

Grace Notes

- **Flowers** are given in loving memory of our fathers, Veterans of World War II, by Jim and Kathe Harris.
- **WWW:** As we close out our year, WWW is reading *The Sin of Certainty* by Peter Enns throughout May. Join us for meaningful reflection and rich conversation on **Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m.**
- **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
- May is **Mental Health Month**. For more information and resources go to mental health.org.
- **Church Office** will be **closed Monday, May 26th** for Memorial Day.
- 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).
- **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.
- Outreach will meet **Sunday, June 1st** after the 10:30 liturgy.
- **Saturday Servants:** We are looking for volunteers to join us on the following dates in **May: 5/31**. Please arrive at the Parish Hall by **9:30 a.m.** You do not have to help us deliver the lunches, but if you would like to we are usually done by 1 p.m. Feel free to reach out to Tracey or George Lidlow with any questions. tjlidlow@gmail.com or (964) 914-9756.
- **Grace’s Pastoral Care Ministry** offers a range of services including hospital and home visitations, meals after funerals or meals for those who are sick or homebound. Our congregation is the eyes and ears of Pastoral Care. You are the ones who let us know when one of our members is ill, in the events you become aware of by calling the church office or contacting Lynne Prince, 2lynne@bellsouth.net (864) 934-5666.
- If you are interested in becoming involved with **Pastoral Care**, we are looking for volunteers to serve as Buddies for our Senior Friends (contact Cindy Baker cin-dybaker1216@att.net, (864) 419-3237, assist in delivering meals, and help keep the freezer stocked with meals (contact Lynne Price, 2lynne@bellsouth.net, (864) 934-5666.
- Deacon Mary Jeffers will be providing a **Eucharistic Visitors training** in June (date to be announced). Our Eucharistic Visitors are often accompanied by congregation members. If you are interested in exploring either of these roles, please contact Deacon Mary at jeffers6sc@att.net.
- **Summer Food For Kids** Begins **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 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!
- **Summer Wednesday Night Suppers** are being placed on hold until July. Check back for more information.
- **The Grace Episcopal Ministry of Music** gives many thanks to Tom and Connie Pearce and Nite Colman for providing food for the Chopin and chardonnay program. Our next program will be a church wide talent show with a piano, sax and drums jazz trio.



Sir John Lavery circa 1920

MIRACLES

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

25 May 2025
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Grace Episcopal Church
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Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
8 am - 2pm

Welcome to Grace!

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The Word of God

The Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love to-wards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to pro-claim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gath-ered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Psalm

Psalm 67 (read responsively by half verse)
Deus misereatur

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The Second Lesson

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Al-mighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practic-es abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing ac-cursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Holy Gospel

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

John 5:1-9

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made

well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

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The Peace
Announcements

Prayer for Heroic Service

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

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Those who serve
Vestry-in-Charge: Daivd Burden
Second Counter: Bill Scott
Lector: Carol Miller
Intercessor: Kathe Harris
Chalice: Kathe Harris
Church Opener: Drew Lavan

Those with birthday’s this week

Caroline Bates
Alexander Burgess
Glenn Roberts
Kathe Harris
Grace Hickman