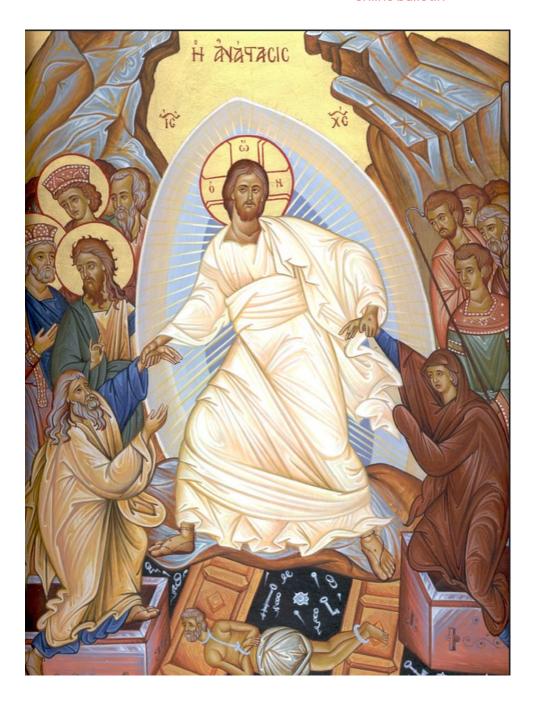


The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024

online bulletin



YOU ARE WELCOME!

Grace Episcopal Church is a place for all – the curious, the hurting, the imperfect, and the joyful. We gather as a lively and visible group of Christians dedicated to social justice and positive change in Chicago's South Loop neighborhood and beyond.

Whoever you are, whatever you bring to God's table, you are in the right place this morning. Welcome!

Praying with Grace

- Masks are optional at Grace and are always welcome.
- A gender-neutral restroom is located to the left of the altar along the east windows.
- Customary times to stand or sit are indicated by the italicized instructions throughout the service. It's perfectly fine to remain seated as you're comfortable.
- Everyone, without exception, is invited to receive communion. All the communion bread is gluten free.
 To receive a blessing; keep your hands folded across your chest.

Connecting with Grace

- Find Grace online at *gracechicago.org* and sign up for our weekly e-newsletter
- Contact the clergy and staff at info@gracechicago.org
- Email your prayer requests to prayers@gracechicago.org
- Follow Grace @graceplacechi





Grace Leadership

Vestry

2025 Nolan Cooper (Treasurer), Emma Koch (Clerk) and Wendy Manning (Co-Warden) 2026 Melissa Moore and Ted Otto (Co-Warden)

2027 Kevin Malone and Tim Paprocki

The Rev. Andrea Billhardt, Deacon

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The Rev. Amity Carrubba, Rector Marilyn Haverly, Minister of Music

Sara Filipiak, Parish Administrator

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Communications: Gail Purkey, Wendy Manning

Liturgy: Melissa Moore, Emma Koch, Kim Callis, Andrea Billhardt, Kevin Malone, Marilyn Haverly **Service & Advocacy:** Marilynn Rochon, Andrea Billhardt, Doreen Baker, Wynette Edwards,

Darrial Brown, Sexton

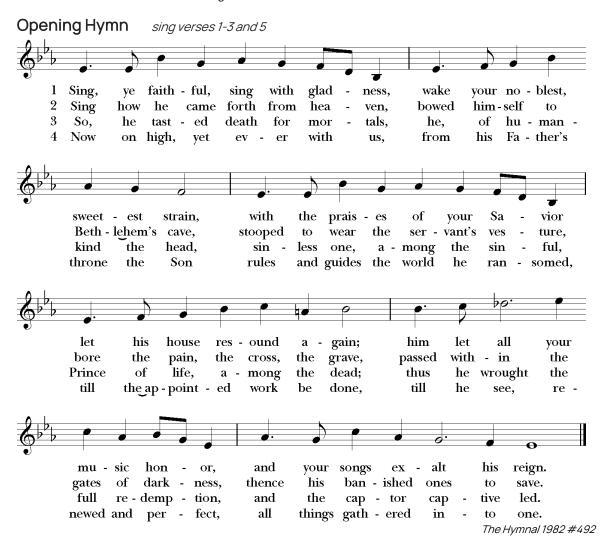
Mary Beth Weigel, Paula Morrow

Cover artwork: The Anastasis (The Harrowing of Hell) Icon

Prelude

More Love to Thee, arr. M. Hayes

Please stand as the bells rings



The presider welcomes the congregation.

