

The Holy Communion

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Those who serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Heiko Erlenkeuser
Second Counter: Debbie Hand
Lector: Kathe Harris
Intercessor: Annette Guiseppi-Elie
Chalice: Kathe Harris
Church Opener: Jim Harris
Flag Bearer: Jim Harris, John Taylor

**Those with birthdays
 this week**

Addie Ehlert
 Heather Morhardt
 John Gurrad
 Cary Hughes
 Fin Mosteller

**Baptismal
 Newbirth date**

12 August 1978
 15 May 1955
 10 September 1976
 31 March 2024

Grace Notes

- **Flowers** are given by Beth and Danny Ehlert in celebration of Adelynn Ehlert's Sixteenth Birthday.
- **Fiber Friends and Fellowship:** We will take a break from meeting for the summer. We will resume meeting on **Tuesday, Sept. 2nd at 11 a.m.**
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Grace Church BBQ will be **Oct. 11 2025**
- **GGG** will be meeting at the church **Friday, July 11th at 8 a.m.** to collect and deliver the items for the Richard Campbell Drive.

- **Fr. Jack's summer class** on Paul's letter to the Romans begins today **July 6th 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 1 of the book and the first 4 chapters 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.
- **Outreach** will meet today **Sunday, July 6th** right after 10:30 liturgy.
- **Vestry** will meet **Monday, July 7th at 6 p.m.**
- **Diocese Mission Trip** to Laurel Ridge, NC: **July 15-19.**

- **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 jef-fers6sc@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.**
- **WWW** is on summer break, but we're staying connected with monthly socials! Our next gathering will be **Tuesday, July 15.** Details will be shared by email. We're also planning ahead for our fall book selection—cast your vote using the QR code below or email Beth Lollis at gracewomenwineandwisdom@gmail.com to receive the link.
- **I.C. Hope –Don't Duck Mental Health Program** will have a training on **Tuesday July 8th from 1 - 2 p.m.** at the Anderson County Library. For more information see the flyer in the cloister. More information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/MHAAofAndersoncounty/>
- **Did we mention the LAST Confirmation class???**
- **Summer Suppers:** We will be having a Family Promise Fund-raiser on **Wednesday, July 16th at 6 p.m.** \$15 a plate. It will be Mexican themed with Mexican Lasagna, and A silent auction. If you plan to attend RAVP to Nikki by **Monday, July 14th.**
- **VBS** is **July 28- Aug. 1. From 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.** If you are interested in volunteering contact Sharon Dorsey at slgeorge864@gmail.com. Visit <https://forms.gle/t491VNcrVY9TpAxD8> to get your child register. We are also in need of items for VBS. We would appreciate capri suns, eaters and single serve bags of chips. All donations can be dropped off in the parish hall by **July 25th.** Thank you so much!
- **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.



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The Star Spangled Banner 1814

INDEPENDENCE DAY

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

6 July 2025
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Grace!

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The Word of God

The Collect

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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

2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

The Psalm

Psalm 30 (read responsively by half verse)
Exaltabo te, Domine

- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

The Second Lesson

Galatians 6:7-16

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a

new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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 10:1-11, 16-20

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

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

The Sermon

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Collect for Independence Day

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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The Peace

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