

GRACE



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GRACE CHURCH

13 September 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - Toccata for Grand Organ

Gaston Belier

(A time of silence to prepare for worship. Before the service, speak to God, during the service, let God speak to you, after the service speak to each other. The voices of your children are always welcome.)

The Procession

Hymn #594 God of grace and God of glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
days, for the liv - ing of these days.
goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt.

Music: *Mannheim*, melody from Vierstimmiges Choralbuch 1847; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

The Liturgy begins on page 355

The Word of God

Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the High est And Peace to his peo ple on Earth

5 Lord God Heav-en-ly King Al mighty God And Fa - ther We wor ship You We

10 give you thanks we praise you for your Glo ry Lord Jes us Christ on ly

14 Son of the Fa ther Lord God Lamb of God You take a way the sin of the World

19 Have Mercy on - us You Are seat ed at the right Hand of the Fa ther

23 Re - ceive our prayer For You a lone are the Ho ly One You a lone are the

28 Lord You a lone are the Most High. Je sus Christ with the Holy Spirit in the

34 Glo - ry of God the Fa ther A - Men

S. Grant

The Collect

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

The Psalm

Psalm 114 (*read responsively by half verse*)

In exitu Israel

- 1 Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The Second Lesson

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has

welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

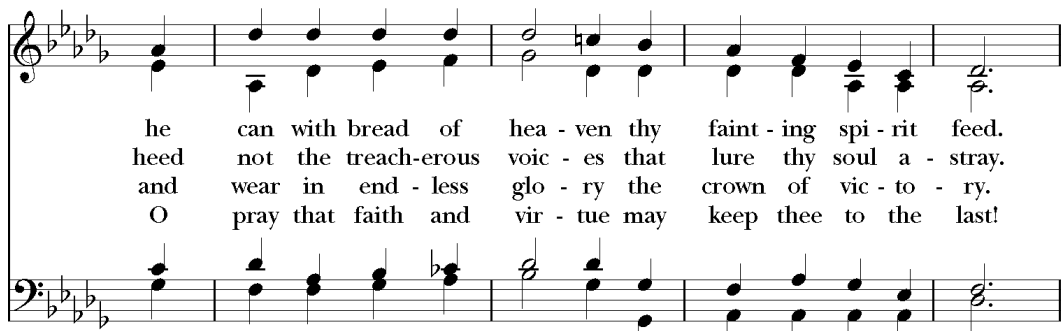
Gospel Hymn #563

Go forward, Christian soldier

Go for-ward, Chris-tian sol-dier, be-neath his ban-ner true:
Go for-ward, Chris-tian sol-dier, fear not the se-cret foe;
Go for-ward, Chris-tian sol-dier, nor dream of peace-ful rest,
Go for-ward, Chris-tian sol-dier, fear not the gath-ering night:

the Lord him-self, thy Lead-er, shall all thy foes sub-due.
far more o'er thee are watch-ing than hu-man eyes can know:
till Sa-tan's host is van-quished and heaven is all pos-sessed;
the Lord has been thy shel-ter; the Lord will be thy light.

His love fore-tells thy tri-als; he knows thine hour-ly need;
trust on-ly Christ, thy Cap-tain; cease not to watch and pray;
till Christ him-self shall call thee to lay thine ar-mor by,
When morn his face re-veal-eth thy dan-gers all are past:



Words: Laurence Tuttielt (1825–1895)

Music: Lancashire, Henry Thomas Smart (1814–1879)

The Holy Gospel

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

Prayers of the People Form II- page 385

Confession of Sin and Absolution - page 360

The Peace

Announcements (*Please notify the rector beforehand*)

Offertory - *O for a thousand tongues to sing*

The Rev. Mike Flanagan

Ovid Young

Hymn #380

From all that dwell

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
 2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
 *3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
 truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - every land, by ev - every tongue!
 shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?)

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A - page 361

Sanctus

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God of Po - wer and Might

Heav'n and Earth are full of your Glo ry Ho san-na in the High - est

Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Ho - sanna in the High - est!

S. Grant

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-161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Communion Hymns #602

Kneels at the feet of his friends

Chorus

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
 us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

Repeat Chorus

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
 love. All are neigh - bors to us and you.
 slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

Words: Ghanaian; tr. Thomas Stephenson Colvin (b. 1925), alt.

Music: *Chereponi [Jesu, Jesu]*, Ghanaian folk song, adapt. Thomas Stephenson Colvin (b. 1925)

Hymn #544

Jesus shall reign where O'er the sun

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 throng 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)

Post Communion Prayer - page 366

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitor

Celebrant: JoCarol, in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to Linda Hoffman, and Suzanne McMahan, that they may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Blessing of the People

The Procession

Hymn #405 *Each little flower that opens*

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Words: Catherine Cameron (b. 1927), alt.

