



Grace Episcopal Church

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 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.

THIRTEENTH 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 521

Put forth, O God, thy Spirit's might

Chelsea Square

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

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

People

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, p. 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Children ages 3 years – 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.

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

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung by the choir

PSALM 124

Anglican Chant by Derrick Cantrell

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

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

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

HYMN 513

Like the murmur of the dove's song

Bridegroom

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Emma Brice

Silence is kept.

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE 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 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.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All students and educators are invited to come forward, with their backpacks, to receive a blessing.

BLESSING OF STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the students and educators who fill them each day. We thank you for this new beginning, for the gift of learning and making mistakes and trying again. As we recall the example of your Son Jesus Christ, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us, bless these your beloved children with curiosity, wonder, and respect. Fill them with your grace in the year to come, and let their backpacks be a sign to them of your endless supply of love and support, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

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



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed.
By this we worship and are freed. Amen*

OFFERTORY HYMN 707

Take my life, and let it be

Hollingside

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-130

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

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

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.

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 577

God is love, and where true love is

Ubi Caritas

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 522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Austria

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

Celebrant

The Rev. Jon Scarffe

Preacher

The Rev. Emma Brice

Lector

June Huber

Intercessor

Mary Stewart

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Evan Robinson, Nancy Robinson

Director of Music

Josh Harrington

Ushers

Mike Crane, Bill Eckel, Mary Stewart

Altar Guild Crew Leaders

Sarah Schultz, Kemp Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 23, 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 by
The Woodiwiss Family in Thanksgiving for the August birthdays of our three daughters
(Evelyn, Violet, & Olivia) and this special Grace Church Family and by
The Waskowicz Family in Thanksgiving for the life of Frank Waskowicz.*



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. *****

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

Today 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.

LIMITED CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 24TH

Due to summer schedules, the church office will open from 10 - 1 p.m. tomorrow with volunteer coverage.

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).



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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 23, 2026 (CONTINUED)

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.



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.

RUMMAGE TRUNK SALE BENEFITTING GRACE FOOD PANTRY

Join us September 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Grace Church parking lot for a rummage trunk sale to benefit the Food Pantry. Discover a treasure or offload your own by volunteering to drive up and open the back of your car to vend your wares! Home goods, decor, small items of furniture (liftable by one person), sports gear, seasonal items, and the always-enticing "miscellaneous" await your rummaging. Interested in joining as a vendor or looking to donate your stuff? Contact Hannah Sternberg at hesternberg@gmail.com to learn how to participate.

ADULT FORUM WILL RESUME OCTOBER 4

Adult forum is offered Sundays 9:40 - 10:15 a.m. 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. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required.

October 4: Creation Care: Native Plantings at Grace, by *Doug Prince*

October 11: Scottish Pilgrimage Report, by *Mother Anne and others*

October 18: Grace at Work: Holocaust Museum, by *Ramee Gentry*

October 25: Made by Hand: Prayer Shawl Ministry, by *Hannah Sternberg and Laura Weidenfeld*

If you have an idea for a topic you'd like to hear presented, or present yourself, please get in touch with Anne Boris at awcboris@hotmail.com.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 23, 2026 (CONTINUED)

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.

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 23	Keith Giacomo, Clifton Killian
Monday, August 24	Jack Hennigan
Tuesday, August 25	Hudson Chiow, Kristen Woodiwiss
Thursday, August 27	Evelyn Woodiwiss
Friday, August 28	Mary Shaver
Sunday, August 30	Stephen Lovell



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EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday, 8/23	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, 8/24	No Activities Scheduled		
Tuesday, 8/25	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
Wednesday, 8/26	Evening Prayer – 5:30 p.m.	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed- 703.842.3121
	COHI Meeting – 7 p.m.	St. Mark Room	
	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, 8/27	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, 8/28	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, 8/29	Altar Guild Set Up – 9 a.m.	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study – 10 a.m.	Zoom	cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com
	Private Wedding – 3 p.m.	Nave	

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, Phil, Doug, Lucy-Lee, Bette, Perrin, William, Suzi & Jen, Jan.
- **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; Noah Woodiwiss, 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:** Students, Faculty, and Administrators at Diocesan Church Schools: Christchurch, Saluda; St. Catherine's, Richmond; St. Christopher's, Richmond; St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, Alexandria; and Stuart Hall, Staunton
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Church of the Province of West Africa, The Diocese of Bari – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), The Diocese of Baringo – The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Barisal – The Church of Bangladesh, The Diocese of Barrackpore – The Church of North India (United), The Diocese of Bath and Wells – The Church of England, The Diocese of Bathurst – The Anglican Church of Australia.

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