The Word of God

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson please be seated

the readings are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible (NRSV), one of 14 Bible translations authorized by the Episcopal Church and many Christian denominations for use in worship

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, Then Peter sai

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 the psalm is said antiphonally by whole verse

Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.

²With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

⁴He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth. •In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

The Second Lesson

A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

1 John 5:1-6

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

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation sing three times



Celtic Alleluia

The Gospel

You are invited to cross yourself at the + below.

+The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John..

Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. "I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

John 15:9-17

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon silence follows the sermon beginning and ending with a bell

The Nicene Creed all stand

From Enriching Our Worship.

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 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.

The Prayers

From Intercessions for the Christian People, adapted

Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for Christ is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world.

God of life, in gratitude and great joy we laud you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. Give us hope, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed!

In this season which brings joy to all Christians, may we commit ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, that Christ's body may be one, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed!

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed!

For all who need the gift of Easter, for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love, especially

The people of the Holy Land & all those in conflict zones

Larry (Kim Callis' uncle)

Nathaniel (Anderson)

Bernard & Brenda (Monique Patterson's family)

Richard (Dan Wilson's friend)

Sarah & family (Kevin Malone's friend)

Arthur (Craig Bivins' uncle)

Brody (grandson of Mary Lou Wade)

Cynthia (Marvin Foltz's wife)

that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ, for our life is hid with Christ in God; for Christ is risen: Christ is risen indeed.

May we rejoice with those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and all the blessings of this life, especially:

Mark (Kruse - 5)

Danielle and Nathan (getting married on June 1)

Our Straut Legacy Fund Grantees

Grace's faith partners (Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Onnuri Church & Hope's Table Chicago)

for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

I invite your prayers and petitions.

People may add their own prayers.

Online worshippers are invited to unmute and offer their prayers first.

Those in the sanctuary are invited to come to the microphone.

God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**.

The Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The people greet one another.

Announcements

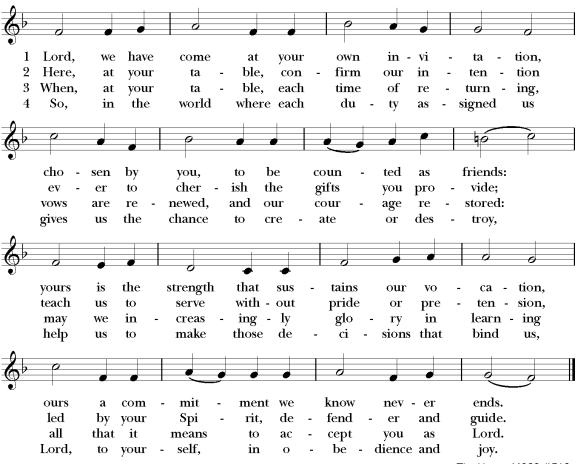
Some announcements will be given; more information is at the end of this bulletin.

Giving to Grace

You can give online to Grace during worship (or anytime) using your phone; simply scan the QR code and the church's online donation provider VANCO will appear in your browser. Thank you for supporting Grace's ministries! On the first Sunday of each month, the cash offering is designated for Grace Church's Discretionary Fund.



Offertory Hymn sing verses 1-3



The Hymnal 1982 #348

The Table of God

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 1

God be with you.

And also with you.

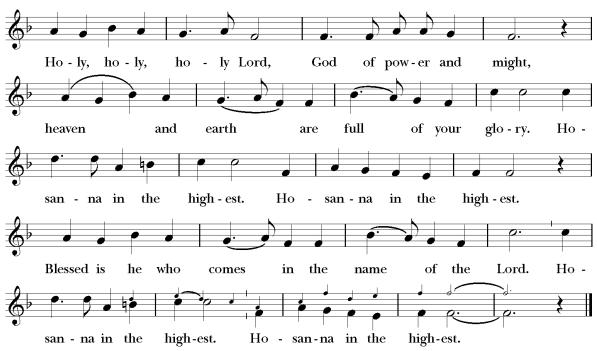
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



