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FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER
MAY 11– MAY 17, 2025

Acts 9:36-43; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30; Psalm 23
<https://www.lectionarypage.net/>

Sunday: **Happy Mother's Day** 
 8:00 am **HOLY EUCHARIST**
 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 am **HOLY EUCHARIST- livestreamed**
 10:30 am Children's Sunday School

Tuesday: Anniversaries: Ed & Eileen Jacome
 12:00 pm BAM
 12:00 pm 8:00 am Choir practice

Wednesday: Birthdays: Vivian Holloman
 Anniversaries: Alan & Carol Titkemeier
 6:00 pm **PRAYER/PRAISE/EUCHARIST - livestreamed**

Thursday: Birthdays: Nancy Balducci, Becky Riley

Saturday: Birthdays:
 8:00 am **WALK for WATER- Buschman Park**
 10:15 am **ECW QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING**

Collect for Sunday: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Flowers and the Ambry Candle on Sunday are given to the glory of God in honor of Mother's Day



CAN YOU HELP? - THIS SAT, MAY 10 at 3:30 pm

We have rented a truck to pick up food from the Post Office after their annual Food Drive and bring the food to Grace.

We need your help unloading the food from the truck to our HUM Pantry. THANK YOU!



BABY BOTTLE FUND DRIVE STARTS THIS SUNDAY, MAY 11

The Outreach Committee will once again distribute Baby Bottles on Mother's Day. You are asked to fill the bottles with coins, cash or check and return the bottles on Father's Day, June 16.

Your bottle of coins will help educate and counsel young mothers and fathers and will save the lives of innocent babies. Checks should be made out to Resources for Women. This is tax deductible, and if you fill out the tag on the bottle, you will receive a statement from Resources For Women.

“Let the little children come unto me, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” Matthew 19:24.

[Resources for Women | Pregnancy Center in Daytona Beach, FL \(resourcesforwomendaytona.com\)](http://resourcesforwomendaytona.com)



SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY DISCOUNT CODE

Every day, women and girls worldwide spend 250 million hours collecting water. So why not celebrate Mother's Day by equipping moms and kids around the world with the gift of clean water?

Use promo code **EMPOWERMOMS** for \$10 off any Global 6K registration through Monday, May 12, at 11:59pm PT.

Register now at World Vision Global 6K for Water

We will be starting the walk, run and roll, at 8:00am at Buschman Park, 4575 Spruce Creek Rd, Port Orange as part of team Amazing Grace or walk with us virtually, whenever and wherever you can (some folks are doing it at home on their treadmill).

The Outreach Committee is gratefully accepting cash or check donations of any amount.

Make checks payable to Grace Church with Walk for Water in memo line. Thank you!



The banner features three images: two people on the left, the 'GLOBAL 6K FOR WATER' logo in the center, and a young boy on the right. Text on the banner includes 'World Vision', 'Saturday, May 17, 2025', and 'Grace Church is joining people all over the world in a 6K WALK for WATER to help provide life-saving clean water to communities in need.'

Grace Church is joining people all over the world in a 6K WALK for WATER to help provide life-saving clean water to communities in need.

WHEN: Outreach Committee is once again asking you to join your fellow parishioners and people across the globe for the world's largest 6K for water on Sat. May 17.

WHERE: Walk with us as a group in Buschman Park, Port Orange as part of team "Amazing Grace" or walk with us virtually, whenever and wherever you can (some folks are doing it at home on their treadmill).

WHY: More than 800 children under the age of 5 die every day from diarrhea caused by contaminated water, poor sanitation, and improper hygiene. The average distance many women and children in the developing world walk for water is 6K (3.7mi). Your \$50 online registration fee provides clean water to one person in need.

HOW: Register and join team "Amazing Grace" here: global6k.worldvision.org

Register between March 16 and April 6 and use discount code 'CLEANWATER' for \$15 off each registration.

You may also make a donation online to team "Amazing Grace" without registering or make a donation to Grace Church with Walk for Water in the memo line.

THANK YOU FOR REACHING OUT INTO THE WORLD AS CHRIST'S ARMS OF LOVE



ECW GENERAL MEETING – MAY 17 at 10:15 am

All women are cordially invited to the next ECW General Meeting in Goddard Hall on Saturday, May 17.

Join us as we take time for fellowship and plan for our summer activities.

ECW Mission Statement: To respond to Jesus Christ, to witness, work and pray for the spread of God's kingdom; submitting to and being guided by the Holy Spirit and providing for the needs of Grace Church and its people.

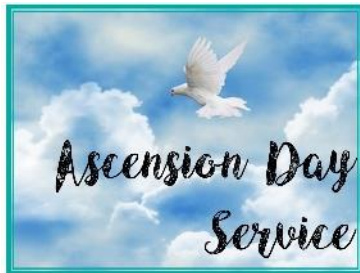
To the women joining us after the Walk for Water – we will have air-conditioning and cool drinks!

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR CHAPEL SERVICES:

THE LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER/PRAISE SERVICE IS MAY 21.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES RESUME AUG. 6.

12 NOON EUCHARISTIC SERVICES
IN THE CHAPEL
DURING JUNE AND JULY.



ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

THURSDAY, MAY 29 at 6:00 pm in the Church

Stay tuned for more information.

Ascension Day is celebrated on the 40th day of the Easter season, which always falls on Thursday. It is considered one of the principal feasts of the church year. The day is often observed with special prayers, readings, and hymns that reflect the significance of Christ's ascension and his promise to remain with the Church until the end of time.



NEXT LUNCH BUNCH- THURSDAY, MAY 29 at 12:30 pm

We will meet at **Leanhs Chinese Restaurant**, 1780 S Nova Rd, South Daytona.

Please sign up in the narthex by May 25 so we have enough seats for everyone. Their menu is here: [Leanhs Chinese Restaurant](#).

Lunch Bunch meets on the LAST THURSDAY of each month at different local restaurants. All are most welcome!

**Take me out
TO THE
Ball Game**

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

**DAYTONA TORTUGAS BASEBALL GAME AND
PICNIC BUFFET**


- Picnic Buffet starts at 4:00 pm
- Game starts at 5:00 pm
- Cost: Adults \$29.00 Child: \$24.00
- Menu: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Pulled Pork, Pulled Chicken, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Chips, Choc. Chip Cookies. Pepsi Products and water station.

The Men's Bible Study is sponsoring this fun Fellowship Event.

They will sell tickets after each service on May 11, May 18, and May 25. Tickets and wristbands will be given out Sunday June 1 after services.

Checks can be made payable to Alan Titkemeier. Any questions, please call Alan: 386-846-7707.

**HOST YOUR GROUP OUTING AT
JACKIE ROBINSON BALLPARK**



Enjoy an all-you-can-eat 90-minute buffet while mingling with friends, family, and co-workers at the historical Jackie Robinson Ballpark plus you get to enjoy a Tortugas game afterwards!

PICNIC AREAS

- Turtle's Nest 20-200 people
- Budweiser Bullpen 20-200 (min. of 50 on Thursdays-Saturdays)
- