



Grace Episcopal Church

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025 – 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist, Rite II



Today we celebrate Episcopal Schools Sunday by celebrating our own Grace Episcopal School.

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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, 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.
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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.

SEVENTEENTH 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.

HYMN 400


All creatures of our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

The people stand.

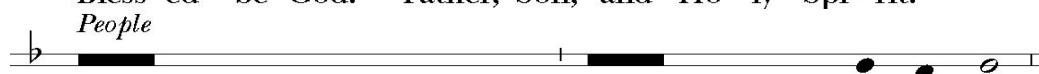
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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-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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2: 1-4

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Habakkuk.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous- therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 37: 1-10

Anglican Chant by John Joubert

Sung by the choir.

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Lector A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now,

I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Hymn 671

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

New Britain

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

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

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke

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 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. 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.**

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, 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 house of faith has many rooms
From the rising of the sun
unto the going down of the same
my name shall be great, among the Gentiles;
and in ev'ry place incense shall be offer'd up unto my name:
for my name shall be great among the heathen,
thus saith the Lord!

Craig Philips (b. 1961)

HYMN 607

O God of every nation

Llangloffan

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.

The Celebrant continues.

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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,

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

WLP 876

Antiphon
Cantor, then all

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing -
 — of the bread.

Fine *Verses*

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 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 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

Houston

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.

GRACE SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Father in heaven, we thank you for all the goodness you send to us; our homes, health, food, families, and school. We give thanks for time to rest and play. Help us to act with kindness and goodness to others. Give us your guidance in all that we do. We ask this in the name of Jesus 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 541

Come, labor on

Ora Labora

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Two Variations on 'Ora Labora'

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

Celebrant

Assisting & Preacher

Assisting & Children's Chapel

Assisting & Children's Chapel

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Lector

Intercessor

Music Director

Altar Guild Crew Leaders

Livestream Crew

Ushers

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The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke

Mother Anne Michele Turner

Mother Emma Brice

Chris Kupczyk, Nancy Robinson

Mary Hix

Mindy Van Wart

Dr. Alain Truche

Alison Campbell, Lucy-Lee Reed

Eleanor Reed

Cindy MacIntyre, Elizabeth Legere, Mike Crane, John Boris

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 5, 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 to the Glory of God.

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. *****

FRONT ELEVATOR & COFFEE HOUR LOCATION CHANGE

The front elevator (outside of the church office) is undergoing a planned modernization. The elevator will be offline for approximately seven weeks (end of October) while this work is completed. During this time, to ensure all parishioners are able to participate, a simplified version of Coffee Hour will be held in the Malm Narthex after the 10:30 am service instead of the Merrow Hall Auditorium. Water and lemonade will be served along with a simple snack option more suitable for our temporary location. Thank you for your patience during this necessary update.

GUEST PREACHER: THE REV. DR. RUTHANNA HOOKE

Today, Sunday, October 5, the preacher at our 7:30 am and 10:30 am services is Dr. Ruthanna Hooke, Professor of Homiletics at Virginia Theological Seminary. Dr. Hooke, who is a prominent voice for environmental stewardship, joins us on the Sunday closest to the feast of Saint Francis. She is the author of *Sacramental Presence: An Embodied Theology of Preaching* and *Transforming Preaching*.

ADULT FORUM IS GATHERING AGAIN

Adult forum is offered Sundays 9:40 -10:15 am 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.

Fall Schedule

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

October 12: Diocese of Virginia Racial Justice & Healing Pilgrimage, by *Chrissie Crosby & Lynn Rohrs*

October 19: Year-Round Stewardship Visioning, by *Elizabeth Legere and Robby Schrum*

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

November 2: Grace Church 1855-2125: Stewardship Funded our Start and Ensures Our Future, by *Barry Joyner and Elizabeth Legere*

November 9: Poetry for Compassion and Shelter, by *Mother Anne Michele Turner*

November 16: Atonement Without Violence, by *Father Santiago Rodriguez*

November 23: Graceful Memories, by *Grace Church parishioners*

November 30: Intergenerational Event in Merrow Hall.

