



Grace Episcopal Church

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025 – 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist, Rite II



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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, 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

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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.

NINTH 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

Choral from *Symphonie 'Romane,'* Op. 73, No. 10

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844-1937)

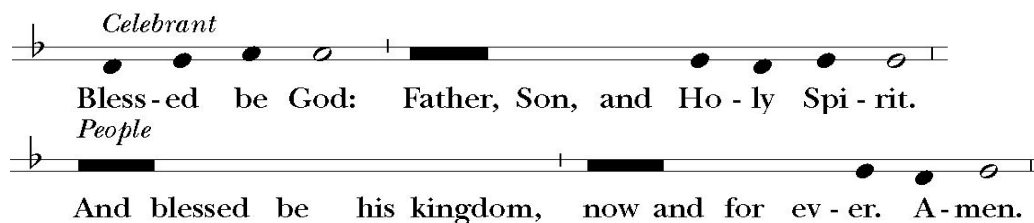
The people stand.

HYMN 636

How firm a foundation

Foundation

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.**

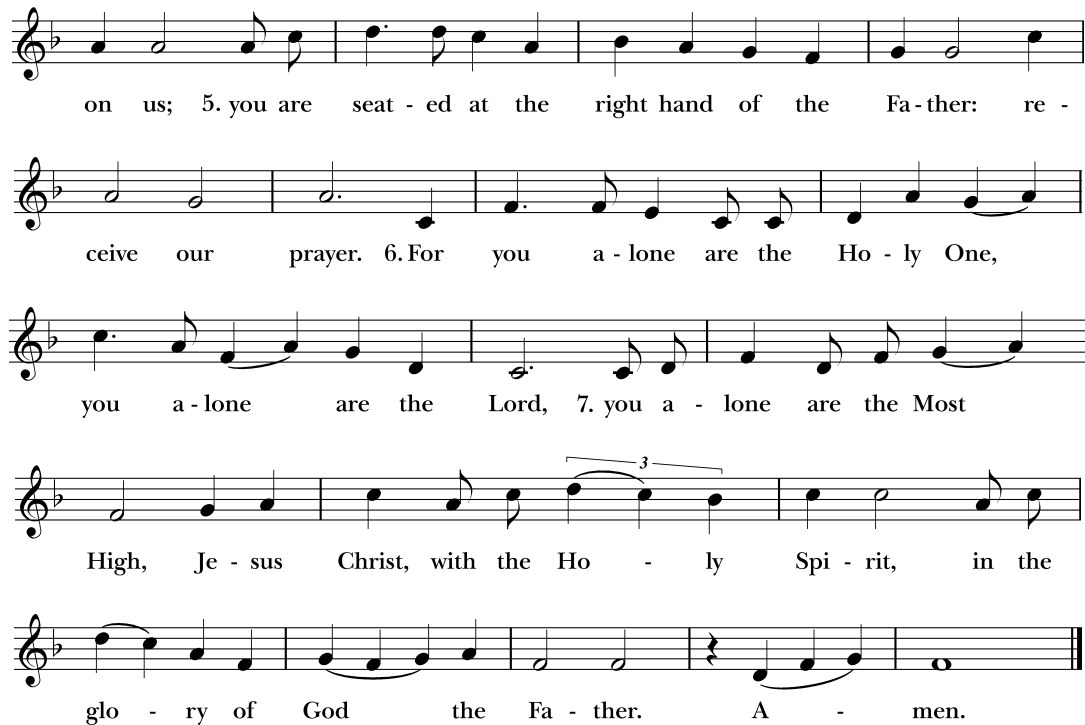
Children ages 3 years – 3rd grade follow the Crucifer to Children's Chapel.

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



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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 to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

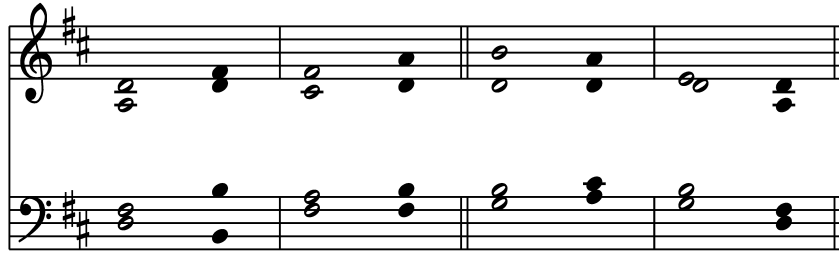
Genesis 15:1-6

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the | Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his | own!
- 13 The Lord looks down from | heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the | world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his | gaze *
on all who dwell on the | earth.
- 15 He fashions all the | hearts of them *
and understands all their | works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty | army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great | strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for de-|liverance; *
for all its strength it cannot | save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who | fear him, *
on those who wait upon his | love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from | death, *
and to feed them in time of | famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the | Lord; *
he is our help and our | shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart re-|joices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our | trust.
- (2nd half)
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be up-|on us, *
as we have put our | trust in you.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old~ and Sarah herself was barren~ because he considered him faithful who had promised.

Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Hymn 545

Lo! what a cloud of witnesses

St. Fulbert

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

Noah Aukerman

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 parishioner David Dellefield; Doug Bennett, friend of parishioner Vance Allen. 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

O Lord, increase our faith

Henry Loosemore (d. 1670)

O Lord, increase our faith,
strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith;
endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience,
in all our adversity.
Sweet Jesu, say Amen.

HYMN 360

Only begotten, Word of God eternal

Rouen

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.

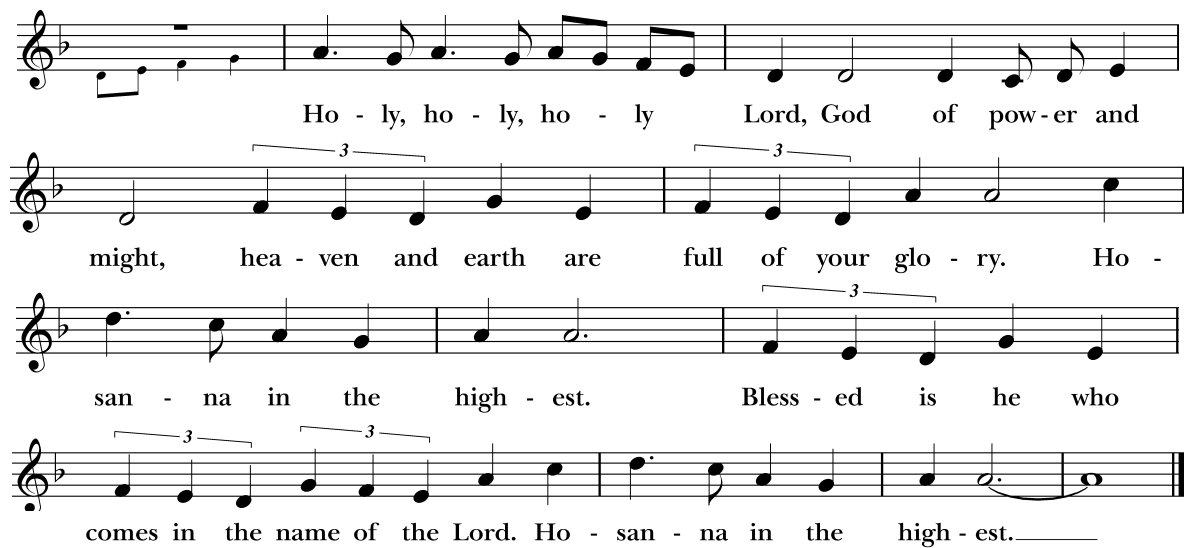
People

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; Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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-129



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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.

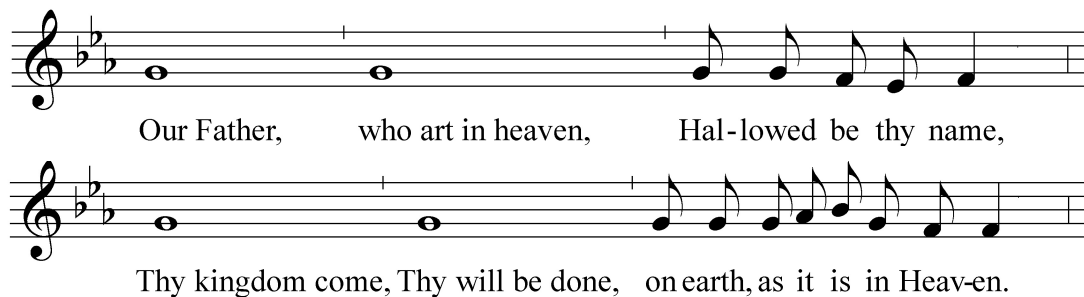
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your 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



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 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.*

Give me oil in my lamp

E E7 A

1 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn-ing. Give me
 2 Make me a fish - er of men, keep me seek - ing. Make me a
 3 Give me joy in my heart, keep me sing - ing. Give me
 4 Give me love in my heart, keep me serv - ing. Give me

E B7

oil in my lamp, I pray. Give me
 fish - er of men, I pray. Make me a
 joy in my heart, I pray. Give me
 love in my heart, I pray. Give me

E E7 A

oil in my lamp, keep me burn - ing, keep me
 fish - er of men, keep me seek - ing, keep me
 joy in my heart, keep me sing - ing, keep me
 love in my heart, keep me serv - ing, keep me

E B7 E

burn - ing 'til the break of day.
 seek - ing 'til the break of day.
 sing - ing 'til the break of day.
 serv - ing 'til the break of day.

