



Grace Episcopal Church

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 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 open 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 9 a.m. – Noon on Fridays.

(Mothers Anne & Emma are out of the office on Mondays, Father Jon is in the office on Monday & Tuesday mornings.)

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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.

FIFTEENTH 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 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

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 WLP 900

Glo-ry to God in the high-est,—
— and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,
(senza Ped. ad lib.)

heav'n-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship

(Ped.)

you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

(♩ = ♩. of preceding - same beat as before, not slower)

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Fa - ther,

(♩ = ♩. of preceding - same beat as before, not slower)

Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right

hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For
Fa-ther: re-ceive
Fa-ther: re-ceive

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the

Lord, 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. _____

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs.

You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sung by the choir

PSALM 149:2-9

ANTIPHON

Psalm 149: 1a
Organ: *Everyone:*

Sing to the Lord a new song. Hal - -

- - le - lu - jah!

Choir: Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise his Name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory. Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand; to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron; to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

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

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

HYMN 440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Liebster Jesu

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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 especially for Clara Lise Faircloth, mother of George Winstead & mother-in-law of Reba Winstead, and 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 God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY *We invite you to give to the work of the church electronically via Tithe.ly 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

Break Forth into Joy

Dave and Jean Perry

Refrain:

Break forth into joy, sing together;

Lift your voices in harmony.

Come rejoice in the joy of creation; Alleluia!

Break forth into joy, sound the cymbal,

Play the trumpet in harmony.

Come together to welcome the morning; Alleluia!

The sun's rays shining, splendor proclaim.

The world awakens to welcome another new day.

Refrain

Sing, rejoicing, sing together; Join your voices in song.

Celebrate with jubilant sound; The glories of nature abound.

Refrain

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

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

WLP 858

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

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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.

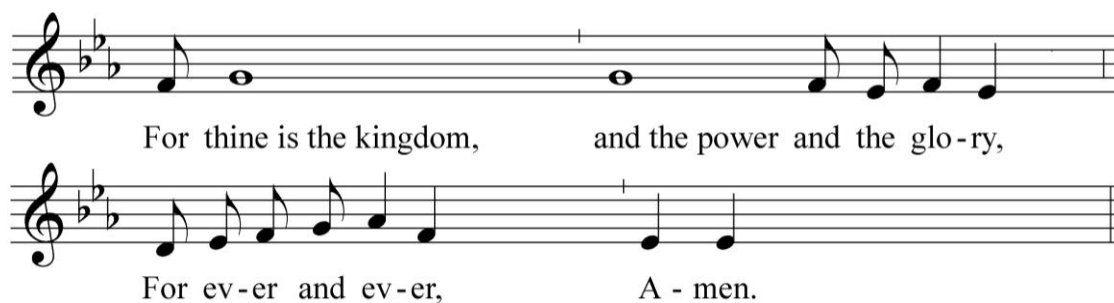
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

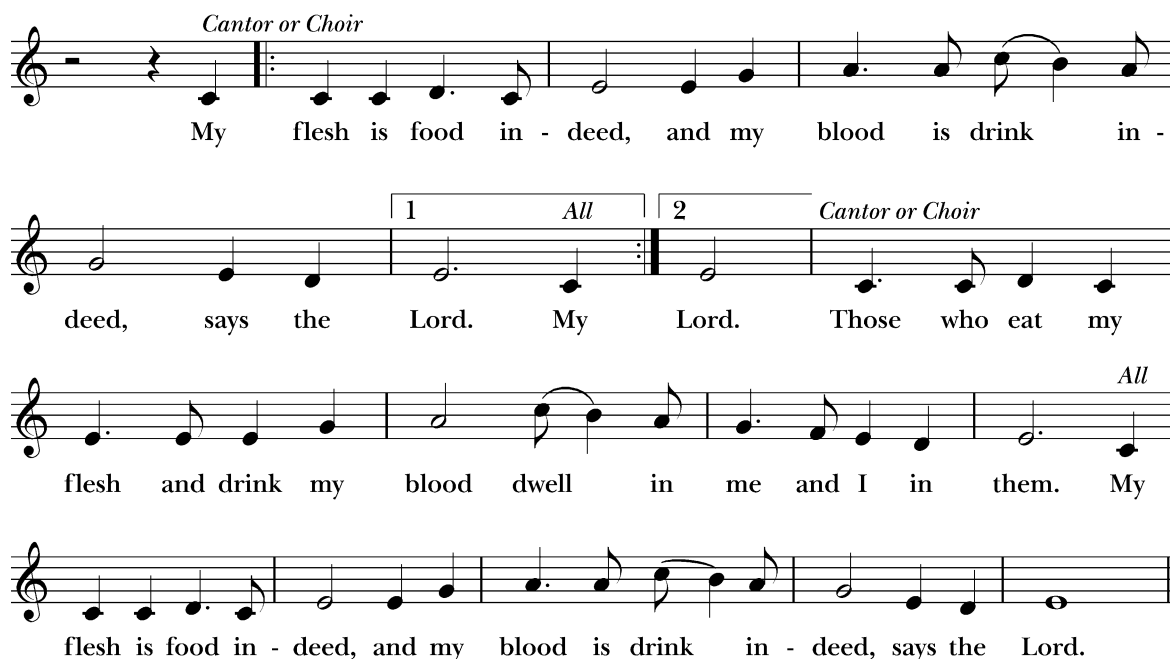
Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-lowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heav-en.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who tres-pass a- gainst us.
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-169