WORSHIP OPEN HOUSE TODAY

Wonder how the thurible gets lit (or what a thurible is)? Ever wanted to read the lessons or run the livestream? What about serving as a Eucharistic Minister or Subdeacon during service? Come and get all of these questions answered and more on Sunday, October 5 at our Worship Open House immediately following the 10:30 am service. Before leaving church, you can stop and visit different points in the nave to learn about (and, if you choose, volunteer for) our worship roles. Questions? Contact John Thompson at thompson1964@hotmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK *(CONTINUED)*

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – TODAY, OCTOBER 5

Bring your dogs, cats, and other family pets for the annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 5th at 4 pm. All pets will receive special prayers and blessings from our clergy in the Saint Francis Garden, which is located outside of the glass doors near the parking lot. If your pet does not do well around other animals, you can also bring a photo of the pet. Photos of pets who have died during the past year are also welcome.

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 an information session today from 12:30 – 1:00 pm in the Saint Mark Room to learn more about this possibility for spiritual growth and exploration. If you are interested in the pilgrimage but cannot make the session, please contact Mother Anne (at anne.turner@gracealex.org).

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL PUMPKIN PATCH

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill on Seminary Road will be hosting its 32nd annual Pumpkin Patch October 4-31. The Patch offers beautiful pumpkins and gourds grown by Navajo Nation farmers, delicious home-made soups, baked goods, and autumn-Halloween-themed crafts. 100% of Patch profits support over 25 local, national, and international charities, including our own Grace Church Food Pantry. The pumpkin patch is open weekdays 12 noon to 6 pm and weekends/holidays 10 am to 6 pm. Scan the QR code to learn more.



LEARNING TO READ THE BIBLE

Join Mother Anne Turner for the second week of a two-week series on Wednesday, 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 am - 12:00 pm, followed by an optional brown bag lunch. To RSVP or ask questions, email anne.turner@gracealex.org.

EVACUATION DRILL

To support our new emergency plan, Grace Church will hold an evacuation drill at the end of the 10:30 service on Sunday, October 12. The drill should take less than five minutes and will leave us in place to enjoy coffee hour immediately afterwards.

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) or Father Santiago Rodriguez (santiago.rodriguez@gracealex.org) for details.

GRACE 101

New to Grace—or just want to understand more? Come to Grace 101, a one-hour session led by the clergy on the mission, beliefs, and organization of Grace Church. We meet from 12:00–1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 19, in the Saint Mark Room. For questions or to RSVP (although you are welcome even without an RSVP) contact Mother Anne at anne.turner@gracealex.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK *(CONTINUED)*

JOIN THE SCHOOL FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Are you looking to deepen your Christian commitment? Join this four-week class to learn more about leadership and discernment skills you can use in the church and in the world. The course meets on Sunday evenings 6:00-7:30 from October 19-November 9, with a closing breakfast on Saturday, November 15. For more information or to RSVP contact Mother Anne at anne.turner@gracealex.org.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE GRACE FRIENDSGIVING & BAKEOFF FUNDRAISER

Bring a meal to share with friends and family and enjoy the best desserts from the Grace community! In the spirit of friendly competition, enter your home-baked goodie into the Bakeoff competition or make a special dessert to be auctioned off that evening. More details to follow. When: November 15 from 5:30 – 7:30; Where: Grace Church Merrow Hall Auditorium; Who: All are welcome. If you'd like to help with this event or have questions, please contact GraceBakeOff@gracealex.org.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR SUPPORT

Grace is requesting volunteers to host, provide food donations, and help with cleanup after fellowship hour. If you and/or your family enjoy having refreshments and snacks, please consider signing up. To volunteer, use your phone's camera to scan the QR code or the hard copy signup sheet located on the snack table. Please note, refreshments and snacks will only be available during a fellowship hour when someone has volunteered to host to perform setup and food donations are provided. With your gift of volunteering our fellowship hours will continue to be a success!