The Hymnal 1982 #S125

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

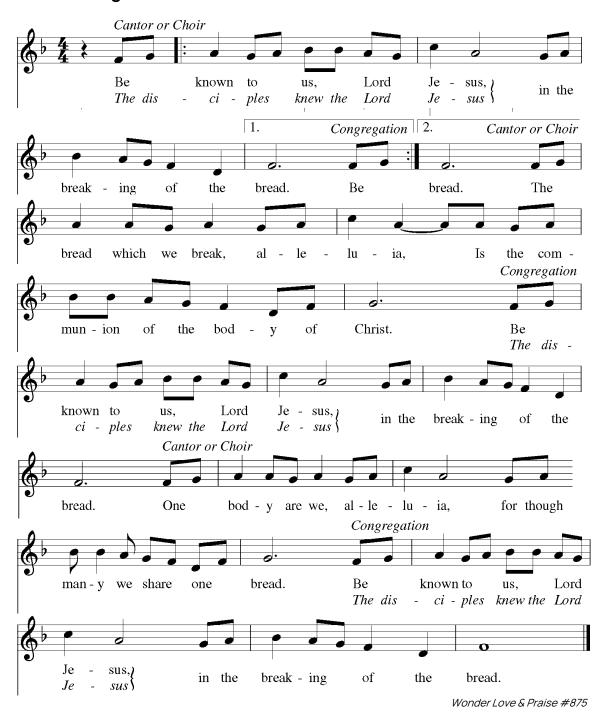
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the +Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. 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. **AMEN**.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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



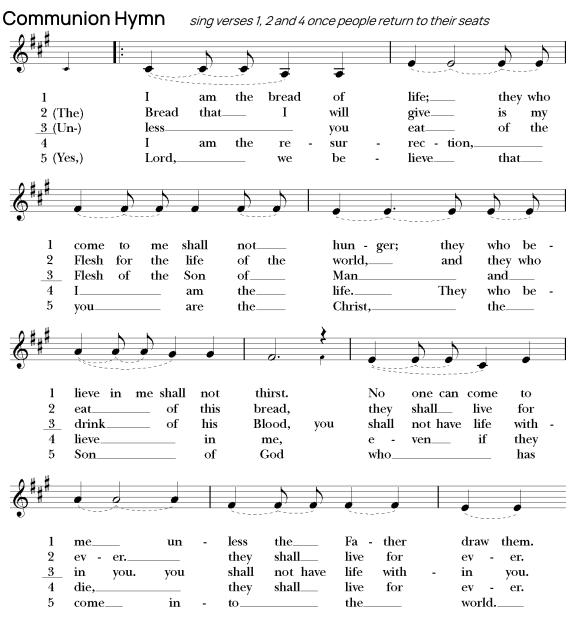
God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

Instrumental Interlude

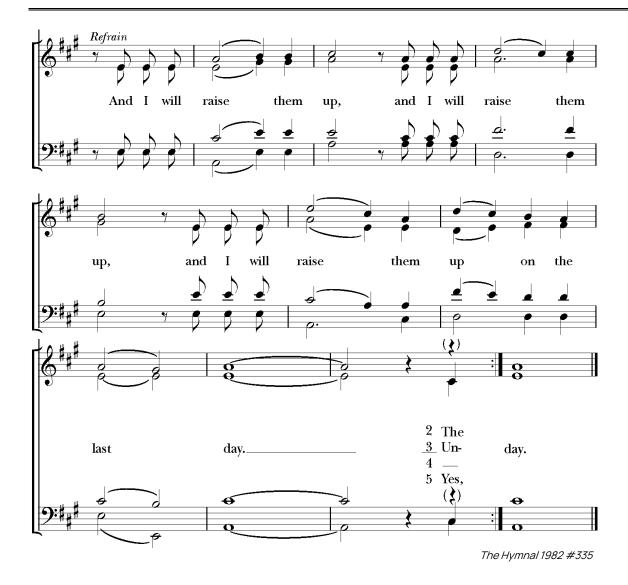
The invitation to Communion comes from Jesus himself; everyone, without exception, is welcome to receive. Those at home may unwrap their host and consume it. If you do not have communion at home, you are invited to pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion below.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, dear Jesus, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, I offer you my praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament and that you are able, even when received by faith alone, to heal, enrich, and sanctify me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you and you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.



