

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024



Remember to silence all cell phones.

Prelude *Ricercar in c minor*

Johann Pachelbel

Opening Hymn #436

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Opening Acclamation

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Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Gloria

Hymnal S-280

The Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Reading

A reading from the Book of Amos (7:7-15).

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.’”

And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’” The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

A responsive reading from the Psalms (85:8-13).

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *

**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

⁹Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *

that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together; *

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹Truth shall spring up from the earth, *

and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *

and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go before him, *

and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Epistle

A reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians (1:3-14).

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pre-Gospel Hymn # 686 (v. 1-2)

Come, thou fount of every blessing

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (6:14-29).

Glory to you Lord Christ.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus’ name had become known. Some were saying, “John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.” But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful

for you to have your brother’s wife.” And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.” And he solemnly swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.” She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.” Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Post-Gospel Hymn # 686 (v. 3)

Come, thou fount of every blessing

The Homily

The Very Rev. Miles Smith

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

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The Confession & Absolution

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The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn #601

O day of God, draw nigh

Presentation Hymn #380 (vs. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

The Lord’s Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

On receiving Communion: All are welcome to the Lord’s table. Those not baptized but desiring to participate may cross their arms upon their chest and receive a blessing from the priest. Any baptized Christian may receive Communion in one of three ways: (1) In “one-kind”, i.e. receiving the bread or the wine alone, declining either by crossing your arms upon your chest. (2) In “both kinds”, i.e. eating the bread and then drinking from the chalice, or (3) holding your bread and then intincting (carefully dipping) the bread into the wine before eating. To receive wheat bread extend both hands together. To receive gluten-free bread please extend one hand only. If you have severe celiac disease it is best to consult with the priest before the service. Remember to approach the chalice on the same side that you are seated so you may more easily return to your pen. If you need the Sacrament brought to your pew then please notify an usher.

Communion Hymns #321

My God, thy table is now spread

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn #345

Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise

Greetings & Announcements

Dismissal

Postlude Trumpet Tune

Flor Peeters

Please carry your bulletin home or place it in the recycling basket as you exit. Thank you.

Welcome to our guests!

We are happy you are visiting Grace Church. Please sign a guest card and leave it in the offering. Introduce yourself to our Clergy, after the service and join us for *Lemonade Fellowship* outside the Parish Hall (or inside dependent on weather) following worship services this summer. Thank you!

Serving this Morning

Officiant – The Very Reverend Miles Smith

Organist – Joel VanderZee

Reader – Connie Laudenschlager

Chaliciist – Dan Dick

Ushers – Merle Young & Mark Zanin

Nursery Staff – Michelle Mentor

Vestry on Duty – Robin Taylor & Tom Estes

Altar Guild – Lizzie McCowen, Julie Estes, Linda Crummette, & Connie Pepper

Lemonade Fellowship – Coffee Hour Team #4

****NO SUNDAY SCHOOL****

Prayer List

Ellen Reed, Doug Wachenfeld, Lauren Wachenfeld, (Margaret Wachenfeld), Neil Horner (Chris Horner), Caryn Stefanchik (Beth Davis), Phil Ianna, Dottie Pratt, George Gaige, my brother-in-law, John Hart (Julie Russell), Jane Remington, Reverend Carol Sims, Pooh Johnson, Patty DuPuis, Wanda Martin, Kelly Martin (Wanda Martin's daughter in law), Anne Slator Coyner, Cathy Corlis (Jill Kavanagh), Steve Manos (Jill Kavanagh), Juanita Taylor (Betsy Baten), Bill McCowen, John Fischer (Margaret Wachenfeld's brother), Nikki Henry (Barbara Crawford), Alison Walden, Hugh Gildea, Rohn Laudenschlager, Shirley Gibson (Dot Proffitt's sister), Thomas Kenneth (Kenny) Taylor III (Betsy Baten), Anne Spencer (Karen Whitcomb), Pam Elwell (Kathy Trossi's cousin), Bryan Manning, Judy Forney (LeAnne Brubaker's mother), Wade Mitchell (Wess Mitchell's brother), Sally Faucett Cobb & her son Joe Cobb (Millie Faucett's sister-in-law and nephew), Kimberly Grosso (Beverly Henderson's niece), Beth Baptist, and, the town of Manilla, Iowa (Lynn & Jeb Baker).

