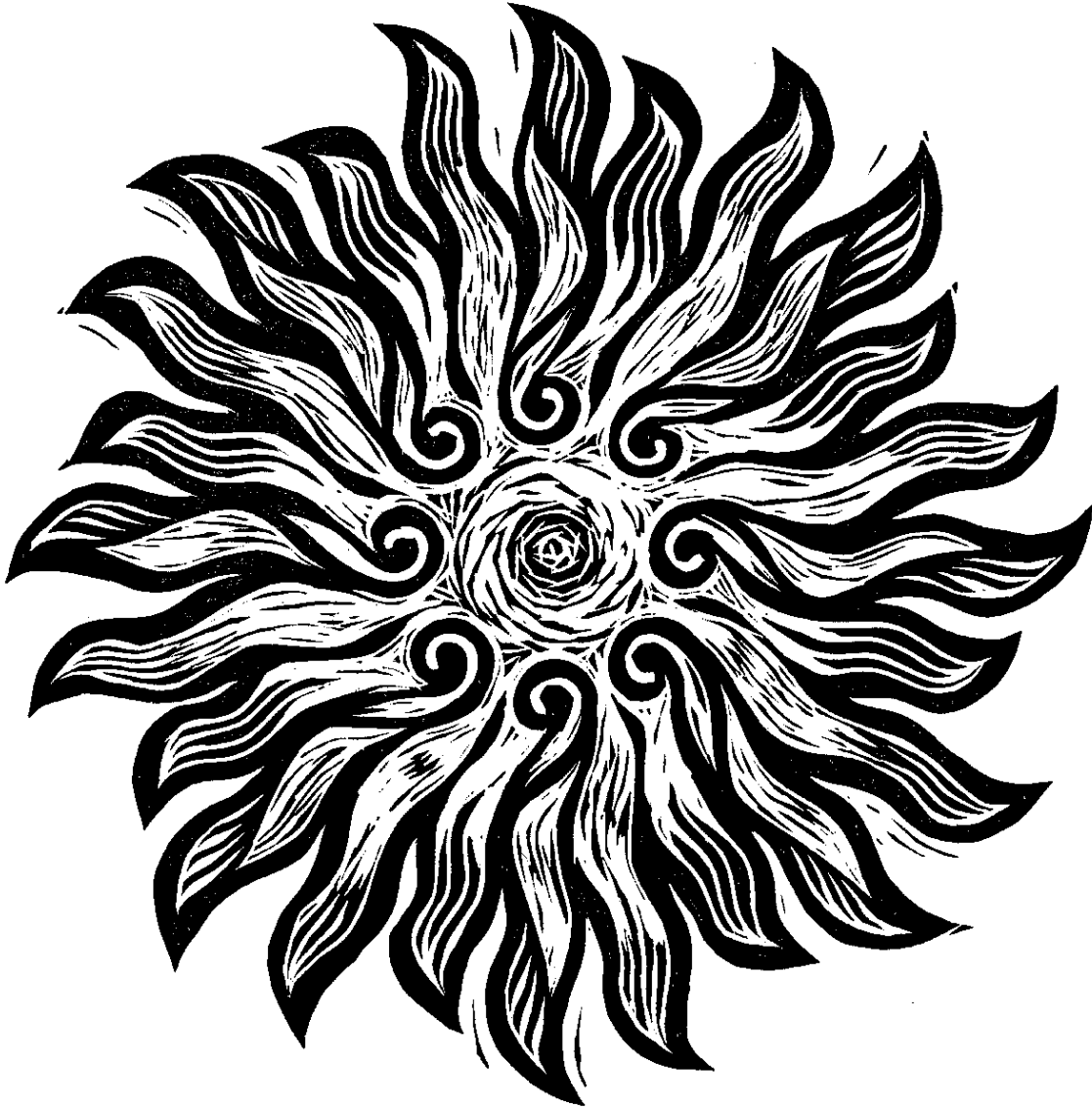




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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 1, 2024

*online bulletin*



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# 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!

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## 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](http://gracechicago.org) and sign up for our weekly e-newsletter
- Contact the clergy and staff at [info@gracechicago.org](mailto:info@gracechicago.org)
- Email your prayer requests to [prayers@gracechicago.org](mailto:prayers@gracechicago.org)
- Follow Grace @graceplacechi



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## Grace Leadership

### Vestry

2025 Nolan Cooper (Treasurer), Emma Koch (Clerk) and Wendy Manning (Co-Warden)

2026 Melissa Moore Gillespie 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

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**Prelude**    *Let Us Break Bread Together*, Arr. J. Carter

*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.**

*The presider welcomes the congregation.*

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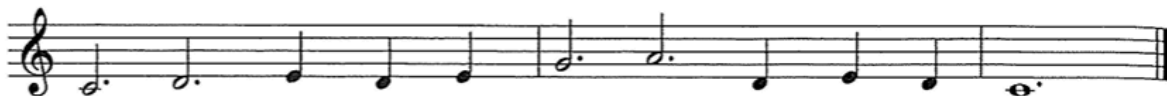
## Opening Hymn