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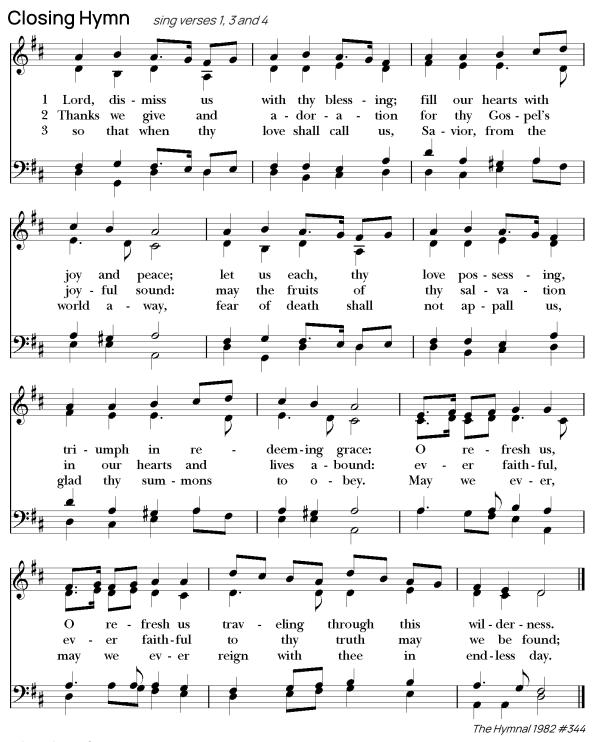
Sending Forth

At the + below, you are invited to cross yourself.

Let us pray.

God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the +risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with new life; and the blessing of God Almighty, +Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**



Dismissal

Christ is risen. Go in peace. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Please remain online for conversation.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

Presider & Preacher Amity Carrubba

Minister of Music Marilyn Haverly Online Host Wendy Manning

Servers

Doreen Baker (lead), Nolan Cooper, Paula Morrow, Dan Wilson

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Bread Baker Sara Filipiak

Announcements

Deacon Andrea is still on vacation this Sunday. She will return to worship next week.

Healing Ministry at Grace Today

Praying for healing is an ancient prayer practice, whether praying for yourself (prayer of petition) or for someone else (prayer of intercession). Grace observes this on the **first Sunday of each month** immediately following worship. A Grace clergy member will be available to pray with you in the intimate space of the chapel located on the west side of the sanctuary. Bring your cares and concerns and receive individual prayer.

CAT Survey Presentation and Discussion Today

Thank you to everyone who completed The Church Assessment Tool (CAT) survey in January and February! Today after worship and a brief coffee hour we will present the results and discuss what they mean and how we can apply them to our church life. Please plan to attend, especially if you did (or didn't) complete the survey.

Chicago Circle Singing This Wednesday

Grace welcomes Chicago Circle Singing on **Wednesday, May 8** from 7-8:30 pm. Davin Young and his leaders draw on improvisational singing tools that invite you into a playful, joyful experience of your voice. No special skill, talent or ability required. You can sign up to attend at chicagocirclesinging.com.

Grace Women Meet on Saturday, May 11

Doris Braendel welcomes the Grace Women's Group to her home (1160 South Michigan Avenue #3107) on Saturday, May 11 from 2-4pm. All are welcome at these monthly gatherings, which offer a chance to stay connected and learn more about each other. *Need parking?* If you're driving from outside the South Loop, parking is sparse so plan ahead and consider using SpotHero. Please email Doris and let her know if you will be attending, so she can plan for seating.

Last Easter Storytelling Session on May 12

Throughout the season of Easter, we read from the Acts of the Apostles as our first lesson each Sunday. This New Testament book tells of the founding of the Christian Church and the spread of its message to the Roman Empire. Inspired by Acts of the Apostles, Grace members are invited to tell their stories of life and faith during our Adult Forums throughout the Easter season. Using The Moth format, stories must be true, told without notes, and up to 5 minutes long. The next (and last) storytelling session of the Easter season is Sunday, May 12.

The Feast of Pentecost is Sunday, May 19

Get ready for the feast of Pentecost, one of the major feast days of the church year. Pentecost marks the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit and is considered the birthday of the church. To celebrate the day, we will have a guest musician, special prayers, and a festive coffee hour... be sure to attend this special Sunday and start planning your red outfit now!

