



# Grace Episcopal Church

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## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 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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### IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE?

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.

# FOURTEENTH 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

Andante con moto from *Six Pieces for Organ*

Frank Bridge (1879-1949)

*The people stand.*


HYMN 410

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

*Lauda Anima*

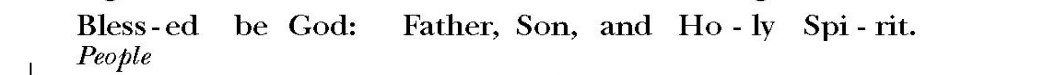
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*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-236

*Rutter*



1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord



God of our fa - thers; \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;



glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_



— for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; \_\_\_\_\_ we will



praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_



3. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_ in the splen - dor of your



tem - ple; \_\_\_\_\_ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to



you. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

*Descant*

5. Glo - ry to you, be -

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of

depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,

you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

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# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 32:7-14

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 51:1-11

*Anglican Chant by John Stainer*

*Sung by the choir.*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 1:12-17

*Lector* A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners~ of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand.*

Hymn 706

In your mercy, Lord, you called me

*Holton Gate*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people are seated.*

SERMON

Mother Emma Brice

*Silence is kept.*

*The people stand.*

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 people are seated.*

#### COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

*The Celebrant says*

Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

*A representative of the congregation*

Matt, Kristen, Katy, Megan, Cindy, Ben, Sheng, Katy, Meg, Tacie, and Reba have been called to the ministry of Sunday School Teachers and Youth Sponsors.

*People*      **Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.**

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

*Silence*

Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O God, and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in their chosen task with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*Celebrant*

In the Name of God, we recognize you as Sunday School Teachers and Youth Sponsors and give you this card as a token of your ministry.

*The people stand.*

#### 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 parishioner Reg Jones. 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

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Secret of Christ

Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

*For a long time, I have held my peace, but now will I speak  
I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths they have not known I will guide them  
I will turn their darkness into light, and I will not forsake them  
And he showed me a pure river of the water of life,  
clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God;  
and on either side of the river was there a tree of life,  
and the leaves were for the healing of nations.  
Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful hearts,  
that we may share the secret of Christ with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage,  
following in the steps of Jesus our master and our friend  
Amen.*



*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:

*Sanctus and Benedictus*

Hymnal S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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-lowed 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.

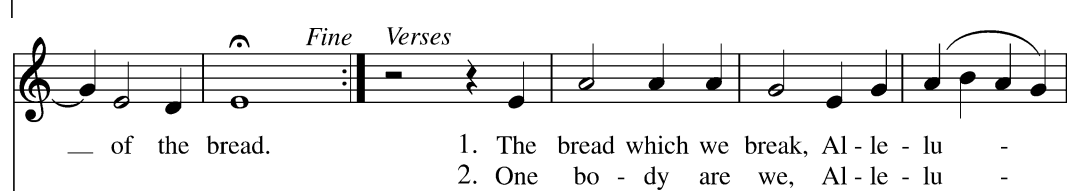
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor, then all*



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing


*Fine* *Verses*



— of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -  
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

*All repeat Antiphon*



ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.  
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

Music: Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946). Copyright © 1986 Jack Warren Burnam.

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 338

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 LEVAS 158

Out in the highways and byways of life

## 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 334

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

*Alles ist an Gottes Segen*

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary Allegro marziale e ben marcato from *Six Pieces for Organ*

Frank Bridge

**SERVING @ GRACE TODAY**

Celebrant	Father Santiago Rodriguez
Preacher	Mother Emma Brice
Assisting	Mother Anne Turner
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Seth Wise Buck, Miranda Peters, Evan Robinson
Intercessor	Khacki Berry
Lector	Deborah Leslie
Music Director	Dr. Alain Truche
Altar Guild Crew Leaders	Cindy MacIntyre, Sarah Schultz
Livestream Crew	Jay Legere, Vance Allen
Children's Chapel	Mother Anne Turner, Seth Wise Buck
Ushers	Sarah Schultz, Colleen McArdelle, Mary Stewart, Laura Weidenfeld

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 14, 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 by Sarah & Robert Schultz for their 20th wedding anniversary, and for Mother Anne Turner, who married them; and in loving memory of Reg and Betty Jones by Nancy & Evan Robinson.

*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. \*\*\*\*\*

### LLAMAPALOOZA & SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE TODAY, SEPT 14, 9:30-10:20 AM

Did someone say llamas (or alpacas or goats or ball pythons or bunnies)??? Join us for another festive launch of the family ministries program year, complete with petting zoo animals, bubbles, breakfast burritos, and all sorts of fun for families of all ages and stages! Our amazing Sunday School Teachers will be there so that you can meet your child's teacher before the first regular week of Sunday School on September 21 and learn about what happens during Formation Hour at Grace! Come meet the families of Grace Church and learn about the exciting year ahead!

### FRONT ELEVATOR UPDATE

The front elevator (outside of the church office) will undergo the planned remodification beginning September 15. The vendor was able to move up the start date. The elevator will be offline for approximately seven weeks while this work is completed. Thank you for your patience during this necessary update.

