



Grace
Episcopal
Church

Lit Fest Sunday
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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 Gillespie and Ted Otto (Co-Warden)

2027 Kevin Malone and Tim Paprocki

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The Rev. Andrea Billhardt, Deacon

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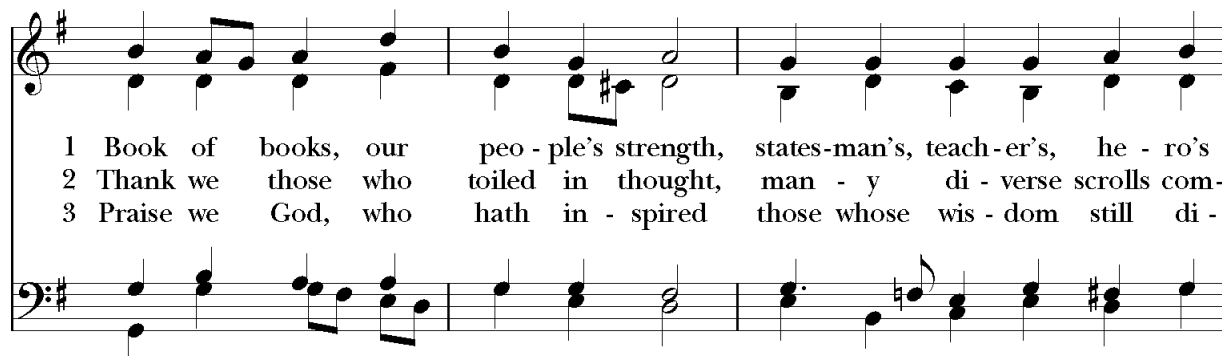
Prelude *Ancient Words*, Hal Leonard arranger

stand as the bell rings and the presider welcomes the congregation.

The Word is very near you;

It is in our mouth and in our heart. *Deuteronomy 30:14*

Opening Hymn




1 Book of books, our peo - ple's strength, states-man's, teach-er's, he - ro's
2 Thank we those who toiled in thought, man - y di - verse scrolls com-
3 Praise we God, who hath in - spired those whose wis - dom still di -



trea - sure, bring - ing free - dom, spread - ing truth,
plet - ing, po - ets, pro - phets, schol - ars, saints,
rects us; praise him for the Word made flesh,



shed - ding light that none can mea - sure: wis - dom comes to
each a word from God re - peat - ing; till they came, who
for the Spi - rit which pro - tects us. Light of know - ledge,



those who know thee, all the best we have we owe thee.
told the sto - ry of the Word, and showed his glo - ry.
ev - er burn - ing, shed on us thy death - less learn - ing.

The Hymnal 1982 #631

The Word of God

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 prophet Isaiah.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water. *Isaiah 35:4-7a*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146 *psalm is said antiphonally by whole verse*

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

²**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, ***
for there is no help in them.

³When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

**4Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

The New Testament Lesson

A reading from the letter of James.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

James 2:1-10, 14-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,
o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O
they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the
roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you. *Fine*
way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.
God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!

And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!
 jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,
 To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,
 Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are
 To - rah o - ra,
Da Capo
 words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!
 To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

The Hymnal 1982 #536

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.

²⁴Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Mark 7:24-37

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 (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.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The people of the Holy Land & all those in conflict zones	Kaz (Pastor Amity's uncle)
Rich, Tony & Tony's mother (Ursula Forhan's friends)	Becky (Chris Wendroth's friend)
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.

