



Grace Episcopal Church

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 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.
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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.

SEVENTEENTH 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 522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Austria

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.**

GLORIA WLP 900

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, _____ and peace to his peo-ple on earth. _

12
_____ Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - ty God - and Fa - ther _____ we wor - ship you, _ we

23
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. _____ Lord Je - sus Christ, _____ on - ly Son of the

35
Fa - ther _____ Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: _____ have mer-cy on us; _

49
_____ you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: _____ re - ceive our prayer, _____ For you a - lone are the

62
Ho - ly One, _____ you a - lone are the Lord, _____ you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

73



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 16:2-15

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord.

For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.

When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 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 judgements of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant,
o children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold;
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going,
because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering
and a fire to give light in their night season.
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared,
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed,
so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42 For God remembered his holy word
and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness,
his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations,
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- 45 That they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30

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

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well~ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.'

When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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 for your prayers for William Holland Wilmer II, cousin of parishioners Richard and Wendy Wilmer, 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 and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 360

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

Silence may be kept.

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

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

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION



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

Christians All, Come Sing His Praises

John Carter

*Christians all, come sing His praises, He who saved and made you whole;
Let the sound of glad rejoicing echo from your grateful soul.*

*Praise the One who formed and freed you, Praise His most amazing grace;
Praise the One who'll love and lead you 'till you meet Him face to face.*

*All things good He gives His children, Life and health and joy and peace;
Strength to meet the trials before us, From our bondage sweet release.*

*Feel His presence! Feel his power! Rock and refuge He will be;
In your dark and troubled hour, He will give you victory.*

*If you love Him, come and serve Him, Lay your life before Him now;
Can you count how much you owe Him? All that heaven will allow!*

*Tell the world the wondrous story, How He loved us everyone;
How He'll take us home to glory, When our race on earth is run.*

OFFERTORY HYMN 482

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Slane

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:

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-169

Cantor or Choir
My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

1 All 2 *Cantor or Choir*
deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

All
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

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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 76

Jesus in the morning

Traditional Spiritual

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 657

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

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. Dr. Anne M. Turner

Preacher

The Rev. Jon Scarffe

Assisting & Children's Chapel

The Rev. Emma Brice

Lector

Colleen McArdelle

Intercessor

Bill Eckel

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Josh Harrington

Ushers

Mike Crane, John Boris, Bill Eckel

Livestream

Alison Campbell, Stephen Lovell

Altar Guild Crew Leaders

John Barker

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 20, 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

Lawrence Thompson in Memory of Catherine Thompson and by

Sherryl Dodd in Memory of the life well lived of Dr Robert W Powell, Jr.

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. *****

LLAMAPALOOZA & SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – TODAY, 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.

TAKE YOUR PHOTO FOR BREEZE

Our online parish directory, Breeze, allows for parishioners to upload photos of themselves. Haven't added yourself? After our 9:00 and 10:30 services, we'll have staff members available in the amphitheater (9:00) or auditorium (10:30) to help take your picture. You can always contact the church office for more information about accessing Breeze and adding a photo of your choice.

MORNING PRAYER RESUMES

The clergy resume their practice of beginning the day, Tuesday through Thursday, with Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. You are welcome to join them in the Malm Narthex for this short (15 minute) service of psalms, scripture readings, and prayers. Please enter through the glass doors by the parking lot.

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.



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Grace Church holds two ongoing bible studies:

- The Grace Church Wednesday Evening Bible Study meets weekly from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. on Zoom. Our approach to Scripture is along the lines of believing it is a Divine Revelation through which God speaks to us, not just a piece of human literature that merely reflects the faith journey of a community. We dig deep into the meaning, both intended in its day and its application to today. Our studies are whole book-at-a-time studies with a question-and-answer format that does have some homework (not a lot!) and involves group participation. Contact Stephen Lovell [lovellsjl@aol.com] for more information.
- The Saturday Grace Church Bible study meets the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10 am on Zoom (link below). We use the 'African' (or Lambeth) model of reflection. It's a spinoff of Ignatian study, where we begin with hearing the lesson and listening for a word or phrase. After another reading (different translations of the Bible are provided), we discuss how the passage resonates in our lives today. Third reading prompt is what challenge or invitation do we hear from God? Everyone is welcome to join us! Please email Chrissie Crosby (cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com), so she knows to let you into the Zoom meeting! Here's the Zoom link—it is the same every meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81872778826>

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 (CONTINUED)

MEN'S GROUP FELLOWSHIP

The Men's group fellowship occurs every other Tuesday (next gathering is 9/22) at locations in either Del Ray or Arlington at 7pm. Email Todd Egaas (todd.egaas@gracealex.com) and Michael Crane (michael.crane@gracealex.org) to get on the mailing list. We would love to have you.

FOUNDERS' DAY BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27!

On Sunday, September 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.

YOUTH NIGHT IS BACK!- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Calling all 6th-12th graders! After a long summer break, we will have our first youth night of the year on Sunday, September 27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Dinner will be Chipotle, and our activity will be games at church. Please RSVPs using the link or scanning the QR code. Make sure you've registered for the program year too!

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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Bring your dogs, cats, and other family pets for the annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. All pets will receive special prayers and blessings from our clergy in the Saint Francis Garden, which is located outside of the glass doors near the parking lot. If your pet does not do well with being around other animals, you can also bring a photo of the pet. Photos of pets who have died during the past year are also welcome.

HELPING ALIVE! ONE STEP AT A TIME

Sunday, October 18th is ALIVE!'s annual Step ALIVE! Walkathon that draws Alexandrians from across the city for a major fundraiser to help neighbors facing food insecurity and housing instability in our city. The event starts at George Washington Middle School on Mt. Vernon Ave and winds its way through the city. We would love to see many smiling faces from Grace at this event. You can sign up as individuals or sign up as a team. Registration can be found by scanning the QR code with your smart phone.



If you have any questions, please reach out to John Berry (kpbjab@yahoo.com) or Keith Davis (kjd6164@gmail.com)

PROTECT OUR NAVE

Please do not bring drinks (even in a sealed cup) or food into the nave during worship. Help us keep the space clean and preserve our reverent environment.

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 20	Susanne Howard
Tuesday, September 22	Donna Hall, Jennifer Long
Wednesday, September 23	Janet Baker
Thursday, September 25	Luke Braza
Saturday, September 26	Mallini Gumti



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, 9/20	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	
	Llamapalooza & SS Open House - 10 am	Outdoors	
	10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
	5:00 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist	Nave	
Monday, 9/21	No Activities Currently Scheduled		
Tuesday, 9/22	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	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
	Men's Group Fellowship - 7 p.m.	Offsite	todd.egaas@gracealex.com
Wednesday, 9/23	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	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, 9/24	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	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, 9/25	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, 9/26	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 a.m.	Narthex, Sacristy	

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, Eugene, Rick.
- **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:** William Holland Wilmer II, cousin of parishioners Richard and Wendy Wilmer; 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:** St. Luke's, Simeon, Charlottesville; the Falls Church, Falls Church.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Anglican Church of Australia; Diocese of Botswana, Church of the Province of Central Africa; Diocese of Brandon, Anglican Church of Canada; Diocese of Brechin, Scottish Episcopal Church; Diocese of Brisbane, Anglican Church of Australia; Diocese of Bristol, Church of England; Diocese of British Columbia, Anglican Church of Canada.

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