Refrain
E E7 A

Sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na,

B7 1. E A E 2. E

sing ho - san - na to the King of Kings! King!

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 10, 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.

The flowers on the altar are given by Chrissie and David Crosby,
and the Communion of Saints from Grace who loved David and Ceil Snyder,
in thanksgiving for the life and many ministries of David Kent Snyder.

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. *****

MALM NARTHEX MAIN DOORS BEING REFINISHED

The main wooden doors of the Malm Narthex are being refinished (a project led by Eric Waskowicz, our Junior Warden). Scaffolding is in place and the entrance is temporarily closed. The old Narthex entrance will remain available for use. For those requiring accessible access, you can enter through the tower doors at the main parking lot and then use the elevator. We apologize for any inconvenience during this time.

SUPPORT THE MUSIC FUND

The Grace Church Music Fund makes our special musical offerings possible, including instrumentalists at Christmas and Easter, as well as support for Evensongs and other choral offerings. Consider an offering to the music fund in honor of a loved one-or simply to support the ongoing work of our music program. Scan the QR code to make an offering.



FAREWELL TO SEMINARIAN NOAH AUKERMAN TODAY, AUGUST 10

Today, Sunday, August 10, will be Noah's last Sunday at Grace. Please thank Noah for their two years of service at Grace and come celebrate their ministry at coffee hour after the 10:30 service.

REIMAGINING FELLOWSHIP MEETING - AUGUST 10, 12PM

Do you enjoy coffee hour? Are you passionate about small group dinners? Do you want to help shape the next chapter of Fellowship ministries at Grace? All are welcome to join us for a conversation on fellowship on Sunday, August 10, 12-1:30 pm in the St. Mark's Room. We will discuss the various aspects of Fellowship and plan for a leadership transition at the end of August. Light refreshments will be provided.

LANDSCAPE EXPERTISE NEEDED

Do you have Landscape Design experience? If so, we'd like to hear from you! The area under the Magnolia tree adjacent to the parking lot provides needed shade, especially this time of year, but experiences soil compaction and runoff issues. We would like to rework the area to address these issues and provide some needed additional seating. If you have experience in landscape design, please contact Doug Prince (Doug.Prince@gracealex.org) and Eric Waskowicz (ericwaskowicz@gmail.com).

SUMMER OF STORIES CONTINUES: *CONCLAVE* ON AUGUST 11

Habemus fabulis! The Summer of Stories with Father Santiago continues in August. We'll gather on Monday, August 11, 7:00 pm in the St. Mark's Room to discuss the film *Conclave* (2024). Don't worry, we won't lock the door. Watch the film at your convenience, bring your own dinner, and enjoy the provided drinks and dessert. Invite a friend or family member.

TEMPORARY ACCESS CODE UPDATE

As communicated during the roll out of our new access control system, the previous access code at the tower glass doors has remained active in the new system during the transition. This code will be deactivated on Tuesday, August 12. If you are involved in a ministry that requires building access during non-office hours and have not yet received your personal code, please contact the ministry leader so they can request a code from the office. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK *(CONTINUED)*

FEAST OF MARY THE VIRGIN (THE ASSUMPTION), AUGUST 15 AT NOON

On Friday, August 15, we will celebrate the Feast of Mary the Virgin (The Assumption) with eucharist at the Lady Altar at noon. All are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY UNLOADING – AUGUST 16

The Food Pantry needs at least 10 -12 volunteers to help with a special food delivery on Saturday, August 16th from 12 pm to 1 pm. We will be unloading and moving cases of food that have been donated through a grant from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. If you are available or have questions, please contact jennifer.pease@gracealex.org or kristine.hesse@gracealex.org.

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!



BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE - AUGUST 17

On Sunday, August 17, at both the 9:00 a.m. Little Church service and the 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist service, we will offer a blessing for all students, teachers, and staff going back to school this fall. You are welcome to bring your backpack to church for the blessing, but it is not required. You can receive a Grace Church backpack tag either way!

We will also collect donations of backpacks and school supplies that will be distributed through our Food Pantry to local families. The list of items you can donate is below. You can purchase as many items as you would like, but often it works great if you purchase a backpack and fill it with school supplies. Reminder: Only new items please, and donations are due by August 17. **Items needs are:**

- Large middle & high school backpacks (minimum size 13" x 18" x 8") – no wheels, please
- Regular size elementary backpacks (minimum size 12" x 16" x 6") – no wheels, please
- Ball point pens (blue or black)
- Binders (1" – 2")
- Colored Pencils (12 ct.)
- Composition Books (college & wide-ruled)
- Crayons (24 ct.)
- Dry Erase Markers
- Glue Bottles
- Glue Sticks
- Lined Index Cards (3" x 5")
- Loose-Leaf Paper (college)
- Markers (broad-tip, 8 ct.)
- Markers (thin-tip, 10 ct.)
- 2 Pencils
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Pink Wedge Erasers (latex-free)
- Plastic Folders (with brads)
- Plastic Supply Boxes (8" x 5")
- Blunt-Tip Safety Scissors
- Pointed Safety Scissors
- Sticky Notes
- Spiral Notebooks (college & wide-ruled)
- Subject Dividers for Binders
- Yellow Highlighters
- Zippered Pencil Pouches (for 3-ring binders)

Questions? Reach out to Mother Emma (Emma.brice@gracealex.org)

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

FALL BOOK GROUP BEGINS SEPTEMBER 2

Canon Hill and the Ministry for Racial Justice and Healing invite you to share in fall book study of *Migrant God: A Christian Vision for Immigrant Justice* by Isaac Villegas. This isn't just a book study about immigration, but a profound reflection on the very nature of God, our shared humanity, and what it means to Love Jesus, Embody Justice and Be Disciples as people of faith. Scan the QR code for more info.



HIKING PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINE MONT & CENTENNIAL FUND

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). We'll do our best to coordinate participation and make it meaningful for all who join. Grace Church is already collecting donations for the Shrine Mont Centennial Fund. We invite you to honor the pilgrimage by supporting Grace's gift to the fund. You can use the QR code to donate online.

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR SHRINE MONT – SEPTEMBER 5 – 7

Make sure to mark your calendars in preparation for the fun and renewal of Grace's weekend at Shrine Mont! Our online registration form on Breeze can be completed regardless of payment type! Registration payment will be accepted online through Tithely or by check. Rates for Shrine Mont reflect two nights and include food and lodging. The rates for 2025 are \$285 for an Adult Single, \$225 for an Adult Double, \$115 for children age 8-13, \$90 for children ages 4-7 (children under the age of 3 attend for free), and \$75 for Saturday only.



(Registration in English)



(Registro en español)



(Saturday Only Registration)

* **Late registrations are available!** Per Shrine Mont policies, we have submitted our semi-final count of attendees. If you still hope to register, we can only guarantee a limited number of rooms so please complete your registration forms as soon as possible. Rooms will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

SHRINE MONT NON-FOLLIES

New this year, Saturday night at Shrine Mont will feature a full-fledged variety show and you are invited to be a part of it! If interested, send a note to Shrinemont2025@gracealex.org, with a brief summary of what you want to present during our very own SNL, what we are 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!

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

RACIAL JUSTICE & HEALING VIRGINIA PILGRIMAGE SEPTEMBER 22-26

This pilgrimage is an immersive, transformative experience designed to deepen your understanding of racial justice and healing in Virginia. This pilgrimage will take you through visits to historic sites, guided reflections, and opportunities for prayer and meaningful conversation. Participants will engage with the history of racial injustice and the ongoing work of racial justice. For more information including requirements and costs, scan the QR Code.



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), 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.

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. For questions, contact Jen Pease at jennifer.pease@gracealex.org. Thank you for supporting this life-giving work.

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Tuesday, August 12	Violet Woodiwiss
Wednesday, August 13	Grant Miller, Peter Schrum
Friday, August 15	Cynthia Fors, Catherine Voces



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 8/10	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	
	Reimagining Fellowship Meeting - Noon	St. Mark Room	
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday 8/11	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday, 8/12	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm Summer of Stories - 7:00 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 8/13	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) - 2 - 4 pm	Malm Narthex	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed - 703.842.3121
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 8/14	12:00 pm Midweek Eucharist	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Friday, 8/15	Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin - Noon	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 8/16	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am	Zoom	cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com

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:** Lisa, Hector, Amorita, Debbie, Kelly, Ed, Charles, Colin, Jennifer, Lisa, Joanie, Jean, Linda, Wendy, John & Anne, Ismael, Wendy, Stephen, Sara.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Elesa, Marilyn, Reg, Don, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Bette, Cynthia.
- **Thanksgiving:** Birth of Hawthorne Hugh Wise Buck, son of Brooke and new seminarian Seth Wise Buck.
- **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, Madeline, 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:** Parishioner David Dellefield; Doug Bennett, friend of parishioner Vance Allen; 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:** LCDR Claire S. Eudy, USN; SSgt Chip Fowler, USAF; 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.
- **Traveling:** John and Anne Boris
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Altar and Flower Guilds, Choirs, Ushers, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Readers.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda ; Diocese of Norwich, Church of England; Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Anglican Church of Canada; Diocese of Nsukka, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Nyahururu, Anglican Church of Kenya; Diocese of Nyamlel, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Diocese of Nyang, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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