

Grace Notes

- *WWW* is taking a break from regular meetings for the summer, but we'll be gathering for a Summer Social on **June 17th!** Details will be shared by email—if you'd like to be added to the list, contact Beth Lollis at gracewomenwineandwisdom@gmail.com.
- **Fiber Friends and Fellowship** meets **every Tuesday at 10 a.m.** in the Parish Hall.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Grace Church BBQ will be **Oct. 11 2025**
- **Grace Life** is always looking for new members! If you are interested in serving on and with this committee please reach out to Kirri Kinley (843) 384-5213 or kirrikinley@gmail.com
- Interested in keeping up with what's going on with the **Grace Community Garden**? If you want to receive the weekly Garden Update emails, please email or text Danny Ehlert to be included on the distribution (danny.ehlert@gmail.com or (864) 276-2579).
- **Summer Wednesday Night Suppers** are being placed on hold until July. Check back for more information.
- **Summer Food For Kids** began **Friday May, 30th**. If you are interested in participating, meet at the church at 11:45 a.m. All are Welcome! For more information contact Deacon Mary Jeffers at jeffers6sc@att.net
- **Outreach** will meet today **Sunday, June 1st** after the 10:30 liturgy.
- **St. Catherine's Guild** will meet **Monday, June 2nd at noon** in the Parish Hall. This meeting is a Pot Luck Lunch. We look forward to seeing what you bring.
- **Sylvara Communion visit** is **Monday, June 9th at 11 a.m.**
- **Grace Guy's Gathering** is **Thursday, June 19th at 6 p.m.**
- Deacon Mary Jeffers will be providing a **Eucharistic Visitors training** On **Sunday, June 22nd** in the afternoon. Our Eucharistic Visitors are often accompanied by congregation members. If you are interested in exploring either of these roles, please contact Deacon Mary at jef-fers6sc@att.net.
- **ITS TIME!** The Saint Catherine's Guild Drive for the Veterans will begin today **Sunday, May 25th**, Memorial Day weekend, and will run through **Sunday, June 29th**. We will be partnering with Grace Guys Gathering. Look for the basket in the Cloister to leave your donations for the residents at Richard Campbell Veterans Nursing Home. They appreciate personal care items, such as diabetic and non-skid socks, deodorant, body wash, and body spray/cologne, and they enjoy diabetic and non-diabetic snacks. Little Debbie cakes are a favorite. They would also like Wild Bird Seed. You can also leave checks at the church office. Please make the check to Grace Episcopal Church (Memo: St. Catherine's Guild/Veterans Drive). Please give generously to these men and women who have served our country in our times of need and now need help from us. Thank you so much for your support!

- **The Grace Episcopal Ministry of Music:** The Grace choir has worked hard this semester and learned many new, and difficult anthems. We will take a much deserved vacation from regular Wednesday practice beginning after Pentecost Sunday. With Rodman, Adie, Brennan, Lucy, and Anna Rose we have 5 choir members under the age of 20.
- **Sounds of Carolina** will have a music camp at Grace **June 23rd – 27th from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**



Alternate Cover for the Ascension...

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ASCENSION

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1 June 2025
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Grace!

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The Word of God

The Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The Psalm

Psalm 47 (read responsively by half verse)
Omnes gentes, plaudite

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.

- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Holy Gospel

Deacon or Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Luke 24:44-53

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusa-

lem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Deacon or Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

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Those who serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Cyndi Dougherty

Second Counter: Louis LeBrun

Lector: Kathe Harris

Intercessor: Annette Guiseppi-Elie

Chalice: Kathe Harris

Church Opener: Jim Harris

Those with birthday's this week

Emily Swinford

Sam Baker

Craig Bostick

Ava Bostick

Henry Todd

Jack Taylor

Bob Maxwell

Dan Fleming