

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024

Grace: 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, without music (p. 323/340)
(1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays)
All Saints Chapel: 9:00 a.m. (2nd/4th Sundays)
Grace: 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2



Remember to silence all cell phones.

Prelude *Sonata II: Fugue in C Major*

Felix Mendelssohn

Opening Hymn #423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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 the Prophet Isaiah (35:4-7)

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

The Psalm

A responsive reading from the Psalms (146).

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

²Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *

for there is no help in them.

³When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *

and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁴Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *

who keeps his promise for ever;

⁶Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *

and food to those who hunger.

⁷The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

⁸The LORD loves the righteous;

the LORD cares for the stranger; *

he sustains the orphan and widow,

but frustrates the way of the wicked.

⁹The LORD shall reign for ever, *

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

Hallelujah!

The Epistle

A reading from Letter of James (2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17).

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Pre-Gospel Hymn #371 (v. 1-2)

Thou, whose almighty Word

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (7:24-37).

Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.” The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Post-Gospel Hymn #371 (v. 3-4)

Thou, whose almighty Word

The Homily

The Very Rev. Miles Smith

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People Form IV

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The Confession & Absolution

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The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn #566

From thee all skill & science flow

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, kneeling or standing. 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. If you need the Sacrament brought to your pew then please notify an usher.

Communion Hymns #603
Post Communion Prayer
The Blessing
Closing Hymn #493
Greetings & Announcements
Dismissal
Postlude *Allegro maestoso e vivace*

When Christ was lifted from the earth
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O for a thousand tongues to sing

Felix Mendelssohn

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 plate. Introduce yourself to our Clergy, after the service and join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the 11 am worship service. Thank you!

Serving this Morning

Officiant – The Very Reverend Miles Smith

Supply Organist – Florence Jowers

Reader – Bill Remington

Chalicer – Connie Laudenschlager

Ushers – Merle Young & Ralph Dammann

Sunday School – Alexandra Gibson-Gertner

Nursery Staff – Michelle Mentor

Vestry on Duty – Mike Scalise & Barbara Crawford

Altar Guild – Rachel Harrison, Dot Proffitt, & Kathleen Stock

Coffee Hour – Team #5

Altar Flowers

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.

Prayer List

Edward Wachenfeld, Doug Wachenfeld, Lauren Wachenfeld, (Margaret Wachenfeld), Neil Horner (Chris Horner), Caryn Stefanchik (Beth Davis), Phil Ianna, Dottie Pratt, George Gage, 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), 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), Penny Cady Heyel (Deede Cady's sister-in-law), Lowry Mann (Reg Woods), the Rev. Shelby Owen (Miles Smith), and Lindsay Beebe (Sara Lee Barnes).

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week

- 9/8 – Richard Thorsey & Renee Quesenberry-Fernandez (2018)
- 9/10 – Barclay Rives
- 9/11 – Kathie Woods
- 9/12 – Dan & Lynn Dick (1970)
- 9/14 – Ann Bearden

This Week in the Parish

Sunday, September 8, 2024

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 (Grace)
- Noon Coffee Hour

Monday, September 9, 2024

- 9:30 a.m. Keswick Quilters & Crafters (Conference Room)
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

- 9:00 a.m. Keswick Garden Club (Parish Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

- Noon Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Grace Salon: An Evening with Luthiers (Parish Hall)

Thursday, September 12, 2024

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Study Group (Conference Room)
- 11:00 a.m. Music Search Committee (Conference Room)
- 4:00 p.m. Renewal 2025 Task Force Meeting (Conference Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 14, 2024

- 9:00 a.m. Reserved – All Saints Chapel Use

Sunday, September 15, 2024

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Grace)
- 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 (Grace)
- Noon Coffee Hour



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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