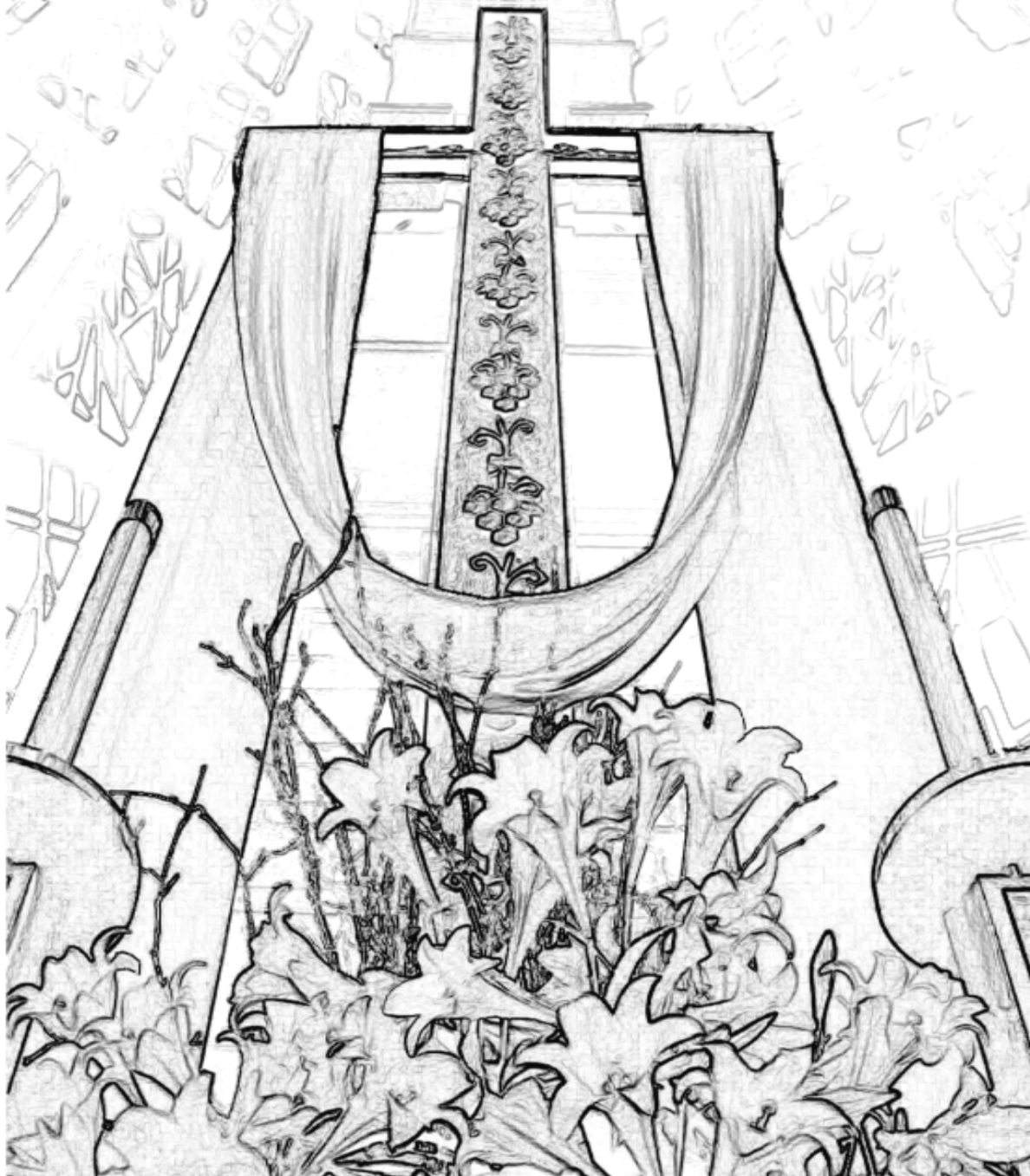


The Fifth Sunday of Easter



SAINT LUKE CHURCH

A **WARM WELCOME** to all who gather in the name of Christ this morning. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider Saint Luke Church.

