



Grace Episcopal Church

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.

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, 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.

The church office is now on summer hours, Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. and closed on Fridays.
(Mother Anne & Mother Emma are out of the office on Mondays, Father Jon is 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 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday on which they would like to receive Home Communion.

TWELFTH 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

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

William Mathias, Hymnal S-278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-

ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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

Genesis 45:1-15

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you.

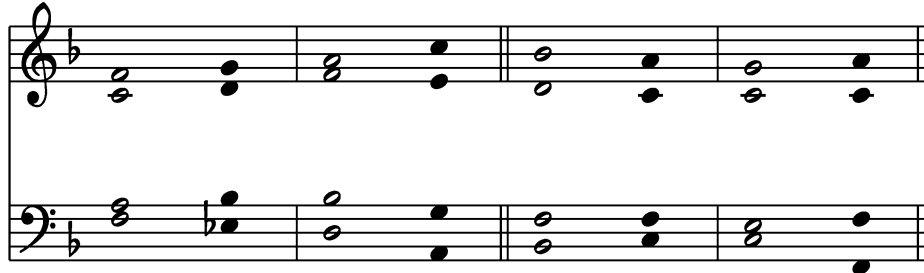
You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133

Robert Knox Kennedy



Oh, how good and | pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in | unity!

It is like fine oil upon the | head *
that runs down upon the | beard,

Upon the beard of | Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his | robe.

It is like the dew of | Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of | Zion.

(2nd half) For there the LORD has ordained the | blessing: *
life for | evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Lector A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

HYMN 706

In your mercy, Lord, you called me

Halton Holgate

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.”

He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Jon Scarffe

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 Leader prays

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, Sean Rowe; and our Bishops E. Mark Stevenson, Gayle Harris, and Mark Bourlakas; 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 all 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.**

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. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY We invite you to give to the work of the church electronically via [Tithe.ly](https://tithely.com) by scanning this QR code.

If you give electronically, please place the tag in your pew in the offering so that your gift can be blessed.



One is the body and one is the Head,
one is the Spirit by whom we are led;
one God and Father, one faith and one call for all.

Christ who ascended to heaven above
is the same Jesus whose nature is love,
who once descended to bring to this earth new birth

Called to his service are women and men
so that his body might ever again
witness through worship,
through deed and through word to Christ our Lord.

OFFERTORY HYMN 408

Sing praise to God who reigns above

Mit Freuden zart

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. 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-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. 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
THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your 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 to the altar rail 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 don't wish to receive communion at the altar, please let an usher know and communion can be brought to you in your pew.

COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS 139

Pass me not, O gentle Savior

Doane

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 380

From all that dwell below the skies

Old 100th

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

Celebrant

The Rev. Emma Brice

Preacher

The Rev. Jon Scarffe

Lector

Jonathan Doelp

Intercessor

Khacki Berry

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Ramee Gentry

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Josh Harrington

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John Boris, Mike Crane, Bill Eckel

Livestream Crew

Alison Campbell, Stephen Lovell

Altar Guild Crew Leaders

Cindy MacIntyre, Eleanor Reed

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 16, 2026

The weekly announcement deadline is Monday at 12 p.m.

Submissions after the deadline will be held for the following week. Please limit submissions to 75 words.

Announcements will be edited for content/length. Email requests to announcements@gracealex.org.

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.

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



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

MONTHLY VIGIL FOR OUR COUNTRY – AUGUST 18 @ 6 P.M.

This month we will hold the Vigil for our Country on Tuesday, August 18 at 6:00 p.m. This liturgy includes Holy Eucharist as well as time to offer prayers for vulnerable individuals and groups: immigrants, LGBTQ+ individuals, federal workers, and others.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE - AUGUST 23RD

On Sunday, August 23rd, 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. Bring your backpack to church for a blessing and receive a Grace Church backpack tag!

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 23rd and can be placed in the labelled bins.

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

Questions? Reach out to Mother Emma or Keith Davis.

