



Grace Episcopal Church

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II

Children 3 months until 3 years are welcome in the nursery. Please ask an usher to direct you.

PRELUDE

The people stand.

HYMN 401

The God of Abraham praise

Leoni

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

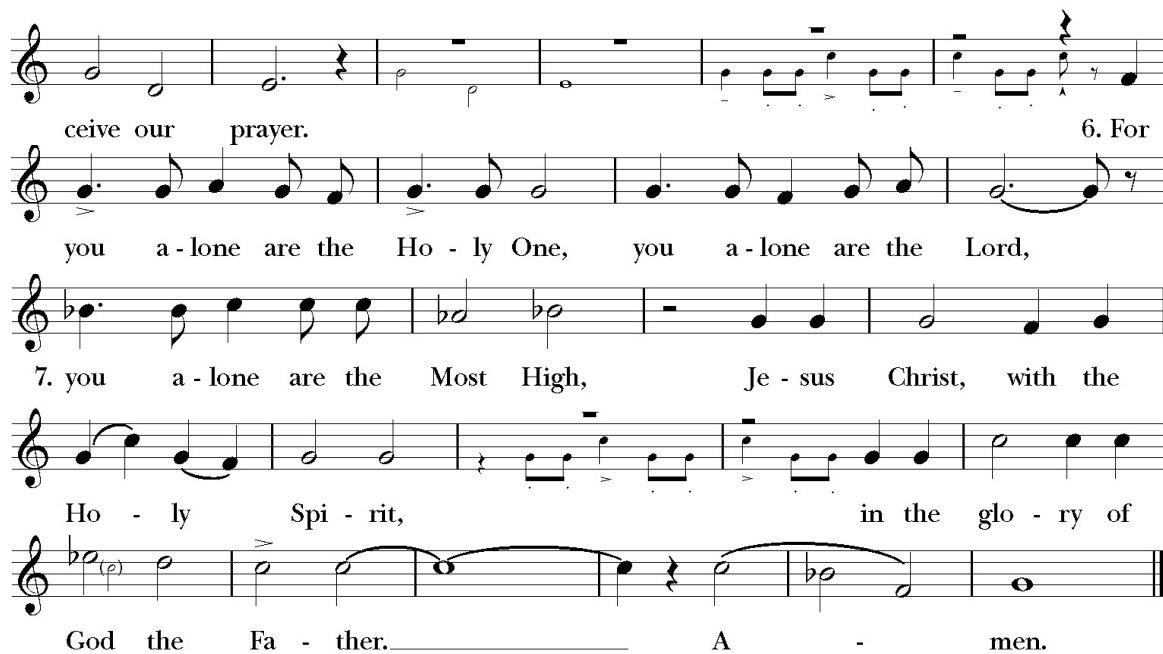
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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-



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 3:1-15

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung by the choir

PSALM 105: 1-6; 23-26; 45C

Anglican Chant

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name;
 make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him,
 and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name;
 let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength;
 continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done,
 his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant,
 O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt,
 and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful;
 he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people,
 and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant,
 and Aaron whom he had chosen. (45c) Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

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

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

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

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Priest 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 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.**

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY We invite you to give to the work of the church electronically via [Tithe.ly](https://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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Howard Helvey

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name;
In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back When I forsake his ways,
And leads me, for his mercy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay;
One word of thy supporting breath Drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, Doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, Thy oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days;
Oh, may thy house be mine abode And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, While others go and come;
No more a stranger or a guest, But like a child at home.

OFFERTORY HYMN 635

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Wer nur lieben Gott

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP, p. 361

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant, and the second and third staves are for the People. The fourth staff is for the Celebrant.

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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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



Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

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



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 606

Where true charity and love dwell

Ubi Caritas Plainsong

Antiphon sung by the choir

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 610

Lord, whose love through humble service

Blaenhafren

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 & Preacher

The Rev. Jon Scarffe

Assisting

The Rev. Emma Brice, The Rev. Dr. Anne M. Turner

Lector

Colleen McArdelle

Intercessor

Khacki Berry

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Matt Williams

Director of Music

Josh Harrington

Ushers

Chuck Dodd, John Hall, Mary Stewart

Livestream Crew

Eleanor Reed

Altar Guild Crew Leaders

Kristine Hesse, Kemp Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 30, 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
Lorna Worley in Thanksgiving for the August birthdays of Ken, Audrey & Ava and by
The Giacomo Family in memory of our niece, Emily, who would have turned 32 tomorrow.
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. *****

PIE PARTY WELCOME TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH

Join us 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.

