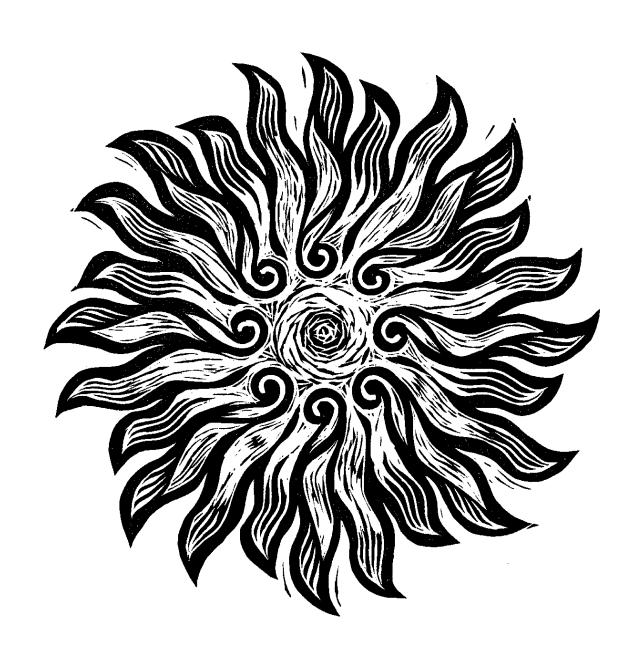


Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 7, 2024

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

Clergy

The Rev. Amity Carrubba, Rector The Rev. Andrea Billhardt, Deacon

Staff Marilyn Haverly, Minister of Music

Darrial Brown, Sexton

Sara Filipiak, Parish Administrator

Committees

Building: Tim Paprocki, Ted Otto, Kate Eakin, J Burger, Craig Bivins

Communications: Gail Purkey, Wendy Manning

Liturgy: Melissa Moore Gillespie, Emma Koch, Kim Callis, Andrea Billhardt, Kevin Malone, Marilyn Haverly

Service & Advocacy: Marilynn Rochon, Andrea Billhardt, Doreen Baker, Wynette Edwards,

Mary Beth Weigel, Paula Morrow

Prelude "I Must Tell Jesus," arr. by L. Shackley

stand as the bell rings

Blessed be God: +Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn



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Evangelical Lutheran Worship 841

The Word of God

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Hebrew Bible Lesson

Common Lectionary offers two tracks for the Hebrew Bible lesson and accompanying Psalm. Grace is reading Track One which provides readings that complement the Gospel of the day.

A reading from the book of Ezekiel.

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123 psalm is said antiphonally by whole verse

To you l lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, * and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the LORD our God, * until he show us his mercy.

⁴Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, * for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁵Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, * and of the derision of the proud.

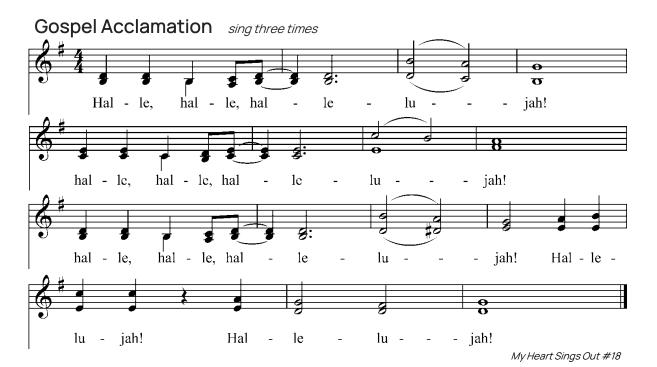
The New Testament Lesson

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, veven considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The Gospel

You are invited to cross yourself at the + below.

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

Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the

carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁹He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Mark 6:1-13

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

silence follows the sermon beginning and ending with a bell

The Nicene Creed

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:

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.

