



Grace Episcopal Church

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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.

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

The people stand.

Lyons

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.

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.**

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 to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams."

But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” — that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

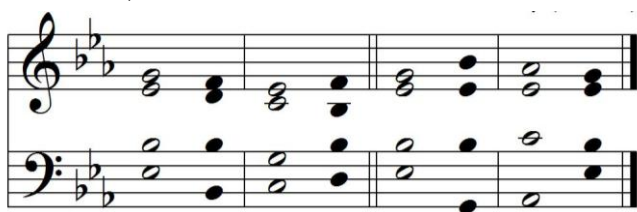
Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 105:4-6, 16-22

Robert Knox Kennedy



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- 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,

second half of chant

- 6 O offspring of Abraham his | servant, *
 O children of Jacob his | chosen.
 16 Then he called for a famine in the | land *
 and destroyed the supply of | bread.
 17 He sent a man be- | fore them, *
 Joseph, who was sold as a | slave.
 18 They bruised his feet in | fetters; *
 his neck they put in an iron | collar.
 19 Until his prediction came to | pass, *
 the word of the LORD | tested him.
 20 The king sent and re- | leased him; *
 the ruler of the peoples set him | free.
 21 He set him as a master over his | household, *
 as a ruler over all his pos- | sessions,

second half of chant

- 22 To instruct his princes according to his | will*
 and to teach his elders | wisdom.

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

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

HYMN 388

O worship the King, all glorious above

Hanover

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

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

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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.

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. 332

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION



THE OFFERTORY We invite you to give to the work of the church electronically via Tithely 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

How Can I Keep from Singing

Jeffrey Honore

My life flows on in endless song,

Above earth's lamentation.

I hear the real though far off hymn

that hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm,

while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,

How can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,

I hear that music ringing;

It sounds and echoes in my soul;

How can I keep from singing?

Refrain

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am his;
How can I keep from singing?

Refrain

OFFERTORY HYMN 699

Jesus, Lover of my soul

Aberystwyth

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 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:

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

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 106

Precious Lord, take my hand

Dorsey

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 680

O God, our help in ages past

St. Anne

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Dr. Anne M. Turner
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Jon Scarffe
<i>Lector</i>	Mary Hix
<i>Intercessor</i>	June Huber
<i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Kelly Gable, Matt Williams
<i>Director of Music</i>	Josh Harrington
<i>Ushers</i>	Mary Hix, Elizabeth Legere, Evan Robinson, Nancy Robinson
<i>Livestream Crew</i>	Eleanor Reed
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	Kristine Hesse, Kemp Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 9, 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.

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

The flowers on the altar today are given in Thanksgiving for 50 years since we were first welcomed to Grace, and for the fellowship of this congregation even when we were stationed far away, by Evan and Nancy Robinson and in Thanksgiving for my parents, Barbara and Lloyd McFarquhar, by Erica McFarquhar.



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

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 HAIL & FAREWELL 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 and to say farewell to our Interim Assistant Priest, Father Jon Scarffe. If you are new to Grace, please attend and let us get to know you. Grace members, please sign up to bring a sweet or savory pie by scanning the QR code or emailing fellowship@gracealex.org.



DONATING ITEMS TO THE CHURCH

Doing some cleaning or downsizing 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 9, 2026 (CONTINUED)

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.

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!

UPDATE ON GEC PASTORAL ASSOCIATE AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR

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. The clergy and Personnel Committee continue to search, while also considering how best to support the current staff, serve our La Gracia congregation, and to be good stewards to our budget. We will keep you informed as we have updates. Please feel free to reach out to us with questions. – From Mother Anne Turner, *Rector* and Sarah Schultz, *Senior Warden*.

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.

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 9	Erica McFarquhar
Tuesday, August 11	Sammie Zoeller
Wednesday, August 12	Violet Woodiwiss
Thursday, August 13	Grant Miller, Peter Schrum
Saturday, August 15	Cynthia Fors, Catherine Voces



Parishioner birthdays are listed weekly based on records from Breeze, our church database. For birthdays missing or listed on an incorrect date, please contact the church office to update your record. **Thank you!**

EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday, 8/9	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, 8/10	No Activities Scheduled		
Tuesday, 8/11	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
	Executive Committee Meeting	Zoom	
Wednesday, 8/12	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, 8/13	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, 8/14	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, 8/15	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, Willem.
- **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.
- **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 and other government services overseas:** Meg Whelpley, 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.
- **Travel:** Sherryl and Chuck Dodd.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** The Episcopal Church.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Episcopal Church; Diocese of Aweil, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Diocese of Awerial, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Diocese of Awgu / Aninri, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Awka, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Awori, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Ayod, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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