### SPECIAL SERVICES – SEPTEMBER 15, 16, & 22

On Monday, September 15 there will be a service for Holy Cross Day at 7:30 am and on Tuesday, September 16 there will be a service for the Vigil for Our Country at 6 pm. There will also be a service for the Feast of St. Matthew on Monday, September 22 at 7:30 am. All services will be held in the nave at the Lady Altar.

### MORNING PRAYER RESUMES

Beginning September 16, the clergy resume their practice of beginning the day, Tuesday - Thursday, with Morning Prayer at 9:00 am. You are welcome to join them in the Malm Narthex for this short (20-30 minute) service of psalms, scripture readings, and prayers. Please enter through the glass doors by the parking lot.

### 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 pm in the Merrow Hall Auditorium. 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. Questions? Contact Father Santiago ([santiago.rodriquez@gracealex.org](mailto:santiago.rodriquez@gracealex.org)).

### ADULT FORUM WILL RESUME SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21!

Adult forum is offered Sundays 9:40-10:15 in the St. Mark room (2nd floor) or virtually via Zoom link sent in the Sunday morning email. Tea and coffee are available just outside the St. Mark Room from 9:30 am. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required.

#### Schedule for September & October

**September 21:** Refreshed for Fall: Repairs and Maintenance, by *Eric Waskowicz and Doug Prince*

**September 28:** Exploring a Scottish Pilgrimage, by *Mother Anne Turner*

**October 5:** Grace at Work: Advancing Science, Serving Society, by *Elias Voces*

**October 12 & 19:** TBD

**October 27:** Grace at Work: The Banquet Table, by *Erin White*



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

### WALK THE LABYRINTH

Beginning on Sunday, September 21, the Grace labyrinth will be available each week in the Malm narthex from 4:30-5:00 p.m., for those who would like to walk ahead of our 5:00 pm contemplative eucharist.

### YOUTH NIGHT KICK-OFF – SEPTEMBER 21

Youth Night is BACK! All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for an evening of Laser Tag on Sunday, September 21. We will gather at Grace Church at 5 pm, eat some dinner and do introductions, then we will carpool over to Ultrazone for some epic laser tag. Pick-up will be at 8 pm from Ultrazone Bailey's Crossroads. To help us order enough food and arrange enough cars for carpool, please RSVP by Saturday, September 20. Scan the QR code on the right to RSVP.



### YOUTH ACOLYTE TRAINING – SEPTEMBER 21

Join the Youth Acolyte Corps! Learn how to serve in a new role! Get a refresher on what to do during services! We will host an acolyte training on Sunday, September 21st immediately following the 10:30am service. Pizza will be provided for the kids to eat a quick lunch with Mother Emma then head into the Nave for the training with Molly Sim.



All youth in 3rd grade or older are highly encouraged to come to this acolyte training and learn more. Your attendance does not mean you have to continue, but serving during the service is an excellent way to learn by doing and not have to sit with your parents during church!

Please scan the QR code on the right to RSVP. Questions? Email Molly Sim at [mollysim@earthlink.net](mailto:mollysim@earthlink.net)

### NEW PARISH PHOTO

We will celebrate Founders Day by taking a new parish photo. (Old photos can be found in the hallway outside the clergy offices.) In a new tradition, this photograph will be taken in the nave. Please arrive by 10:25 am on Sunday, September 28, so that we can take the photo promptly at 10:30 am and begin the service immediately afterwards.

### EXPLORING A SCOTLAND PILGRIMAGE

Your clergy are planning to walk the Saint Cuthbert Way from Melrose to Lindisfarne next June, and we hope that you will join us! There will be two information sessions in the Saint Mark Room to learn more about this possibility for spiritual growth and exploration:

- Sunday, September 28, 9:40 - 10:15 am.
- Sunday, October 5, 12:30 - 1:00 pm.

If you are interested in the pilgrimage but cannot make either session, please contact Mother Anne (at [anne.turner@gracealex.org](mailto:anne.turner@gracealex.org)).

### VISION 2035: THE FUTURE OF GRACE CHURCH

You helped shape the vision for Grace's future. Now come see what that vision is. The Vision Working Group will present the ideas and dreams they heard from this community. Come join us after the 10:30 service (approximately 12:00 noon) on Founders' Day Sunday, September 28, in the Malm Narthex. (This will be a repeat of the presentation that was given at Shrine Mont.). All are welcome.

On Sunday 9/14 (10:50 - 11:30 am) there will be a session held in the Merrow Hall Auditorium for La Gracia attendees and Sunday, 9/21 one will be held in the St. John room for Little Church attendees.

### LEARNING TO READ THE BIBLE

Join Mother Anne Turner for a two-week series on October 1 and October 8 to examine the history of how Christians read the bible and consider how we might read it today—especially challenging passages around violence, patriarchy, and slavery. This class will use videos from the Yale Bible Study, a resource of Yale Divinity School. We will meet from 11:00-12:00, followed by an optional brown bag lunch. To rsvp or ask questions, email [anne.turner@gracealex.org](mailto:anne.turner@gracealex.org).