Music: Holy Manna, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

The Sending Forth - page 366

Closing Voluntary - *Fugue in G minor*

J.S. Bach

Those Who Serve

Vestry-in-Charge: JoCarol Titmas

Second Counter: Bill Scott

Lector: Bill Scott

Lector: Kate Wilford

Intercessor: Kathy Bostater

Chalice 1: David Burden

Chalice 2: Joey Oppermann

1st Crucifer: Brett Dixon

Server/Gospel Bearer: David Burden

Ushers: Nathanael Burden, Christopher Wilford

Linen Guild: Joanie Roberts

Altar Guild: Janet Rippy, Kathy Bostater,
Susan Whatley

Nurse: Rachel Fullerton

Organist/Choirmaster: Steve Grant

Organist Emeritus: Bill Scott

Celebrant: The Rev. Mike Flanagan

Eucharist Visitor: JoCarol Titmas

Stewardship Report

As of 07/31/2026

YTD 2026 Revenue \$258,572

YTD 2026 Expenses \$276,931

YTD 2026 (Deficit) \$18,359

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.

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.
- **Grace is in need of new Ushers.** If you would like to be apart of this team, contact Maxwell Jeffers at jeffers6sc@att.net or (864) 653-8647.
- Get your **Grace gear!** See a member of EYC outside the sanctuary after the service or talk to Sharon Dorsey (864) 978-6265 to place an order. Shirts are 100% cotton and feature the Grace Church logo. Each shirt cost \$25, and funds will support EYC. Orders can be place from **August 23 until September 13.** Shirts are expected to be ready for pickup by early October.
- Greetings Grace Church! **It's time to sign up for the ANNUAL BBQ.** There are opportunities to serve for all interests, and sign-up sheets are available in the cloister. Please contact Danny Ehlert (864) 276-2579 or Brian and Christine Shanahan (585) 953-6565 for more information or questions. Sponsorship opportunities are also available, and we encourage you to reach out to local businesses to help raise awareness and money for Family Promise in Anderson.
- **Saints and Sinners dinner groups** resumes early October. Spring members are auto enrolled. There is a sign-up sheet or you can contact Tanya Pusey at 864-359-9878 or email tigerpride49@gmail.com
- **WWW** returns **Tuesday, 9/8.** We'll kick off a new year together in the parlor with *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. We meet every **Tuesday, from 6:30 - 8 p.m.**
- **St. Catherine's Guild** will meet **Monday, 9-14 at noon** in the parish hall. Bring a sandwich to enjoy, and drinks and dessert will be provided. All are welcome to join.
- **Pastoral Care** will be **celebrating** long time member Linda Hoffman on her 90th Birthday on **Sunday, 9/20** during coffee hour. Everyone is invited to join.
- **Grace Life** will have a **pot luck dinner** on **Wednesday 9/23.** More information to come.
- The **Outreach Committee** will be collecting hoodies during the month of October. Children's sizes will be donated to the children at Homeland Park Elementary School and adult hoodies will be donated to South Main Chapel and Hope Missions. Bins will be set up in the gathering area at the back on the church beginning in October.
- "Hi Grace Church! Dust off the old recipe cards and pull out "mama's famous casserole" instructions... Grace is updating its cookbook and we need YOUR HELP! We are working on coming up with a seamless way to gather all the recipes in one place. As we work on the submission process, please prepare your recipes you'd like to share! Additionally, if you have any interest in helping put the cookbook together. Please reach out to either Bill Scott (scottwn2003@yahoo.com) or Kirri Kinley (kirrikinley@gmail.com). We look forward to your recipe submissions!!"

Expectant Parents

Joey & Asheton Benson

• THE GRACE CODE

Scan or tap to visit:

- New to Grace
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Those with birthdays this week

Dena Cullen
David Burden
Fay Theriot
Dylan Bilbrey
Norm Avinger
Nancy Devine
Cari Baker
Royce Brown
Linda Hoffman
Julien LeBrun
Nathanael Burden
Jim Boyer
Brett Dixon
Joey Oppermann

Baptismal Newbirth Day

13 September
7 December

10 November
1 January
3 December

04 November
10 April

06 June

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Dena Cullen	13 September
Patty Cleveland	14 September
Beth Ehlert	15 September
Jack Heeney	15 September
Tracey Lidlow	15 September
Ben Dixon	17 September
Pat Bradham	19 September

Weekly Gatherings

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

Women, Wine, & Wisdom meet every Tuesday from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Ladies Prayer group: Meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the parish library.

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

Children's Choir meets at 5:15 p.m. & Adult choir meets at 6:15 p.m. every Wednesday.

EYC meets Sunday evenings at 5:15 p.m.

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.