PIE PARTY WELCOME ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 30th following the 10:30 a.m. service for a pie party to welcome newcomers. If you are new to Grace, please attend and let us get to know you. Grace members, please join us in welcoming our newcomers and sign up to bring a sweet or savory pie by scanning the QR code or emailing fellowship@gracealex.org. If you are a newcomer, please feel free to let us know you will attend by emailing Colleen McArdelle at cooolleen@gmail.com (but you are more than welcome to just show up on the 30th).



SHRINE MONT 2026 NEEDS YOU!

We want you to have rest for your souls, but we also need a little help here and there, and it's fun stuff! Check your email, or go to bit.ly/GCSM2026 or scan our QR Code. This list will be updated periodically! Looking forward to seeing you at Shrine Mont! Questions? Contact Eleanor Reed or Beth Yancey.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 16, 2026 (CONTINUED)

REMINDER: IT'S BACK! SHRINE MONT NIGHT LIVE LIVES AGAIN

We are looking for people who would be willing to perform at our "No-Talent-Required Variety Show" on Saturday night at Shrine Mont. Do you sing? Dance? Juggle? Tell jokes? Play an instrument? We want you! You will have three minutes & the stage to show your stuff. Everything else is up to you. Interested? Contact Anne Berry & Grace Pattarini at anne.berry@gracealex.org.

A MESSAGE FROM MOTHER ANNE TURNER, RECTOR, AND SARAH SCHULTZ, SENIOR WARDEN

As we recently shared, for many months Grace has searched for a Pastoral Associate and Outreach Coordinator. This bilingual individual would be a leader at Grace Church as a whole and for our Spanish-speaking La Gracia congregation in particular. Our current budget allows for this to be a half-time position with benefits. The position is open to both ordained and lay candidates, if the lay person is (or open to being) trained and licensed as a lay preacher, in order to preach in Spanish. While we had hoped to be writing to you with an update on filling this position, that is not the case.

We are fortunate, however, to have had Father Jon with us during this year of transition, and are pleased to announce that he has again agreed to extend his time with us. Father Jon will remain at least through the end of the year, continuing to provide support for our life together. As of September 1, Father Jon will transition to a part-time role. His time will focus especially on our worship life and on pastoral care, which is his great gift and passion. This will afford Mother Emma and Mother Anne some capacity to support La Gracia, while still being good stewards to our budget.

We hope to have more updates on our ongoing search in the coming months. We continue to give thanks for Father Jon and his work among us. We are blessed by his presence.

HAITI MICAH PROJECT UPDATE

The following is a summary of the status of the Haiti Micah program. This important mission has benefited from our parish's generosity for many years, and this update is shared to show how our collective annual giving will continue to support the work.

Program Status: Mirebalais remains largely closed and depopulated after the gang takeover, with major losses to facilities and equipment. The program safely relocated about 20 children and staff to Hinche (55 km away), where the children are back in school, and it continues supporting five young adults in college. Sustained funding is needed to keep this work going.

Grace has supported this mission for many years, and donations are especially vital as the program rebuilds in its new location. Please consider making a gift before the campaign ends on Labor Day weekend. For more information, Jennifer Pease at jennifer.pease@gracealex.org.

CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR THE 2026-27 CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION CALENDAR

Families with children and youth should check their emails for the year-long Children & Youth Formation Calendar for 2026-27. Paper copies of the calendar are also available outside of Mother Emma's office. If you did not receive the calendar email and wish to be included in future family formation communications, please write to Mother Emma (emma.brice@gracealex.org) to be added to the family communications list. Get ready for an awesome year!

NOW ENROLLING: JOIN THE GRACE EPISCOPAL SCHOOL FAMILY!