1. Morn-ing has bro-ken Like the first morn-ing, Black-bird has  
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun-lit from heav-en, Like the first  
3. Mine is the sun-light! Mine is the morn-ing Born of the  
*1. Des-pun-ta el al-ba Del nue-vo dí-a, Can-tan las*  
*2. Fres-ca es la llu-via Del al-to cie-lo; Ya la cam-*  
*3. Sol re-ful-gen-te Da nue-va vi-da Ca-da ma-*



spo-ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing-ing! Praise for the  
dew-fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness Of the wet  
one light E-den saw play! Praise with é-la-tion, Praise ev-'ry  
*a-ves Al Cre-a-dor; Tri-nos que bro-tan Ca-da ma-*  
*pi-ña Vuel-ve a na-cer Y se des-pier-ta La tie-rra en-*  
*ña-na Des-de el E-dén. Nues-tra a-la-ban-za Hoy e-le-*



morn-ing! Praise for them, spring-ing Fresh from the Word!  
gar-den, Sprung in com-plete-ness Where his feet pass.  
morn-ing, God's re-cre-a-tion Of the new day!  
*ña-na, Pre-ces que e-ma-nan Del co-ra-zón.*  
*te-ra Co-mo u-na nue-va Re-su-rrec-ción.*  
*ve-mos; To-da al-bo-ra-da es Nue-va crea-ción.*

*Oramos Cantando #62*

## The Word of God

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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## 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 Deuteronomy.

<sup>1</sup>Moses said: "S now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 15 *psalm is said antiphonally by whole verse*

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \***  
**who speaks the truth from his heart.**

<sup>3</sup>There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In his sight the wicked is rejected, \***  
**but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.

<sup>6</sup>**He does not give his money in hope of gain, \***  
**nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

<sup>7</sup>Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

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## The New Testament Lesson

A reading from the letter of James.

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

*James 1:17-27*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation *sing three times*

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -

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

*My Heart Sings Out #18*

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## 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.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

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

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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 (Presiding Bishop), Sean (Presiding Bishop-elect), and Paula (our Bishop); and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**



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For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The people of the Holy Land & all those in conflict zones	Becky (Chris Wendroth's friend)
Rich, Tony & Tony's mother (Ursula Forhan's friends)	Joe (Dan Petrosko's brother)
Larry (Kim Callis' uncle)	Donna (Cutler)
Arthur (Craig Bivins' uncle)	Cynthia (Marvin Foltz's wife)
Tom (Haverly)	Nathaniel (Anderson)

Hear us, O Lord.

**For your mercy is great.**

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

Tim (Paprocki -2)	Emma (Koch -5)
Cassidy and Ursula (preparing to be received into the Episcopal Church on September 15)	
Kate and Joe (getting married on Sunday, September 29)	
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.**

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## 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 *sing verses 1, 2 and 5*

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, In my heart;—  
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In my heart, In my heart;—  
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In my heart, In my heart;—  
 4. I don't want to be like Ju-das In my heart, In my heart;—  
 5. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus In my heart, In my heart;—

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. I don't want to be like Ju-das In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_

In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_ In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_  
 In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_ In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In my heart. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In my heart. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. I don't want to be like Ju-das In my heart. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus In my heart. \_\_\_\_\_

*Lift Every Voice & Sing #138*

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# 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 verse 1 in Spanish and verse 2 in English*

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

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*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

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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.

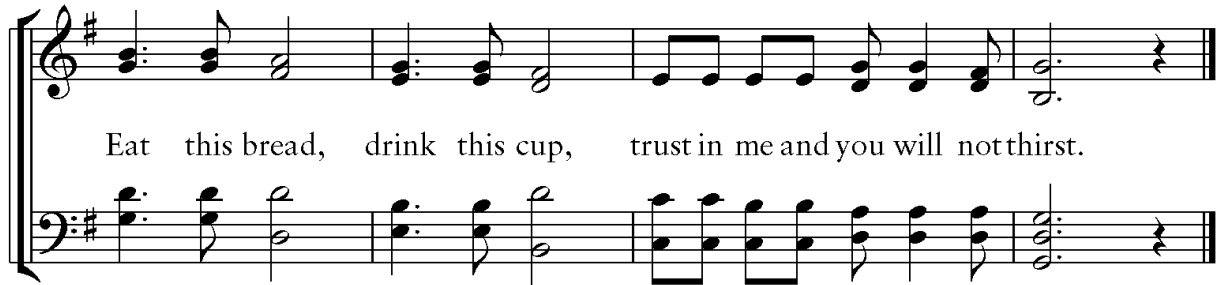
The gifts of God for the people of God.

