



# Grace Episcopal Church

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## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025 – 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist, Rite II



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## WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are pleased to welcome you to Grace Church. If you are joining us for the first time, please send us a message at [welcome@gracealex.org](mailto:welcome@gracealex.org), so we can get to know you. We can also add you to our mailing list by request. We're glad to have you join with us in worshipping God in the beauty of holiness, something which is central to our identity at Grace. We hope you will join with us in sharing the love of God with this world that needs healing. Assisted listening devices are available for use during worship. Please see an usher if you'd like to use one.



Please silence your cell phones during worship.

### Our Mission Statement

To Love, Proclaim, and Serve God

*through life-giving liturgical worship + joyful community + empowering others*

### Contacting Grace

Please feel free to contact our staff.

Our summer office hours are Monday to Thursday 9 am – 2 pm, and we are closed Fridays.  
(Mother Anne is out of the office on Mondays and Father Santiago & Mother Emma are out of the office on Fridays)

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Clergy and staff are available for pastoral care. Please call the church office at (703) 549-1980 if you're ill or need pastoral care. For emergencies after hours, please call the **After-hours Emergency Number: (703) 261-9079**, and the priest on call will assist you.

### HOME COMMUNION

Home Communion is available upon request for parishioners who desire this service by Eucharistic Visitors every Sunday. Home Communion will be in one form, Bread only. To request Home Communion, parishioners are asked to contact the Parish Office by telephone at 703-549-1980 no later than 12 pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday on which they would like to receive Home Communion.

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II

*Children 3 months until 3 years are welcome in the nursery. Please ask an usher to direct you.*

PRELUDE

Adagio from Symphony no. 5, op. 42 No. 1

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

*The people stand.*

HYMN 521

Put forth, O God, thy Spirit's might

Chelsea Square

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

*People*

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, p. 355

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.**

*Children ages 3 years – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade follow the Crucifer to Children's Chapel.*

GLORIA S-280

Powell

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and

peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly

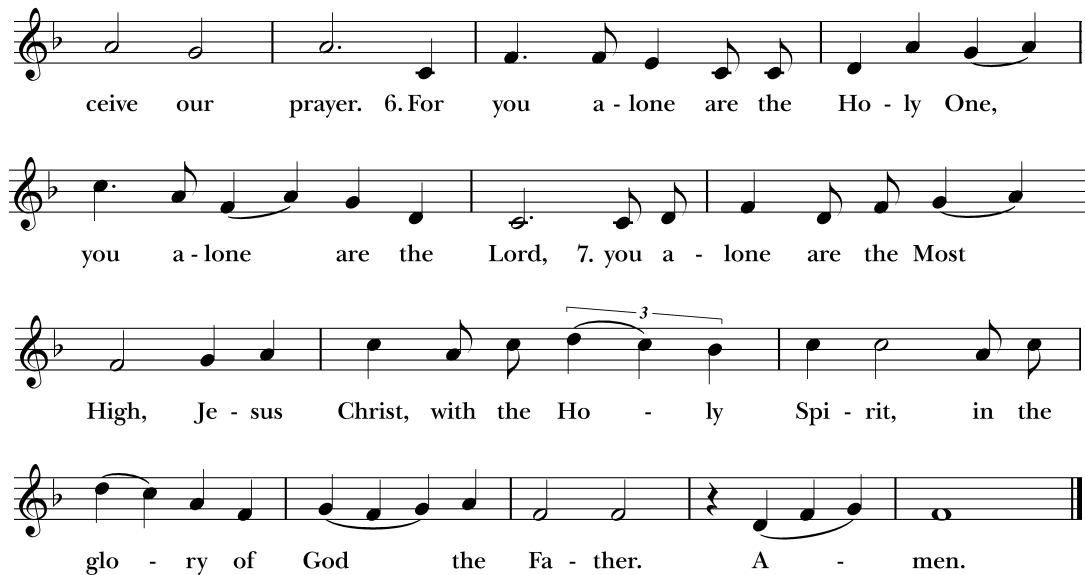
King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus

Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy

on us; 5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-



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#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 58:9b-14

*Lector* A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The Lord will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.  
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.  
If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;