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, we have extraordinary children & youth, and they're 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're looking for teachers to help during Formation Hour, meeting 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 from pre-school to high school. If 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.

SCHEDULE CHANGE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Because of our Shrine Mont Parish Weekend in Orkney Springs, Virginia, we will not have services at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 9 a.m., or 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 13th. The ONLY service held at Grace Alexandria will be a Rite II Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave. There will be no Children's Chapel, no nursery staff, and no Little Church on Sunday, September 13th. We will return to our regular schedule on Sunday, September 20th.

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 30, 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.

THE RT. REV. MARK A. BOURLAKAS MOVES OFFICE SPACE TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rt. Rev. Mark A. Bourlakas began as Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Virginia in June of 2025, previously serving as the Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. Bishop Bourlakas is based in Northern Virginia. While he previously had office space provided by The Falls Church, we are excited to share that Bishop Bourlakas will now work out of Grace Church. Many thanks to the food pantry for helping us to turn diaper storage back into office space! The Bishop provides support for the Episcopacy across the diocese and collaborates closely with the Office of Congregational Vitality. Please continue to address pastoral or other needs to Mother Anne, Mother Emma, and Father Jon, and join us in welcoming Bishop Bourlakas, who will "move in" around Labor Day.

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.

LLAMAPALOOZA & SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 9:30-10:30 A.M.

Let's kick-off the program year in style! Join us for a celebration of the start of the year with food, coffee, bubbles, chalk, a llama photo wall, and a surprise! There will be fun for all ages, and our amazing Sunday School teachers will be there to tell you more about what's in store. Come meet the families of Grace/la Gracia and get ready for an amazing year! If you'd like to help with set-up or clean-up please let Mother Emma know.

FOYER GROUPS ARE BACK!

Would you like to get to know fellow Grace members in a smaller setting? Sign up for Foyers! Foyers are groups of about 8 church members who come together for a meal once a month over the next year, for a total of four to five meals. Members take turns hosting in their home or at Grace or organizing at a local restaurant (for the "Foodies Night Out" group). Couples and singles are welcomed.



Please complete the registration form by September 21. If you have questions, please email Cricket Blanton (cb9@verizon.net). Scan the QR Code to complete the registration form.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 30, 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 30	Stephen Lovell
Monday, August 31	Valeria Cruz Portilo, Timothy Willard
Tuesday, September 1	Cleveland Eason, Anne Glass, Teresa Preston Lorna Worley
Thursday, September 3	Lilian Medrano-Lopez
Sunday, September 6	Blythe Su Davis



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, 8/30	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	
	Youth Council Meeting – 12 p.m.	St. Mark Room	emma.brice@gracealex.org
	5:00 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist	Nave	
Monday, 8/31	No Activities Scheduled		
Tuesday, 9/1	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
	Adult Advisory Council on Youth – 6 p.m.	Zoom	emma.brice@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 9/2	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, 9/3	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, 9/4	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, 9/5	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, Phil, Doug, Lucy-Lee, Bette, Willem, Suzi & Jen, Jan, Lisa, Chrissie.
- **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, Frank, Carole.
- **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:** Noah Woodiwiss, 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:** Shrine Mont, Orkney Springs, Diocesan Campus Ministries: The University Fellowship at University of Virginia, Charlottesville; Pace Center at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond; the House at University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg; Canterbury at James Madison University, Bridgewater College, and Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg; and Arise at George Mason University, Fairfax.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Church in the Province of West Indies; The Diocese of Bauchi - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Belize - The Church in the Province of the West Indies; The Diocese of Bendigo - The Anglican Church of Australia; The Diocese of Beni - Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; The Diocese of Benin - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Bentiu - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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