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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 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College

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 400

All creatures of our God and King
Verses 1-4

Lasst uns erfreuen

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. Emma Brice

Assisting & Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Anne M. Turner

Assisting

The Rev. Jon Scarffe

Lector

Lucy-Lee Reed

Intercessor

June Huber

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Stephanie Reed, Kelly Gable

Director of Music

Josh Harrington

Ushers

John Boris, Mary Hix, Elizabeth Legere

Livestream Crew

Alison Campbell

Altar Guild Crew Leaders

Eleanor Reed, Kemp Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 6, 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 in Thanksgiving for the 66th wedding anniversary of Jean & Lucy-Lee Reed, with love from Christopher, Melissa, and Michael.

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. *****

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.

Donations can be submitted via Tithely, Breeze or personal check referencing Haiti Micah in the memo line.

For more information, Jennifer Pease at jennifer.pease@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.

UPCOMING CLOSURES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

The church campus will be closed Monday, September 7 for Labor Day. On Tuesday, September 8 and Wednesday, September 9, the church staff will be offsite for fall planning. The church office will open 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Tuesday and 9 am – noon on Wednesday with limited volunteer coverage only.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 6, 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.



A CASTING CALL FOR SHRINE MONT ATTENDEES FROM ANNIE EASON

Woah! It's almost that time of the year (not Christmas, but I wish)– Shrine Mont! If you want to be a part of something big... something extraordinary... then consider acting for the very tiny mini follies skit in Shrine Mont Night Live! Don't worry, rehearsal won't take too long and will be open book– but you might want to act quickly since only three people can get this fabulous opportunity! If more than three people are interested, ensemble roles are open; the three stars of our show will subsequently be chosen at rehearsal. Age range is around 13 – 103. Once you state you're interested, you will be given a basic run-down of the script. Let me know at annieweason@gmail.com and if you have any questions or comments.

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.

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! 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.



DON'T MISS OUR PROGRAM YEAR KICK-OFF AND FOUNDERS' DAY BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27!

On Sunday, December 27, we kick off the program year with the first day of Sunday School and look forward to the October 4th kickoff of Adult Forum. To celebrate the program year's start and Founder's Day, we invite everyone to join us for a breakfast of eggs, bacon, pancakes, coffee, juice and fruit from 9:15 to 10:20 a.m. in the Merrow Hall Auditorium on the third floor! Come talk to old friends, meet new friends, and get ready for the first day of Sunday School! Come any time 9:15 – 10:20 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 (CONTINUED)

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.

THANK YOU FOR DONATING SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

A huge thank you to all who donated school supplies for this year's backpack drive. We were able to fill 19 backpacks plus an additional 10 tote bags with supplies to help our neighbors start the school year prepared. Thank you also to the volunteers who sorted and packed all the donations and the Food Pantry volunteers who distributed them. It has been a joy to kick-off the school year with so much generosity!

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 6	<i>Blythe Su Davis</i>
Monday, September 7	<i>Colin Broome, Cathy Puskar</i>
Wednesday, September 9	<i>Michael Reed</i>
Thursday, September 10	<i>Luke Border, Ronald Wishart</i>



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, 9/6	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, 9/7	Church Campus Closed for Labor Day		
Tuesday, 9/8	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, 9/9	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, 9/10	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, 9/11	Food Pantry Bagging – 3 – 5 p.m.	1 st floor Lobby	jennifer.pease@gracealex.org
	Shrine Mont Weekend	Orkney Springs, Va	
	Food Pantry Distribution – 6 p.m.	1 st floor Lobby	jennifer.pease@gracealex.org
Saturday, 9/12	Altar Guild Set Up – 9 a.m.	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Shrine Mont Weekend	Orkney Springs, Va	

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, 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, Carole, Gretchen, Jack & Susan, Frank, Bob, Elaine & Bill, Miles.
- **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:** Clara Lise Faircloth, mother of George Winstead & mother-in-law of Reba Winstead; 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:** Sunday School teachers, Youth leaders and Adult Christian Formation leaders.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria; The Diocese of Bermuda – (Extra Provincial); The Diocese of Bethlehem-The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Bhopal – The Church of North India (United); The Diocese of Bida – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Biharamulo – The Anglican Church of Tanzania; The Diocese of Birmingham – The Church of England.

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