

**Those with birthdays
this week**

Erin Colman
Nancy Maxwell
Kathy Bostater
Jodie Webb

**Baptismal
Newbirth Day**

16 April
01 January
01 October

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Beth Lollis	29 July	Leigh Martin	1 August
Doug Martin	29 July	Sara Owens	1 August
Anne Martin	29 July	Mendi Sandoz	1 August

Grace Notes

- **Fourth Sunday Loose Offering** goes towards Family Promise.
- **SAVE THE DATE:**
 - **Blessing of the Backpacks** will be **Sunday, August 3rd during the 10:30 service.** All are welcome to bring their backpacks.
 - **Blessing of the Scarves** will be **Sunday, August 17th.**
 - **Summer Suppers:** The Next Summer Supper will be **Wednesday, August 13th.** More details to come.
 - Grace Church BBQ will be **Oct. 11 2025**
 - Grace Fall Festival/Rally day will be **September 14th from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**
- **WWW** Our fall book results are in! We'll be reading *Everything Happens for a Reason (And Other Lies I've Loved)* by Kate Bowler, *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor, and *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans. Join us in September as we start with *Everything Happens for a Reason.*

- **Fr. Jack's summer class** on Paul's letter to the Romans concludes today **July 27th at 9:15 a.m.** in the Parish Library. Bring your bible and your own copy of *When in Romans* by Beverly Gaventa. Read chapter 4 of the book and chapters 13-16 of Romans.
- **The Last Confirmation Class** before Bishop Richards's visit on **Nov. 2nd begins on Sunday, Aug. 3rd at 9:15 a.m.** in the Parish Library. Also good for baptisms, weddings, new members, and studying the faith.
- **Assistance for Texas July 4th flood:** If you would like to give a donation follow visit <https://dwtx.fellowshiponego.com/external/form/f759d68a-f266-4968-806d-51941f70919e>
- **Did we mention the LAST Confirmation class???**
- **VBS is July 28- Aug. 1. From 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.** To register our child or volunteer scan the OR Code below. We are also in need of the following items capri suns, eaters and single serve bags of chips. All donations can be dropped off in the parish hall by **July 27th.** Thank you so much!

- **WWW Save the Date:** our next social will be Tuesday, August 19th at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to be added to the email list please contact Beth Lollis at gracewomenwine-andwisdom@gmail.com
- **Outreach** will meet **Sunday, August 3rd** right after the 10:30 Liturgy.
- **Vestry** will meet Monday, **August 4th at 6 p.m.**
- If you would like to **donate to Family Promise** scan the Grace QR Code.
- **THE GRACE CODE**



Scan to visit:

- New to Grace
- Outreach giving
- VBS signups
- Facebook page
- Family Promise

- **South Main Chapel and Mercy Center** has an urgent need for tuna, potted meats and other canned foods with pop-top lids for their snack packs that are given to people in need.
- **Book of Common Prayers for the Pews:** Grace needs additional copies of the Book of Common Prayer for the pews. If you would like to make a donation for a BCP, they cost 24.26. You can designate your donation with "Book of Common Prayer" in the memo line.
- **Summer Food For Kids** continues **every Friday in June and July and ends on Aug.1st.** 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 **School Supplies** are needed for the children in the neighborhoods that we serve. If you would like to donate items, please bring donations to the church by **July 29th.** The school supplies will be given out on **Friday, August 1.**



Henry Ossawa Tanner 1894

WHEN YOU PRAY

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

27 July 2025
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

Genesis 18:20-32

The LORD said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The Psalm

Psalm 138 (read responsively by half verse)
Confitebor tibi

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.

7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
**you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
**O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

The Second Lesson

Colossians 2:6-15

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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: Janet Rippy

Second Counter: Jodie Webb

Lector: Kathe Harris

Intercessor: Kathe Harris

Chalice: Kathe Harris

Church Opener: Drew Lavan