All **BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS** are welcome at the Lord's table. We all need what only Christ can give.

The people of Saint Luke Ministries, called by God's grace in Jesus Christ, are committed to share God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, to care for one another, and to serve those in need. As a **RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION**, we welcome all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions based on our belief in a radically inclusive Jesus who loved all people regardless of gender, ethnicity, race, religion, economic, social status, or physical abilities. St Luke Ministries strives to be a place "where all are welcomed."

Saint Luke Ministries acknowledges that it is built on the land of which many First Nation people called their home. Members of this community continue to contribute to the life of this city and to celebrate their heritage, practice, traditions, and care for the land and waterways. Therefore, we **EMBRACE OUR COMMITMENT** to Indigenous rights, racial justice, and cultural equity.

For your convenience, there are *large print copies* of the Sunday bulletin and *individual sound enhancement devices*.

The *wheelchair accessible entrance* is located on Greenview Avenue and the *wheelchair accessible lavatory* is off the left side of the church.

A section for parents with very young children is located in the back of the church. *Rocking chairs, floor cushions* and *children's booster seats* may be found in that area. *Church Activity Bags* with books and coloring materials for the very young are available from the ushers.

Sharing of the Peace is done in the way that is most comfortable to you.

Free parking is available in the parking garage behind the church. Enter from Melrose St. (one block north of Belmont).

If there is anything else we can do to assist your worship experience, please let the ushers know.



SAINT LUKE CHURCH

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE ILL

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants

<i>Abigail Zhang</i>	<i>Patricia Grunde</i>	<i>Christian Long</i>	<i>Neil Wagner</i>	<i>Tammy Crisman</i>
<i>William Beilstein</i>	<i>Anita Fuchs</i>	<i>Laurie Strohmayer</i>	<i>Debbie Dilaura</i>	<i>Mark Van Scharrel</i>
<i>Alison Long</i>	<i>Achen Moreno</i>	<i>Anthony Leonard</i>	<i>Alex Rose</i>	<i>Jeanette Geweke</i>
<i>Sloane Slodgett</i>	<i>Rosemarie Morgen</i>	<i>Colleen Mertens</i>	<i>Dennis Hadden</i>	<i>Julie Flores</i>
<i>Vernon Sarasin</i>	<i>Jahlia McCain</i>	<i>Blanche Stewart</i>	<i>Thetis Cromie</i>	<i>Viola Bradshaw</i>
<i>Marge Spolec</i>	<i>Yvonetta Taylor</i>	<i>Curtis Holland, Jr</i>	<i>Katie Lynch</i>	<i>Marge Mead</i>
<i>Jeanette Schwarz</i>	<i>Bridget Irving</i>	<i>Jane Ramsey</i>	<i>Joseph & Sandra Glorioso</i>	

the help of your power, that illness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ. Amen

FOR THOSE IN NEED

God of compassion, help us to see the face of Christ in those who are poor, and in serving them to serve you. Give us generous hearts so that those living in poverty may have adequate resources. By your Spirit move us to affirm the dignity of all people and to work for just laws. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Almighty God, we commit to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad:

Nicholas Bakulinski *Jeremy Strohmayer* *Ashley Bakulinski* *Lucas Kratz* *Nicky Relias*

Defend them with your heavenly grace and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to our church, peace among nations, peace in our homes and peace in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Prelude: Jesus, my sure defense

Johann Gottfried Walter

Welcome

Stand Please stand and face the baptismal font. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Processional Hymn #449

We Know That Christ is Raised

Please turn and face the cross as the procession enters.

Greeting

Christ is risen. Alleluia!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia!
Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

*During the Hymn of Praise the pastor will sprinkle the congregation with water from the
Font. You may make the sign of the cross in memory of your baptism.*

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose
blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom and strength, and

hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion:
Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to
God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

4 For the Lamb who was slain has be-



Prayer of the Day



Let us pray...