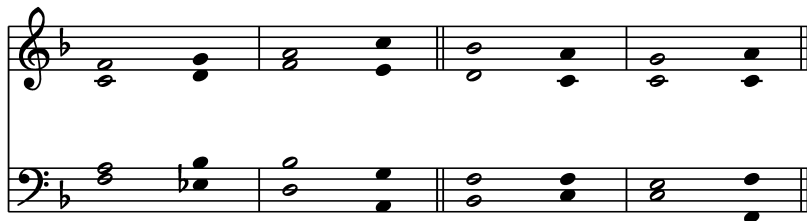
if you call the sabbath a delight  
 and the holy day of the Lord honorable;  
 if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
 serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;  
 then you shall take delight in the Lord,  
 and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
 I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
 for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:1-8

Robert Knox Kennedy  
 (b. 1945)

*Simplified Chant, S413*



- 1 Bless the Lord, O my | soul, \*  
 and all that is within me, bless his holy | Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my | soul, \*  
 and forget not all his | benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your | sins \*  
 and heals all your in-|firmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the | grave \*  
 and crowns you with mercy and | loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good | things, \*  
 and your youth is renewed like an | eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes | righteousness \*  
 and judgment for all who are op-|pressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to | Moses \*  
 and his works to the children of | Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and | mercy, \*  
 slow to anger and of great | kindness.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 12:18-29

*Lector*        A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken~ that is, created things~ so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

Hymn 624

Jerusalem the golden

*Ewing*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:10-17

*Priest*        The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

*Priest*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people are seated.*

SERMON

Father Santiago Rodriguez

*Silence is kept.*

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

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 OF THE PEOPLE

Form II; BCP, p. 385

*The Leader prays*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, Sean; and our Bishops Mark, Gayle, and Mark; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Adrian Hanley, son of Priscilla & Paul Hanley. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*Celebrant*

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 CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 360

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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

BCP, p. 332

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The people are seated.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION



#### THE OFFERTORY

*We invite you to give to the work of the church electronically via Tithe.ly by scanning this QR code.*

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Like as a father

*Luigi Cherubini (1760-1842)*

*Like as a father pitieth his children,  
so the Lord hath mercy on them that fear him.*

#### HYMN 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

*Azmon*

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP, p. 361

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.\_\_\_\_\_

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*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.*

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

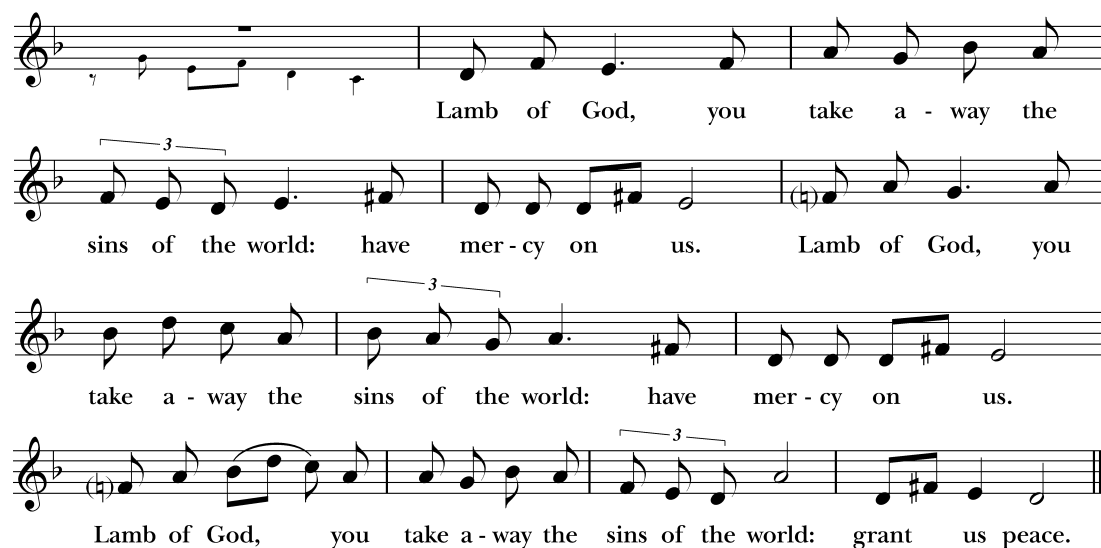


Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-low-ed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heav-en.  
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who tres-pass a-gainst us.  
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glo-ry,  
For ev-er and ev-er, A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-163



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

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The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the eucharist. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

*A full communion is made with the bread alone, but if you choose to receive the wine,  
you may either drink from the cup, or you may offer your wafer to the person holding the chalice,  
who will dip the bread in the wine for you.*

*If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available; simply ask the priest.  
If you do not wish to receive communion at the altar, let an usher know, and communion can be brought to you in your pews.*

HYMN WLP 774

From miles around the sick ones came

Tucker

## THE SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Celebrant** In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**People** **We who are many are one body, because we share in one bread, one cup.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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.**

## THE BLESSING

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

*All stand and sing the hymn.*

CLOSING HYMN 411

O bless the Lord, my soul!