Limited spaces are now available in Preschool and Junior Kindergarten at Grace School for the 2026-27 academic year. We invite you to see how our Episcopal tradition inspires students to grow in faith and lead with grace, providing a foundation of academic success and character development. To learn more about our programs or to schedule a personal tour of our campus, please email admissions@graceschoolalex.org. You can also explore our curriculum and mission by visiting www.GraceSchoolAlex.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 16, 2026 (CONTINUED)

DONATING ITEMS TO THE CHURCH

Downsizing at home and wonder if Grace could use a donation of an item or two (i.e. furniture, equipment, kitchen/household items, etc.)? Before bringing the items to the church, please contact the church office to inquire if the item(s) is something that we can currently use. Due to our limited storage spaces, the item(s) may be better suited for donation to other organizations that help those in need within our local community.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED FOR 2026-27

At Grace Church, we have extraordinary children and youth, and they are in need of more adult leaders for the year to come! One of the best ways to grow in your own faith and deepen community ties is by accompanying young people as they explore their own faith. We are looking for teachers to help during Formation Hour which meets from 9:40 -10:20 a.m. most Sundays between late September and late May. No previous experience is required, and there are opportunities to work with any age, ranging from pre-school to high school. If you are interested in supporting our young people in any capacity, please reach out to Mother Emma (emma.brice@gracealex.org) to discuss what might be a good fit for you. Children's and youth formation can only happen with the support of the whole church, so please listen for how God might be calling you to get involved.

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Tuesday, August 18	Vivienne Quintela, Isaac Reyes
Wednesday, August 19	Lucy Williams
Friday, August 21	Elizabeth Anderson
Sunday, August 23	Keith Giacomo, Clifton Killian



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, 8/16	7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 a.m. La Gracia Santa Eucaristía	Nave	
	9:00 a.m. Little Church, Rite II	Amphitheater	
	10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
	5:00 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist	Nave	
Monday, 8/17	No Activities Scheduled		
Tuesday, 8/18	Food Pantry Bagging – 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	1 st floor Lobby	jennifer.pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution – 6 p.m.	1 st floor Lobby	jennifer.pease@gracealex.org
	Vigil for Our Country – 6 p.m.	Nave	
Wednesday, 8/19	Evening Prayer – 5:30 p.m.	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed- 703.842.3121
	Bible Study – 7:30 p.m.	Zoom	stephen.lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous – 8 p.m.	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon – 8 p.m.	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 8/20	12:00 p.m. Midweek Eucharist	Lady Altar	
	Food Pantry Bagging – 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	1 st floor Lobby	jennifer.pease@gracealex.org
Friday, 8/21	Food Pantry Bagging – 3 – 5 p.m.	1 st floor Lobby	jennifer.pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution – 6 p.m.	1 st floor Lobby	jennifer.pease@gracealex.org
Saturday, 8/22	Altar Guild Set Up – 9 a.m.	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study – 10 a.m.	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, Debbie, Ed, Colin, Jennifer, Linda, John, Ismael, Wendy, Lisa, Liz, Claire, Lesley & Kelly, June, Alex, Cristina, Bob, Lisa, Joe, Jennifer, Blanca, Don, Reba, Cricket, Gianna, Doug, Phil, Kay, Doug, Lucy-Lee, Bette, Perrin, William, Suzi & Jen.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Sally, Clare, Marilyn, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Cynthia, Elly, Valerie, José, Madison, Henry, Gustavo, Félix.
- **Family & friends:** Klaus, Michael, Sharon, Troy, Cathie, Cameron, Amy, Bill, Theresa, Rob & Sherry, Jack, Eileen, Deanna, Leslie, Sam, Lisa, Margianne, Courtney, Gina, Joanne, Jim, Theresa, Charlotte, Robert, Barbara, Shelton, Chrissy, Dave & Donna, Gretchen, Jack & Susan.
- **Members of our staff:** Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Jane, Father Jon, Josh, Kevin, Kim, Pedro, 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:** 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:** Dan and Katy Pattarini, 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 teaching or studying abroad:** Chris & Melissa Reed, Virginia Robinson, Julie Mills Cizek & Theo Halliwell, the Epifanovskiye family.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Altar and Flower Guilds, Choirs, Ushers, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Readers.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Church in Wales; Diocese of Badagry, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos Islands, Church in the Province of the West Indies; Diocese of Ballarat, Anglican Church of Australia; Diocese of Bangor, Church in Wales; Diocese of Banks and Torres, Anglican Church of Melanesia; Diocese of Barbados, Church in the Province of the West Indies.

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