Quarterly Treasurer's Report

Financial Summary - Q1 2024

	2024 Monthly Budget	Jan 2024 Actual	Feb 2024 Actual	Mar 2024 Actual	2024 YTD Budget	2024 YTD Actual	% Variance YTD	2024 Annual Budget
Revenue								
Parishoners 4100	\$ 10,904.78	\$ 17,940.33	\$ 6,052.15	\$ 10,767.32	\$ 32,714.35	\$ 34,759.80	%E'9	\$ 132,000.00
Trusts 4200	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 8,624.23	\$ 8,624.23	60.690,6 \$	\$ 29,250.00	\$ 26,317.55	-10.0%	\$ 117,000.00
Total Church Revenue	\$ 20,654.78	\$ 26,564.56	\$ 14,676.38	\$ 19,836.41	\$ 61,964.35	\$ 61,077.35	-1.4%	\$ 249,000.00
Occ. Agreement 4300	\$ 10,670.73	\$ 10,437.25	\$ 10,228.90	\$ 10,820.88	\$ 32,012.20	\$ 31,487.03	-1.6%	\$ 127,467.00
Other Bldg Revenue 4400	\$ 2,833.33	\$ 2,090.00	\$ 3,685.00	\$ 4,370.00	\$ 8,499.99	\$ 10,145.00	19.4%	\$ 34,000.00
Total Building Revenue	\$ 13,504.06	\$ 12,527.25	\$ 13,913.90	\$ 15,190.88	\$ 40,512.19	\$ 41,632.03	2.8%	\$ 161,467.00
Interest Income 4510	\$ 41.67	\$ 69.84	\$ 255.32	\$ 494.60	\$ 125.01	\$ 819.76	555.8%	\$ 500.00
Total Revenue	\$ 34,200.52	\$ 39,161.65	\$ 28,845.60	\$ 35,521.89	\$ 102,601.55 \$	\$ 103,529.14	0.9%	\$ 410,967.00
Expenses								
Salary & Taxes 5001	\$ 15,756.42	\$ 15,268.20	\$ 15,974.34	\$ 15,720.33	\$ 47,269.26	\$ 46,962.87	%9:0-	\$ 189,077.00
Benefits 5020	\$ 4,049.17	\$ 3,615.20	\$ 6,341.17	\$ 3,873.17	\$ 12,147.51	\$ 13,829.54	13.8%	\$ 53,270.00
Church Expenses 5003	\$ 4,545.82	\$ 6,970.29	\$ 5,771.22	\$ 4,913.31	\$ 13,637.47	\$ 17,654.82	29.5%	\$ 61,750.00
Building Expenses 5004	\$ 7,052.79	\$ 4,739.22	\$ 4,515.82	\$ 6,508.04	\$ 21,158.37	\$ 15,763.08	-25.5%	\$ 79,600.00
General & Office 5005	\$ 1,803.75	\$ 2,824.31	\$ 1,856.37	\$ 1,792.00	\$ 5,411.25	\$ 6,472.68	19.6%	\$ 27,270.00
Total Expenses	\$ 33,207.95	\$ 33,417.22	\$ 34,458.92	\$ 32,806.85	\$ 99,623.86	\$ 100,682.99	1.06%	\$ 410,967.00
Income	\$ 992.56	\$ 5,744.43	\$ (5,613.32)	\$ 2,715.04	\$ 2,977.69	\$ 2,846.15	-4.42%	- \$

Closing out Outreach account; \$32,000 to Operating, remaining to Reserve; Maximizes interest earned New agreement signed with Holy Trinity which includes a 5% increase (3.5% budgeted) AFSC and Onnuri paid 2023 rate while negotiations were ongoing Motion passed to fund the discretionary account with \$2500 Building expenses higher in March due to insurance payment 212,983 Monthly trust payment has increased 33,199 266,99 Reserve (Business Savings) Outreach (Money Market) Discretionary (Checking) Operating (Checking)

Bank Account Balances

Total

2023 Surplus Giving has been completed

Variance in Church Expenses due to Rector Continuing Education Retreat & Piano Tuning

Bill Payment and Bank Access has been updated