The Prayers

Form VI, Book of Common Prayer

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, NAME, our Presiding Bishop-elect, and Paula, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The people of the Holy Land & all those in conflict zones Rich, Tony & Tony's mother (Ursula Forhan's friends)

Larry (Kim Callis' uncle)

Arthur (Craig Bivins' uncle)

Bernard & Brenda (Monique Patterson's family)

Nathaniel (Anderson)

Becky (Chris Wendroth's friend) Joe (Dan Petrosko's brother)

Donna (Cutler)

Cynthia (Marvin Foltz's wife)

Tom (Haverly)

Hear us, O Lord:

For your mercy is great.

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

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

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

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.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution You are invited to cross yourself at the + below.

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

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.

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord 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



The Table of God

The Great Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord 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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

sing two times in your preferred language



Wonder Love & Praise #785

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. +Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

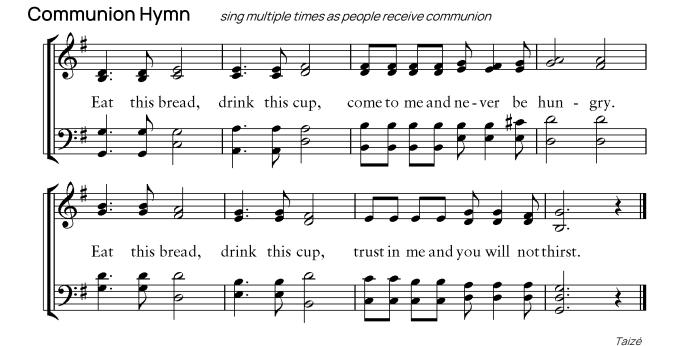
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

The gifts of God for the people of God.



Sending Forth

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

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,

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 Lord. Amen.

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

The + blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**



My Heart Sings Out #54

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please stay online for conversation.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

Guest Presider & PreacherDeaconMinister of MusicOnline HostJuan ReedAndrea BillhardtMarilyn HaverlyWendy Manning

Servers Bread Baker

Doreen Baker (lead), Cassidy Connolly, Nolan Cooper, Paula Morrow, Dan Wilson Mary Beth Weigel

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Announcements

Pastor Amity is on vacation today. The Rev. Juan Reed will be the guest preacher and presider.

Welcome to the Rev. Juan Reed

Grace welcomes the Rev. Juan Reed as our guest presider and preacher today as Pastor Amity is on vacation. He is the retired longtime rector of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Chicago's West Side Austin neighborhood. Juan is bivocational, also working as a clinical social worker with different institutions in Chicago in addition to a private clinical social work practice. He is also a beloved spiritual director, working with many clergy and lay people throughout the Diocese.

Chicago Circle Singing This Wednesday

Grace welcomes Davin Young and The Possible for community singing on the second Wednesday of each month in the Grace sanctuary. Chicago Circle Singing draws on improvisational singing tools that invite you into a playful, joyful experience of your voice. No special skill, talent or ability required. You'll walk away with a new song in your heart and a smile on your face. The next Chicago Circle Singing event at Grace is **July 10, from 7-8:30pm**.

The 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church Concluded Friday

The General Convention of The Episcopal Church, concluded its 81st meeting in Louisville, KY on Friday, June 28. The bicameral legislature includes the House of Deputies (lay people, deacons, and priests) and the House of Bishops, composed of deputies and bishops from each diocese. During its triennial meeting, deputies and bishops considered a wide range of important matters facing the Church. Of special significance at this Convention was the election of a new presiding bishop, Sean Rowe, to succeed Presiding Bishop Michael Curry as his nine-year term concludes October 31.

Episcopal News Service (episcopalnewsservice.org) offers a good summary of General Convention actions.

Bishop Paula Clark Visits Grace September 15

Interested in Confirmation or Reception in the Episcopal Church?

As part of her episcopal (bishop) responsibilities, Bishop Clark visits each congregation in the diocese every few years. Grace's next visit is Sunday, September 15. She will preach and preside, meet with the Vestry, and join coffee hour. One of the highlights of any bishop visit is the opportunity for confirmation or reception in the Episcopal Church. If you are interested in confirmation or reception, please talk with Pastor Amity about preparing for these sacraments.

Invitation from the LeBourgeois Family

The Grace community is invited to the memorial for John LeBourgeois, Louise's father, on Saturday, July 20, at 10 AM at Promontory Point (5491 South Lake Shore Drive.