The congregation responds: **Amen**

WORD

Sit First Reading Acts 8:26-40

The reading concludes:
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:25-31

From you comes my praise in the ^lgreat assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who ^lfear the Lord.
The poor shall eat ^land be satisfied.
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts ^llive forever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ^lto the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow ^lbefore God.
For dominion belongs ^lto the Lord,
who rules o - ^lver the nations.

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow ^ldown in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be - ^lfore the Lord.

Their descendants shall ^lserve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to genera - ^ltions to come.

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people ^lyet unborn,
saying to them, "The ^lLord has acted!"

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

The reading concludes:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand **HOLY GOSPEL**

Please turn to face the cross as the procession moves to the center of the church. The congregation sings the Gospel Acclamation continuously until the announcement of the Easter Gospel.



The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

+ SAINT JOHN 15:1-8 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit Sermon

Stand Hymn of the Day #385

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Sit Gathering of the Gifts

Offering for the Congregation

Stand 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,
 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**

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Let us pray to the Lord: **Have mercy, O God.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord in a way that is most comfortable to you.

MEAL

Sit Gathering of the Gifts

Offering for Missions

Anthem "God's Son"

Edvard Greig

God's Son has set me free, from Satan's tyranny
 from fear of death and bonds of sin
 from all that plagues my soul within,
 the Holy One divine, became a friend of mine,
 from Heaven high from starry sky, he came to live, to die
 O boundless love He came He died He rose forever glorified
 He came to give to die that I might live with him eternally
 God's Son has made me free, yes free!

Stand Presentation of the Gifts

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
 sprung to life this mor - row! Had
 Christ, who once was slain not burst his three-day pris -
 on, our faith had been in vain. But

now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en, but now has Christ a - ris en!

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...

...with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled...

The presiding minister continues to thank and praise God, remembering especially the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and his promise and command to celebrate this meal.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember...
...the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit...
...with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers...

...until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -
 might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
 let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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**

Sit

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. At the invitation of an usher, please proceed to communion at the front of the church by the center aisle and return via the side aisles.

Anthem: "Liebestraum"

Franz Liszt

SENDING

Stand Table Blessing

Hymn

Christ Is Arisen

Christ has a - ris - en from the grave's dark pris - on. So let our joy rise
 full and free; Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Were Christ not a - ris - en, then death were still our pris - on.
 Now, with him to life re - stored, we praise the Fa - ther of our Lord.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;
 Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Recessional Hymn #881

Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude “Hungarian Dance #11 in D Minor”

Let All Things Now Living

Johannes Brahms

Reverend Dr. David Nelson, *Minister*

Dale Hoiberg, *Assisting Minister*

Maia Surace, *Cantor*

Alan Hoffman, *Pianist*

Don Mead, *Cantor*

NEWS AND INFORMATION

April 28, 2024



Easter Celebration



The joy of Easter continues. Our environment, still filled with flowers, fabric and fragrance, urges us to “keep the feast,” to sustain our joy and wonder at God’s great gift to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

During the Fifty Days of the Easter Season, we will **stand** for all the portions of the Service at which we would normally kneel. We do this as a reminder that because we have knelt in the shadow of the Cross and have been forgiven our sins by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we can now **stand** before God as His children.

Introduction to the Day

This Sunday’s image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us in the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ’s living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ’s life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

Music for Easter

TODAY - April 28, 2024



Alan Hoffman (a graduate of Saint Luke Academy) will play music by Franz Liszt, “*Liebestraum*” and “*Hungarian Dance in D Minor*” by Johannes Brahms.

May 5, 2024

Don Mead accompanies Brahms’ “*Adagio*” from Cello Sonata in F and a selection by Franz Joseph Haydn

Bible Class

Bible Class (in person) meets weekly (from 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.) in Founders Hall on Sundays and virtually on Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

A **Worship Service** is celebrated each week with the children of Saint Luke Academy. Join the children for worship and then meet in the Church Lobby for **fellowship** and a snack.

