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YET EVEN THE DOGS

GRACE CHURCH

16 August 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - *The Lost Cord*

Sir Arthur Sullivan

The Procession

Hymn #544

Jesus shall reign

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 thron'g to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: Duke Street, John Hatton (d. 1793)

The Liturgy begins on page 355

The Word of God

A Song of Praise

Hymn #390

Praise to the Lord

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.

Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891–1971)

The Collect

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a

father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Psalm

Psalm 133 (*read responsively by half verse*)
Ecce, quam bonum!

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

The Second Lesson

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Gospel Hymn #660

O Master let me walk with thee

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the staves, with each line of music corresponding to a line of the hymn. The lyrics are: 1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly; 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,; 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,; 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden (1836–1918)

Music: Maryton, Henry Percy Smith (1825–1898)

The Holy Gospel

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Matthew 15: 10-28

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

Prayers of the People Form V- page 389

Confession of Sin and Absolution - page 360

The Peace

Announcements (*Please notify the rector beforehand*)

Offertory - *Dona Nobis Pacem*

Hymn

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1. We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2. May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive,
3. The cap - tive to re - lease, To God the lost to bring,
4. And we be - lieve Thy Word, Tho' dim our faith may be;

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first - fruits give.
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ - like thing.
What - e'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it un - to Thee.

Words: William W. How, 1823-1897 St. Andrew Music: Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896 6.6.8.6(S.M)

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A - page 361

Sanctus WLP 858

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.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus* Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Great Amen # S-146

A - men. A - men. A - men.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Amen Music: McNeil Robinson II (b. 1943)

Fraction Anthem # S-169

Cantor or Choir

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

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

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.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: My flesh is food indeed Music: Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

Communion Hymns #691

My faith looks up to thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808–1887)

Music: Oliver, Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

Hymn #554

'tis the gift

'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,
 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
 and when we find our - selves in the place just right,
 'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.
 When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to
 bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will
 be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

Words: Shaker song, 18th cent.

Music: *Simple Gifts*, Joseph Brackett (1797–1822); acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922)

Post Communion Prayer - page 366

The Blessing of the People

The Procession

Hymn #680
O God our help

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou-sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll-ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen-ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90

Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

The Sending Forth - page 366

Closing Voluntary - *New songs of celebration*

arr. Steve Grant

Grace Notes

- **Welcome Visitors:** Please take a moment to fill out the visitor card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
- **WWW** is asking for YOUR help in our efforts to collect diapers, wipes, and feminine hygiene products support the Anderson County Diaper Bank. Donations may be placed in the cloister. We are grateful to **Louise Knisley** for coordinating collection and delivery on our behalf.
- **FFF:** Meets every **Tuesday from 10 a.m. - noon.**
- **Vestry** will meet **Monday, August 17th at 6 p.m.**
- **Episcopal Christianity Class:** **Sundays August 16, and 23 at 9:15 a.m.** in Fr. Jack's study, for those who would like to be baptized on All Saints Sunday, or confirmed, or who want to study the faith and talk about interesting things.
- **WWW** will meet **Tuesday, August 18th from 6:30 - 8 p.m.** for their Summer Social.
- **Grace is in need of new Ushers.** If you would like to be apart of this team, contact Maxwell Jeffers at jef-fers6sc@att.net or (864) 653-8647.
- **Grief Support** will meet **Thursday, August 27th at 10 a.m.** in the Grace library.
- We will have **Morning Prayer Sunday, August 30th** for both liturgies.

• THE GRACE CODE



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Stewardship Report

As of 06/30/2026

YTD 2026 Revenue \$230,502
YTD 2026 Expenses \$238,502
YTD 2026 (Deficit) \$8,000

Expectant Parents

Joey & Asheton Benson

Lori & Hunter Foley

Weekly Gatherings

Fiber, Friends, and Fellowship: FFF meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. - Noon.

Bridge Card Group: Wednesday from 3-5 p.m. in the library.

Altar Flowers

Flowers are given in celebration of Carolyn Taylor's birthday by John Taylor

Those Who Serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Buddy Bilbrey

Second Counter: Jamie Ward

Lector: Jodie Webb

Lector: Hannah Erlenkeuser

Intercessor: Brett Dixon

Chalice 1: David Burden

Chalice 2: JoCarol Titmas

1st Crucifer: David Burden

Server/Gospel Bearer: Lacreacia Bilbrey

Ushers: Debbie Hand, Mike Digby

Linen Guild: Joanie Roberts

Altar Guild: Jodie Webb, Cindy Hopkins, Susan

Whatley, Carol Miller

Nursey: Rachel Fullerton, Jodi Shaw

Organist/Choirmaster: Steve Grant

Organist Emeritus: Bill Scott

Celebrant: The Rev. Jack Hardaway

SAVE THE DATE

Grace Annual BBQ is [October 10, 2026](#).

It's almost fall, yall! Save the date for the **Fall Festival** on
[October 18, after the 10:30 service.](#)

The annual **EYC Holiday Vendor Market** will be held [November 7, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.](#) If you are interested in having a space, please talk to Sharon Dorsey.

Those with birthdays this week

Amy Cox
Joanie Fleming
Mike Digby
Michael Lollis
Julian George

Baptismal Newbirth Day

12 September
01 January
10 February
22 December
01 February

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Brent Kinley
Lebrena Campbell
Sally Hancock
Amanda Knobel

17 August
18 August
18 August
21 August

Vestry Members

Kirri Kinley - 2024-2026
Mike Magaha - 2024-2026
Debbie Hand, Sr. Warden - 2024-2026
Henry Todd - 2025-2026
Jodie Webb, Jr. Warden - 2025-2027
Bill Scott - 2025-2027
Cyndi Dougherty - 2025-2027
Heiko Erlenkeuser - 2025-2027
Buddy Bilbrey - 2026-2028
Jamie Ward, Clerk - 2026-2028
JoCarol Titmas - 2026-2028
Tracey Lidlow - 2026-2028

Delegates to the Convention

Janet Rippy
Debbie Hand
Bill Scott
Jamie Ward
Jodie Webb 1st alternate
Carol Miller 2nd alternate
JoCarol Titmas 3rd alternate

Grace Church Endowment

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