Please Note: During the temporary relocation of Fellowship Hour to the Malm Narthex, only small, prepared snacks such as cookies or crackers (nothing with nuts and nothing needing slicing or require a fork or spoon) and only cold drinks will be available (for example, water and/or lemonade).

WALK THE LABYRINTH

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.

SHRINE MONT NAME TAG HOLDERS

We are so grateful for the wonderful time we shared at our parish retreat at Shrine Mont earlier this month. As we look ahead to next year, please help us by returning your name tag holders and door tags. Also, if you misplaced anything, check in with Father Santiago or Morgan Miller about lost and found items. Thank you.

DON'T GO PHISHING!

Churches have become targets for phishing/email scams as those with malicious intent use a variety of methods (email, social media, and text messaging) to access your private information and/or cause harm to your computer/devices. Often these attempts include language commonly used in church settings to make the communication seem credible. Clergy and staff will not use private email for church business but will use an email address ending in @gracealex.org. Clergy and staff will also never ask for money or purchases. If you receive a questionable email stating the sender is Grace clergy or staff, do not click any links (they could link to viruses or allow someone to access your computer/device) and contact the church office.

PROTECT OUR NAVE

Please do not bring drinks (even in a sealed cup) or food into the nave during worship. Help us keep the space clean and preserve our reverent environment.

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 5	Sheng Davis, Danny Kiepora
Monday, Oct. 6	Anne Berry, June Huber
Tuesday, Oct. 7	Wendy Murphy
Wednesday, Oct. 8	Susan Merritt, Barry Joyner
Thursday, Oct. 9	Alexandra Smith
Friday, Oct. 10	Teddy Honeycutt
Saturday, Oct. 11	Everett Ruff
Sunday, Oct. 12	Rushad Thomas



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 10/5	7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Lady Altar	
	8:45 am La Santa Eucaristía	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Amphitheater	
	9:40 am Formation Hour <i>Adult Forum / Sunday School</i>	Various Rooms	
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist Rite II (Livestreamed)	Nave	
	Worship Open House - 12 pm	Nave	
	Lay Support Team - 12 pm	St. John Room	
	Stewardship Team Mailing	St. Luke Room	
	Exploring a Scotland Pilgrimage - 12:30 pm	St. Mark Room	
	Shrine Mont 2025 Debrief Meeting - 12:30 pm		
	Blessing of the Animals - 4 pm	St. Francis Garden	
Monday, 10/6	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
	Youth Night - 6 - 8 pm	Auditorium	
Monday, 10/6	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday, 10/7	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 10/8	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	Learning to Read the Bible - 11 am	St. Mark Room	
	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) - 2 - 4 pm	1 st floor Lobby	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, 10/9	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	Midweek Eucharist - 12:00 pm	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Handbell Rehearsal - 5:30 pm	Malm Narthex	Alain.truche@gracealex.org
	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm	St. Cecilia Room	Alain.truche@gracealex.org
	Outreach Meeting - 7 pm	St. Mark Room	
Friday, 10/10	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
	Youth Acolyte Overnight - 7 pm	Off-Site	
Saturday, 10/11	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	National Acolyte Festival - 9:30 am - 2:30 pm	Washington National Cathedral	
	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:** Hector, Amorita, Debbie, Kelly, Ed, Charles, Colin, Jennifer, Joanie, Jean, Linda, Lorna, Wendy, John & Anne, Ismael, Wendy, Stephen, Lisa, Priscilla & Paul; Liz; Anne.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Elesa, Marilyn, 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; Joanne; Victoria; Erin; Viranga, Marc.
- **Members of our staff:** Alain, Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Jane, Kalli, Kevin, 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:** 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.
- **Traveling:** Jay and Suzanne O'Malley.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Emmanuel, Alexandria; Lynwood Parish (Grace Memorial), Port Republic; St. John's, West Point.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Diocese of Oru, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Osaka, Nippon Sei Ko Kai; Diocese of Osum, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), Diocese of Osun North, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Ottawa, Anglican Church of Canada.

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