St. Thomas (Williams)

## THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

**Priest** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Trumpet tune

Frederick Swann (1931-2022)

## SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

Celebrant

Mother Anne Turner

Preacher

Father Santiago Rodriguez

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Stephanie Reed, Mindy Van Wart

Intercessor

Mary Hix

Lector

Teresa Preston

Music Director

Dr. Alain Truche

Altar Guild Crew Leaders

Kristine Hesse, Lucy-Lee Reed

Ushers

Sarah Schultz, John Boris, Mike Crane

Livestream Crew

Alison Campbell, David Shaver

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 24, 2025

The weekly announcement deadline is Monday at 12 pm. Announcements arriving after that time will be held for the following week. Please limit announcements to 75 words. Announcements will be edited for content and length. Email requests to [announcements@gracealex.org](mailto:announcements@gracealex.org).

The flowers on the altar are given in thanksgiving  
for the life of Frank Waskowicz by his family.

*If you would like to dedicate Altar Flowers for an upcoming Sunday, scan the QR code to the right.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

\*\*\*\*\* Headings for New Announcements Added This Week are Shaded. \*\*\*\*\*

### LOST & FOUND CLEAN OUT

Lost & Found items are currently on the credenza outside of the church office through Sunday, August 31. Please stop by if you think you may have an item or two that was left behind. Unclaimed items will be discarded after August 31.

### COFFEE HOUR SUPPORT

Grace is requesting volunteers to host, provide food donations, and help with cleanup after coffee hour. If you and your family enjoy having snacks during coffee hour, please consider signing up. To volunteer use your phone's camera to scan the QR code. A hard copy signup sheet is also in the auditorium of Merrow Hall. With your gift of volunteering our coffee hours will continue to be a success!



### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

We would like to train as many people as possible to be prepared for an emergency at Grace Church- especially an emergency that might happen on a Sunday morning. There will be a training on Sunday, August 24, at 12:15 p.m. in the nave. All are welcome, but we especially hope that ushers and Sunday School teachers will attend. Please sign up (or ask questions) by emailing Mother Anne at [anne.turner@gracealex.org](mailto:anne.turner@gracealex.org).

### MONTHLY VIGIL FOR OUR COUNTRY – AUGUST 26 @ 6 PM

This month we will hold the Vigil for our Country on Tuesday, August 26 at 6:00 pm. This liturgy includes Holy Eucharist as well as time to offer prayers for vulnerable individuals and groups: immigrants, LGBTQ+ individuals, federal workers, and others.

### FESTIVE COFFEE HOUR ON AUGUST 31

Please join us for a festive coffee hour on August 31 after the 10:30 am service. We will be celebrating Fellowship and encouraging people to contribute to Fellowship in all forms at Grace Church. We will also be honoring Lynn Rohrs for her years of service to this ministry. Please scan the QR code below if you'd like to sign up to bring something for this or future coffee hours. There will be cake and other sweets, so please bring a savory if you'd like.



### PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINE MONT (NEXT TO LAST CHANCE TO DONATE)

In celebration of Shrine Mont's 100th anniversary, our clergy will undertake a 100-mile pilgrimage - traveling by foot along pedestrian-only paths toward our beloved mountain retreat. The journey will take place during the week leading up to our parish retreat, as a way to honor a century of sacred gathering and renewal. We'll set off after the 10:30 am service on Sunday, August 31, beginning with a 5-mile walk along Four Mile Run to the W&OD trail. All are welcome to join us for this first leg and stay afterward for an early dinner. If you want to learn more about our itinerary or walk a section with us, email Father Santiago ([santiago.rodriquez@gracealex.org](mailto:santiago.rodriquez@gracealex.org)). We'll do our best to coordinate participation and make it meaningful for all who join. Grace Church is collecting donations for the Shrine Mont Centennial Fund. We invite you to honor the pilgrimage by supporting Grace's gift to the fund. **This is your next to last chance to donate.** You can use the QR code to donate online or see details at coffee hour.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)**