Elena (Davis - 9)	Kate (Eakin - 10)
Cassidy and Ursula (preparing to be received into the Episcopal Church)	
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, especially Dennis (McClendon) and Joe (Dan Petrosko's brother), 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.**

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



1. All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; Ho - ly man - na
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers; Seek - er, be a
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is
 1. *Los ham - brien - tos, que se a - le - gren, El ma - ná es*
 2. *Los ham - brien - tos, nun - ca ex - tra - ños, Los que bus - can*
 3. *Los ham - brien - tos, can - ten jun - tos, Je - su - cris - to es*



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.
nues - tro pan. No más yer - mo ni de - sier - to,
han de ha - llar. Ven - gan to - dos: bien - ve - ni - dos
vi - vo pan. Ya no ha - brá do - lor ni an - he - lo,



Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who
Nos reu - ni - mos con a - fán. Tú que an - he - las
A go - zar de es - te man - jar. Los dis - per - sos
Pues en paz com - par - ti - rán. Ben - de - ci - do en



days of full - ness, All a - round us is our food.
 lost and scat - tered In com - mun - ion's love have stood.
 from this ta - ble Live their days in grat - i - tude.
a - li - men - to, Co - me y be - be sin te - mor.
y per - di - dos, Co - mul - gue - mos con fer - vor.
es - ta me - sa, A - gra - de - ce a tu Se - ñor.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Gus - ta y ve que Dios es bue - no. Gus - ta y ve su e - ter - no a - mor.

Oramos Cantado #684

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 proclaim to the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is +he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

- 1) sing the refrain first in English,
- 2) then sing in Spanish after the cantor,
- 3) then sing in English after the cantor

Refrain



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we
Pan de vi - da e - ter - na, nos das tu cuer - po y san - gre. †



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.
Has - ta que vuel - vas tú. Se - ñor. co - me - mos en tu a - mor.

Oramos Cantando #764

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.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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.

Communion Hymn *sing multiple times as people receive communion*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.
Ten - go sed de ti, oh fuen - te del a - mor.
Portuguese: Ben - diz o Se-nhor, lou - va o seu San - to no - me.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.
Ten - go sed de ti: tu a - mor es li - ber - tad.
Ben - diz o Se-nhor, que à vi - da nos con - duz.

Oramos Cantando #523

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



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;
6 to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.
11 Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while
16 time shall last your church may hold it fast throug-out all gen-er a - tions.

N. Grundtvig (1783-1872)

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Please remain online or in the sanctuary
for our Author Talk with R. Derek Black.*

TODAY'S MINISTERS

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Amity Carrubba

Deacon

Andrea Billhardt

Minister of Music

Marilyn Haverly

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Kim Callis (lead), Wynette Edwards, Tom Haverly, Chris Wenderoth, Mary Beth Weigel

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Announcements

Community Bible Study Wednesdays

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!

Memorial for Dennis McClendon Tomorrow

Grace is hosting a memorial for Dennis McClendon, a longtime resident of the South Loop and leader in the neighborhood on **Monday, September 9 at 5pm**. The service will honor and memorialize his accomplishments and his commitment to the community.

No Women's Group in September

We will meet again on Saturday, October 12 at Chris Wenderoth's home.

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 this 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! Please let Pastor Amity or Deacon Andrea know if you are interested.

Thanks to All Who Helped Sort and Organize Donations

Gracers gathered last Wednesday to sort and organize the roomful of donations for the migrant families we have received so far. Thanks to all who donated; and thanks to all who helped sort and rebox all the donations. ***Please do not bring any more donations to Grace at this time -- our donation room is full.*** We may reach out in the future with a request for specific items once families take some things from the donation room for their new apartments; but for now - a BIG THANK YOU to all who donated to help families trying to start a new life here, and those who helped sort and organize the donations. Stay tuned for future ways to help.

Bishop Paula Clark Visits Grace Next Sunday

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.

Pet Blessing with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church -- Sunday, October 6 10am

Celebrate Saint Francis of Assisi's feast day, our connection to our pets and all creation on Sunday, October 6 at Grace's annual Pet Blessing Sunday, co-hosted with our faith partner Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Pets and people will gather at 10am in Printers Row Park and celebrate the entire service outside- sermon, blessing, songs, and Eucharist. Invite your friends... all creatures great and small!

If you are interested in volunteering at this fun service, please contact Pastor Amity.