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

### TAKE THE 2025 STEWARDSHIP VISIONING SURVEY!

Help shape the future of our stewardship ministry! Please take a few minutes to complete our Stewardship Visioning Survey. Your input will guide us toward a more joyful, year-round practice of giving and care. Access the survey by scanning the QR code on the right.



### FOYER GROUPS ARE BACK!

Would you like to get to know fellow Grace members in a smaller setting? Sign up for Foyers! Foyers are groups of about 8 church members who come together for a meal once a month over the next year, for a total of four to five meals. Members take turns hosting in their home or at Grace or organizing at a local restaurant. Couples and singles are welcomed. This year we are also piloting two new options:



- Kid-friendly Foyers will group 3 families together who are willing to host each other (including our younger families)
- Foodies Night Out will be a “dutch treat” restaurant foyer. While all traditional foyers have often featured restaurant meals, these groups will be focused on trying different cuisines and restaurants in the area. We’re suggesting each couple or individual pay their own tab so that those who want to indulge in cocktails or more expensive entrees can do so without impacting the budgets of others.

Please complete the registration form by September 24. If you have questions, please talk to Cricket Blanton ([cb9@verizon.net](mailto:cb9@verizon.net)). Scan the QR Code to complete the registration form.

### 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 pm 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.

### 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 sign-up sheet is also in the auditorium of Merrow Hall. With your gift of volunteering our coffee hours will continue to be a success!



### BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Grace Church holds two ongoing bible studies:

**The Grace Church Wednesday Evening Bible Study** meets weekly from 7:30 - 9:00 pm on Zoom. Our approach to Scripture is along the lines of believing it is a Divine Revelation through which God speaks to us, not just a piece of human literature that merely reflects the faith journey of a community. We dig deep into the meaning, both intended in its day and its application to today. Our studies are whole book-at-a-time studies with a question and answer format that does have some homework (not a lot!) and involves group participation. Contact Steven Lovell at [lovellsjl@aol.com](mailto:lovellsjl@aol.com) for more information.

**The Grace Church Saturday Morning Bible Study** is led by Chrissie Crosby each week, Saturdays at 10:00 am, on Zoom. Contact [Chrissie.Crosby@gracealex.org](mailto:Chrissie.Crosby@gracealex.org) for more information.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN, DIOCESE OF VA FALL MEETING, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

The theme of the meeting is "Along the Way - a Journey of Faith." Our Keynote Speaker is The Right Reverend Mark Stevenson, Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia. Our Guest Speaker is Suzanne Wright, Executive Director, Hope for Humanity, Inc. The meeting takes place Saturday, October 11, 2025 at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Hwy, Lorton, VA 22079, 9:00 to 2:00 pm. Scan the QR code to access the ECW, Diocese of VA event page with more information including cost, schedule, and registration form. Questions? Email ECW President Catherine Perrin at [catherineperrin@comcast.net](mailto:catherineperrin@comcast.net). **Registration deadline is October 1!**



### BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, Sept.14	Keaton Brathwaite, Parker Brathwaite, Emery Serke
Monday, Sept. 15	Joseph O'Malley
Tuesday, Sept. 16	Lori Doyle, Nancy Graves, Cole Ruff
Wednesday, Sept.17	Drew Bryant, Caroline Shaver
Saturday, Sept.19	Robert White
Sunday, Sept. 20	Hermann Gerber



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*
Sunday 9/14	7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Lady Altar	
	8:45 am La Santa Eucaristía	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	
Monday, 9/15	Holy Cross Day Eucharist	Lady Altar	
	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>
Tuesday, 9/16	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	Vigil for Our Country - 6 pm	Lady Altar	
	Vestry - 7 pm	St. Mark Room	
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
Wednesday, 9/17	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) - 2 - 4 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<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	
Thursday, 9/18	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	12:00 pm Midweek Eucharist	Nave	
	Handbell Rehearsal - 5:30 pm	Malm Narthex	<a href="mailto:Alain.truche@gracealex.org">Alain.truche@gracealex.org</a>
	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm	St. Cecilia Room	<a href="mailto:Alain.truche@gracealex.org">Alain.truche@gracealex.org</a>
Friday, 9/19	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		
Saturday, 9/20	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am	Zoom	<a href="mailto:cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com">cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com</a>
	La Gracia Getting to Know You Dinner - 5 pm	Auditorium	

## 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, 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; Joanne; Victoria; Erin; Viranga, Marc.
- **Members of our staff:** Alain, Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Jane, Kalli, Kevin, Mary, Pedro, Father Santiago, Seminarians (Gabe, Miranda, and Seth).
- **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:** parishioner Reg Jones; 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:** Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Rt. Rev. Mark Bourlakas and all Bishops participating in the House of Bishops meeting.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Anglican Church of South America; Diocese of Omu-Aran, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Ondo, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Ontario, Anglican Church of Canada; Diocese of Oregon, Episcopal Church; Diocese of Eastern Oregon, Episcopal Church; Diocese of Orlu, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

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