Coffee Break

Coffee Break will meet **tomorrow, April 29 at 1:00 p.m.** *The discussion is light and lively.* Join the Coffee Break group even if it's only for a few minutes. The link for **“Coffee Break”** is on the website at stlukechicago.org. *See you tomorrow!*

Bible Class



Bible Class **will** meet this Thursday, May 2 at 12:00 p.m. Get your lunch and join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for the sixth Sunday of Easter.

The lessons are: *Acts 10:44-48, 1 John 5:1-6, Saint John 15:9-17*

The link for **“Bible Class”** can be found on the website at stlukechicago.org. Click on “Bible Class” or enter the following URL into your browser: <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>
Meeting ID: 992 4691 2627 Passcode: saintluke *See you Thursday!*

How You Can Help

Ever want to learn to “Ring Them Bells”? Greet new visitors, as well as veteran parishioners? Smile and nod to friends; known and unknown? Collect offerings? Distribute all sorts of items, from Service Orders to Palm Fronds to Kid’s Activity Bags? Contribute to a positive church-going experience for all?

You are invited to consider joining **the usher crew**, as there are ‘openings available’.



An **Assisting Minister** plays a vital role in the weekly worship service. They participate in the procession, read lessons and prayers, assist at communion and much more. Please think about becoming an Assisting Minister.

If you have questions about either of these opportunities please contact Elisabeth Stampfl (estampfl@stlukechicago.org) or call 773.472.3383.

Caring and Sharing

During the month of May we are collecting **pasta** – spaghetti, macaroni, farfalle, linguine. These items will be distributed to families through the LakeView Pantry. Please leave your donation in the monthly collection barrel in the church lobby.



THIS WEEK at Saint Luke Church



SUNDAY, April 28, 2024

Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.
Acolyte Meeting 10:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.

Founders Hall
Church
Church
Church Lobby

MONDAY - FRIDAY, April 29-May 3, 2024

Extended Care 7:30-8:15 a.m. and 3:30-6:00 p.m.
School in Session 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

4th floor

MONDAY, April 29, 2024

Coffee Break <https://bit.ly/3Pyes14> 1:00 p.m.

via Zoom

TUESDAY, April 30, 2024

Bookbugs 9:00 a.m.
Time for Two 10:30 a.m.
Goseikan Kendo 7:30 p.m.

Room 101
Room 101
Gym

WEDNESDAY, May 1, 2024

Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship after Church
Administrative Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m.
Greenview Place Devotions 1:30 p.m.

Church
Church Lobby
Church Lobby
Greenview Place

THURSDAY, May 2, 2024

Bookbugs 9:00 a.m.
Time for Two 10:30 a.m.
Bible Class 12:00 p.m. <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>
Goseikan Kendo 7:30 p.m.

Room 101
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SUNDAY, May 5, 2024

Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.

Founders Hall
Church
Church Lobby



You'll feel better inside.

A note from Mark Van Scharrel and Julie Ryan about May 5, 2024 Wellness House Fundraising Walk:

Five years ago this month Mark was diagnosed with metastatic cancer, and wasn't expected to make it through the week. Since then, Hinsdale's Wellness House "for Living with Cancer" has been a godsend. The house has partnerships with organizations throughout the Chicago area. All its programs are available for free because of donations from generous individuals and groups. Mark and I rely greatly on our weekly support group for people living with metastatic and/or recurring cancers. We also benefit from sporadic online and in-person classes.

This year Wellness House's *annual fundraising walk* will be on **Sunday, May 5th**. If you'd like to learn about and/or contribute to the event, please go directly to the secure page for Mark's team, "Stepping By Grace":

<https://secure.qgiv.com/event/2024walkforwellnesshouse/team/954894/> If you'd like to make an online tax-deductible donation, the team page has a clickable blue tab ("Donate now") that will give you options for entering amounts, privacy information preferences, and payment method.

If you'd rather donate offline, you may send a check to **Wellness House, 131 N. County Line Road, Hinsdale, IL 60521**. Please mention "Stepping by Grace." And if you're not able to contribute, it still means a lot to us that you're aware of this wonderful resource, and can spread the word to any who might benefit from it.