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## Communion Hymn *sing multiple times as people receive communion*



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and ne-ver be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

*Taizé*

# 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.**

## Closing Hymn



1. Can - to de\_a - le - grí - a por - que  
 2. Del a - mor de Cris - to, ¿quién me a -  
 3. To - do lo que pa - sa en mí  
 4. En las prue - bas to - das Dios a -

*1. Joy - ful - ly we sing our lov - ing  
 2. Who can sep - a - rate us from the  
 3. Through all things that hap - pen to us  
 4. God re - mains our ref - uge in the*



ten - go a - mor. Vi - vo ca - da  
 par - ta - rá? Es - con - di - do en  
 vi - da a - quí Dios me lo pre -  
 yu - da - rá. No nos des - am -

*Sav - ior's grace, liv - ing ev - 'ry  
 love of Christ? Who, pre - vail a -  
 day by day, Christ will be the  
 trials we face, shield - ing and sus -*



dí - a con el Sal - va - dor.  
 Cris - to, ¿quién me to - ca - rá?  
 pa - ra pa - ra bien de mí.  
 pa - ra, no nos de - ja - rá.

*day with - in his warm em - brace.  
 gainst us: God is on our side?  
 bea - con who will light our way.  
 tain - ing us with lov - ing grace.*



Quie - ro a to - do el mun - do de Él  
 Si Dios jus - ti - fi - ca, ¿quién con -  
 En mis prue - bas du - ras, Dios me es  
 Él nos ne - ce - si - ta pa - ra

*Ea - ger - ly we long, both here and  
 In - ter - ced - ing for us, Christ is  
 In dis - tress and per - il, God is  
 Work - ing throug the la - bors of our*



siem - pre ha - blar,                      por - que Cris - to  
de - na - rá?                              Cris - to por mí a -  
siem - pre fiel:                            ¿por qué pues las  
tra - ba - jar.                              Va - mos a - de -  
*ev - 'ry - where,*                            *all through - out the*  
*strong and sure.*                        *More than con - qu'rors*  
*faith - ful still.*                            *Why should we be*  
*hearts and hands,*                        *Christ will lead us*



quie - re a to - dos ya sal - var.  
bo - ga, ¿quién me a - cu - sa - rá?  
du - das? Yo des - can - so en él.  
lan - te, va - mos a triun - far.  
*world, God's sav - ing love to share.*  
*through him, we can rest se - cure.*  
*anx - ious if we trust God's will?*  
*on - ward in tri - um - phant bands!*

### Estribillo / Refrain



Can - to                      por - que ten - go a - mor.  
*Sing - ing                      of the Sav - ior's grace,*



Vi - vo                      con el Sal - va - dor.  
*liv - ing                      in his warm em - brace,*



Quie - ro                      de Él siem - pre ha - blar.  
*long - ing,                      here and ev - 'ry - where,*



Cris - to                      quie - re ya sal - var.  
*all God's                      sav - ing love to share.*

*Oramos Cantando #549*



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## Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Please stay online for conversation.*

### TODAY'S MINISTERS

**Presider & Preacher**

Amity Carrubba

**Deacon**

Andrea Billhardt

**Minister of Music**

Marilyn Haverly

**Online Host**

Wendy Manning

**Servers**

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

**Bread Baker**

J Burger

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# Announcements

## Printers Row Lit Fest 2024 Next Weekend

The 2024 Printers Row Lit Fest is set for Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8. This free event takes place on South Dearborn Street, right outside Grace's front door. Grace will once again host an exhibitor table on Saturday and Sunday and invite fest attendees to enter to win a free book in our drawing. **Please sign up to help host at Grace's exhibitor table next Saturday and Sunday.**

Next Sunday we will host an author talk with R. Derek Black about their book *The Klansman's Son: My Journey from White Nationalism to Antiracism: A Memoir*. Copies of the book will be on sale that Sunday.

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### Grace Book Swap Today After Worship

Bring a book... Take a book... Read a book....

Let's celebrate Lit Fest and join the Book Swap after worship today. If you see something you like, please take it. Any unswapped books will be donated to Open Books.

### Community Bible Study Begins on Wednesday September 4

You are invited to gather with people from Holy Trinity and Grace on Wednesdays in September to read and reflect on the Letter of James. Co-led by Pastor Sharai and Pastor Amity, we will gather in person in Pastor Amity's office and on zoom from **noon to 1pm**. Bring your lunch; bring your questions; bring your Bible (optional). All are welcome!

### Supporting Grace's Ministry with Migrants

One of the City of Chicago shelters for migrants arriving here is located a few blocks north of Grace in the former Standard Club Hotel. A group of migrants staying at the shelter who hail from Venezuela, Columbia, Cuba, and Guatemala began worshipping with Grace since spring. As people get settled into apartments, we hope to connect them with a few Grace members to specifically befriend them. This would begin with making a special effort to connect during Coffee Hour and sharing prayer requests. Please consider this ministry in friendship, it is one of the most valuable things we can offer! Let Pastor Amity or Deacon Andrea know if you are interested.

## Bishop Paula Clark Visits Grace September 15

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.

Kim Callis is coordinating a festive coffee hour in honor of Bishop Paula's visit. Please consider bringing food for the special event; contact Kim for details.

## Save the date – Annual Pet Blessing on Sunday, October 6

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Jesus said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied  
rightly about you hypocrites, as it is  
written,

'This people honors  
me with their lips,  
but their hearts  
are far from me...'