### **UPDATED- HAITI MICAH ANNUAL CAMPAIGN – THROUGH LABOR DAY**

It has been over four months since armed gangs seized control of Mirebalais, once a vibrant city of 150,000 in Haiti's central region. The suffering caused by this relentless wave of violence is heartbreaking, and the need is greater than ever. For over 20 years, this vital ministry has provided food, education, and care for vulnerable children in Mirebalais, Haiti. The situation is especially urgent now. A full annual sponsorship is \$415 (\$35/month), but gifts of any amount are deeply appreciated. To give, write a check to Grace Church with "Haiti Micah Project" in the memo line, or select it as the fund when giving through Tithely or Breeze. Questions? Contact Jen Pease at [jennifer.pease@gracealex.org](mailto:jennifer.pease@gracealex.org). Thank you for supporting this life-giving work.

### **FALL REHEARSALS BEGIN SOON!**

We're excited to announce that Choir Rehearsals and Bell Ensemble Rehearsals will resume this fall starting on Thursday, September 4th! Whether you've been with us before or are interested in joining for the first time, we welcome all voices and ringers! Come be a part of a joyful and inspiring season of music and fellowship.

**Rehearsal for Bell Ensemble:** 5:30 – 6:45 pm in the Malm Narthex.

**Rehearsal for Choir:** 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the St. Cecilia Choir Room.

For more information or to get involved, please contact Dr. Truche at [alain.truche@gracealex.org](mailto:alain.truche@gracealex.org)

Let's make a joyful noise together this fall!

### **SHRINE MONT NON-FOLLIES**

New this year, Saturday night at Shrine Mont will feature a full-fledged variety show & you're invited to be a part of it! Interested? Send a note to [Shrinemont2025@gracealex.org](mailto:Shrinemont2025@gracealex.org) with a brief summary of what you want to present during our very own SNL, what we're calling, "Shrine Mont Night Live," and get to practicing!

WHO: Anyone (no talent required)

WHAT: Any talent you want to share

HOW: Your presentation can be no more than 3 minutes long.

ON SITE: there will be one practice session on Saturday after dinner and then the show is on!

### **JOIN THE MINI FOLLIES AT SNL (SHRINE MONT NIGHT LIVE)**

The Saturday Night entertainment at Shrine Mont will of course be epic! You may not have an act for the variety show, but you can still take the stage in the mini Follies! This production needs actors, so if you want a part, plan on coming to the rehearsal at 6:30 pm on Saturday. Contact writer/director Annie Eason at [annieweason@gmail.com](mailto:annieweason@gmail.com) with questions or to lock in your starring role!

### **ONLY ONE SERVICE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

Due to the Shrine Mont Weekend, there will only be one service on Sunday, September 7 at 10:30. There will be no children's chapel, nursery, or any other service held that day.

### **GETTING TO KNOW YOU DINNER HOSTED BY LA GRACIA - SEPTEMBER 20**

Join us for a joyful, bilingual "Getting to Know You" dinner on Saturday, September 20, from 4 to 6 p.m. La Gracia will provide a delicious dinner featuring foods from many of the countries represented in our community. No Spanish required - just a spirit of fun, openness, and friendship! No RSVP needed. Feel free to bring drinks or dessert to share. All are welcome.

### **CELEBRATING GRACE – CALL FOR PRESENTERS**

In honor of Founder's Day, the Adult Forum on September 28 will celebrate our recent history with pictures and stories of parishioners' favorite memories of our parish community. Both in-person and virtual participants are welcome. If you have something a picture and a story to share, please contact Anne Clift Boris ([anne.boris@gracealex.org](mailto:anne.boris@gracealex.org)), who is looking forward to organizing these into a timeline of joyful moments. Adult Forum meets during the program year in the St. Mark Room from 9:40 – 10:15.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK *(CONTINUED)*

### TURN OUT FOR HOMES ON OCTOBER 19

Grace is a member of VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith & Community Engagement), a nonpartisan coalition of 50+ congregations and civic groups in Northern Virginia. We are deeply concerned that the housing shortage is worsening: teachers can't afford to live near their schools, graduates can't return home, and many neighbors struggle to find safe, affordable housing. On October 19, VOICE and the Commonwealth Housing Coalition will hold the Homes for All Assembly from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at Floris UMC (13600 Frying Pan Rd, Herndon) to call for bold statewide action. We hope many from Grace will join us. Contact Jennifer Eckel ([jgeckel@verizon.net](mailto:jgeckel@verizon.net)) or Father Santiago Rodriguez ([santiago.rodriguez@gracealex.org](mailto:santiago.rodriguez@gracealex.org)) for details.

### BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, August 24</b>	Jack Hennigan
<b>Monday, August 25</b>	Jefferey Chiow, Kristen Woodiwiss
<b>Wednesday, August 27</b>	Lane Baker, Evelyn Woodiwiss
<b>Thursday, August 28</b>	Mary Shaver
<b>Saturday, August 30</b>	Stephen Lovell



Parishioner birthdays are listed weekly based on records from Breeze, our church database. For birthdays missing or listed on an incorrect date, please contact the church office to update your record. *Thank you!*

### EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
<b>Sunday 8/24</b>	7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Lady Altar	
	8:45 am La Santa Eucaristia	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Amphitheater	
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist Rite II (Livestreamed)	Nave	
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
<b>Monday 8/25</b>	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
<b>Tuesday, 8/26</b>	Vigil for our Country - 6:00 pm	Nave	
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Vestry Meeting - 7:00 pm	St. Mark Room	
<b>Wednesday, 8/27</b>	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) - 2 - 4 pm	Malm Narthex	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed - 703.842.3121
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	<a href="mailto:Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org">Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org</a>
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
<b>Thursday, 8/28</b>	12:00 pm Midweek Eucharist	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
<b>Friday, 8/29</b>	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
<b>Saturday, 8/30</b>	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am	Zoom	<a href="mailto:cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com">cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com</a>

## PRAYER @ GRACE THIS WEEK

*We continue praying for all those in need of healing of mind, body, or spirit. We also pray for wisdom and strength for our communities, our elected officials, and our leaders as they make difficult and important decisions. As we join in common prayer this weekend, let us remember those who are in any need or trouble.*

- **Parishioners:** Hector, Amorita, Debbie, Kelly, Ed, Charles, Colin, Jennifer, Joanie, Jean, Linda, Wendy, John & Anne, Ismael, Wendy, Stephen, Sara, Lisa, Priscilla & Paul.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Elesa, Marilyn, Reg, Don, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Bette, Cynthia.
- **Family & friends:** Klaus, Nancy, Michael, Sharon, Santos, Don, Ashby, Troy, Dick, Cathie, Cameron, Patti & Joe, Amy, Bill, Theresa, Rob, Sherry, Pearl, Heather, Jack, Eileen, Frank, Charlotte, Lucy, Sarah, Katherine, Deanna, Allen, Leslie, Fielding, Lit & Mary Carol; Jeannine; Sam; Lisa; Margianne; Courtney; Gina; Diane, Rochelle & Danny.
- **Members of our staff:** Alain, Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Jane, Kevin, Kris, Mary, Pedro, Father Santiago.
- **Grace School:** Students & their families; for the staff, especially Amanda, head of school.
- **Outreach & Justice Partners:** ALIVE; Casa Chirilagua; Christ Church Refugee and Lazarus Ministries; Community Lodgings; Haiti Micah Project; Health Tanzania; Meade Memorial Lunch Program; Tenants and Workers; V.O.I.C.E.; Kathleen and Eddie Arthur Hearts of Love Fund.
- **Those who have died:** Adrian Hanley, son of Priscilla & Paul Hanley; those who have died from illnesses and natural disasters; all those killed in acts of terror, violence, and war around the world.
- **Those serving our country in the Armed Forces and State Department overseas:** Karen & Eric Coulson; Erika Olander; for healing for US troops wounded as casualties of war; and for physical and mental well-being of all veterans.
- **Others who are overseas serving the Church or our nation or studying:** Chris & Melissa Reed, Virginia Robinson.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Our bishops and Diocesan staff; Diocesan Campus Ministries: The University Fellowship at University of Virginia, Charlottesville; Pace Center at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond; The House at University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg; Canterbury at James Madison University, Bridgewater College, and Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg; and Arise at George Mason University, Fairfax
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Sewanee School of Theology at the University of the South; Church of the Province of South East Asia; The Diocese of Ogbomoso – The Church of Nigeria; The Diocese of Ogoni – The Church of Nigeria; The Diocese of Ogorimagongo – The Church of Nigeria; The Diocese of Ohaji / Egbema – The Church of Nigeria; The Diocese of Ohio – The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Southern Ohio – The Episcopal Church.

You can fill out a [Prayer Request Form](#) on our Website or email your request to [prayers@gracealex.org](mailto:prayers@gracealex.org)