

Grace Community Christian Reformed Church

OUR VISION: Grace Community Church believes we are called by God to grow His kingdom.

OUR MISSION: We strive to spread the gospel, minister to needs, help people grow their relationship with God, and foster authentic, grace-filled relationships.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — APRIL 27, 2025

We invite you to join us in a time of prayer at the front of the sanctuary (or pray from where you are sitting) before each Sunday service at 9:45am. Our concerns, thanks, and praise will be lifted up to God. You don't need to pray out loud— God hears the prayers of our hearts. *What matters is that we pray!*

Apr. 27 Offering—Christian Education: Your gift to this fund acknowledges our baptismal commitment as a family of God to help guide our young ones in their faith walk. Through this fund families are provided with a portion of the assistance they may need to give their child a Christ-centered education. *Please give as you are able to support this fund.*

May 4-18—General Operating Fund: Your gift to this fund allows Grace Community Church to make connections with our church family and our neighbors through our ministry opportunities. It also provides us with the means to maintain our church property and compensate staff.

NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS TODAY:

"THROUGH RESURRECTION POWER"

Scripture Passages:

April 27: Acts 5:27-32

May 4: Acts 9:1-6

May 11: Acts 9:36-43

May 18: Acts 11:1-18

May 25: Acts 16:9-15

June 1: Acts 1:1-11

June 8: Acts 2:1-21

***Join us for coffee & conversation in the Fellowship Hall
after the service! Use the main hallway as you exit the sanctuary.***

Printed copies of the Order of Worship are available
on the tables at the back of the sanctuary.

National Day of Prayer—May 1, 2025: The annual National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans to pray together in faith—believing and standing on God's promise and abounding in HOPE, which is defined in the Bible as 'joyful, confident, expectation'. The 2025 National Day of Prayer theme is a call to stand on this foundation: **"Pour Out to the God of Hope and Be Filled"** inspired by the faithful prayer of our theme verse, Romans 15:13 NASB —

*"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*



• **WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** those serving in the military and their families, health care workers, first responders, and all those in continuing care or homebound, including: Ray Ismail, Pam Johnson, Jean Kok, Ann O'Connor, Ray Peterson Jr., Evelyn Van Dellen, Rich VandenBout, and Jeannette Veen.

Stop by the Prayer Room after the service. Pray with a prayer partner, or pray in silence. The Prayer Room is located on the southeast side of the foyer.

Jei Wilson is open to hearing input from the congregation on any themes or scripture passages you feel would be helpful to our church. Please talk to him following the worship service or leave a note in his church mailbox with any suggestions. *Thank you in advance!*



Summer Reading Program—May & June: Adults & children are invited to read as many or as few books as you would like and log them into the Book Log in the church library. Books can be from any library, purchased, or borrowed from a friend. A prize for participating will be given at the end of summer.

Prayer for our Church: Crucified and risen Lord, thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts. As the disciples were filled with courage, may we also rely on the Holy Spirit as we face the future, no matter what that might be. We pray that Your Spirit will help us to look ahead with joy as we encounter circumstances in our personal lives, and in the life of Grace Church. We know that we can face tomorrow with confidence that You are in control. In Your name we pray, Amen.



The **Deacon's Pantry** is a non-food pantry that serves to share the overwhelming abundance God has showered on us with those in need within our church community. If you are in need of everyday items (i.e. toiletries, cleaning supplies, etc.), stop by room 7 on the south side of the foyer. Bags are provided.

Community News

Chicago Christian Schools invites you to join us for a **Night of Worship and Celebration** on **May 8 at 7pm** at the Moraine Valley Church in Palos Heights. Picture an evening filled with uplifting worship, joyful celebration, and a strong sense of community. You don't want to miss this!