After the listed names, you will see the parishioner's name in parenthesis that placed the person on our prayer list. You can address the parishioner as to the wellbeing of their family member or friend. The list is revised monthly. Send changes to Kathy Trossi at ParishAdministrator@gracekeswick.org

Altar Flowers

*In Thanksgiving for the Wedding Anniversary of Corkey & Mary Aston Shackelford
(Frank & Mary Leslie Tise)*

Please sign up for Sunday service flowers given in memory of or thanksgiving for a loved one or event. You can sign up on the sheet posted in the narthex, call the church office or email ParishAdministrator@gracekeswick.org. Make checks payable to Grace Church, with *Altar Flowers* in the memo line (\$75.00 per Sunday). Please feel free to share the dedication and cost of flowers that are for the same Sunday.

Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week

7/14 – Erik & Katherine Peterson (2018)

7/17 – Mike & Linda Berry (1989)

7/18 – John Harrison

7/19 – Carol Pattie

This Week in the Parish

Sunday, July 14, 2024

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (All Saints)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 (Grace)

11:00 a.m. Lemonade Fellowship (Parish Hall)

11:00 a.m. Salon Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

Monday, July 15, 2024

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

4:00 p.m. Salvation Army Dinner

5:00 p.m. Farm Tour Meeting (Conference Room)

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

5:30 p.m. Parish Potluck Supper

Thursday, July 18, 2024

9:30 a.m. Women's Study Group (Conference Room)

Sunday, July 21, 2024 – Litany of Healing

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 (Grace)

11:00 a.m. Lemonade Fellowship (Parish Hall)

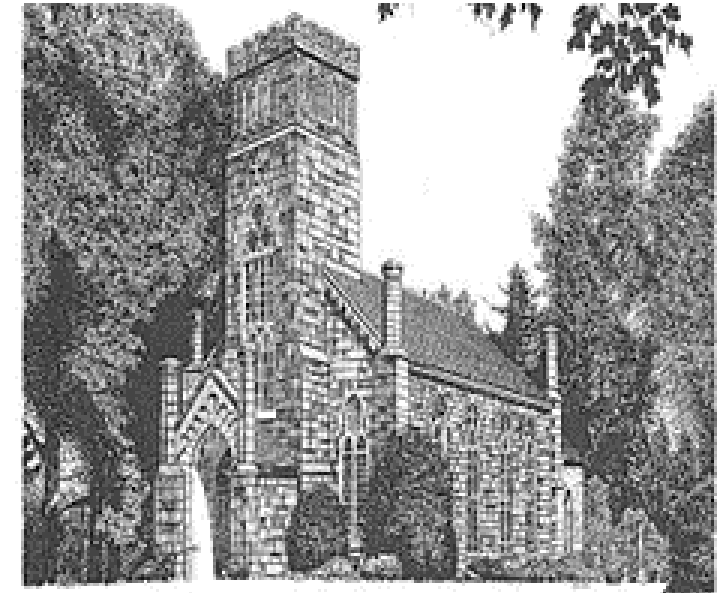
11:00 a.m. Inquirer's Conversation with Fr. Miles (Conference Room)

Announcements

GRACE RE-CREATION SPACES UPDATE - Thanks to Suzanne Nash for presenting an overview of these Vestry-approved Re-Creation Space Projects on Sunday, May 19th, following Coffee Hour – including a new playground (phase one), development of walking trails (phase two), and a meditation labyrinth with so much more (phase three) for the enjoyment of our parish and the community. Two thirds of the money for the playground has been raised. The Ark is anticipated to be delivered in July and the swing set before the end of the year. Ralph Dammann has been donating in-kind landscaping work preparing the pad for the Ark. Bev Nash is continuing to lay landscaping cloth and wood chips on the lower trail. Additional wood chips and volunteers are welcome: bevnash3@gmail.com or ralph.dammann@gmail.com. If you missed Suzanne's May 19th presentation and would like more information, click [HERE](#).

SUMMER POTLUCK – Please join us in the Parish Hall for a Summer Potluck on Wednesday, July 17th with fellowship beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Chicken will be provided, and we ask you to bring a salad, side, dessert, or beverage to share. A sign-up sheet for your dish-to-share is on the table in the Parish Hall. RSVP by July 13th: parishadministrator@gracekeswick.org or call the office during business hours (434-293-3549).

SAVE THE DATE! Church Picnic and Play and Fall Kick-Off is scheduled on Lonesome Mountain, August 25th following worship at Grace. For more details see newsletter, email parishadministrator@gracekeswick.org or call the office during business hours (434-293-3549).



We open wide the doors of this church to all who desire sincerely to worship the Eternal God whom Jesus revealed as our Heavenly Father. Through our worship we endeavor to know Jesus Christ and make Him known through our lives. We offer our church for the cure of souls who doubt and for the persuasion of those who have found faith difficult; for the encouragement of the discouraged; for the consecration of the strong, for the inspiration of all who face life daringly, and for the ever-deepening assurance of the life Eternal.

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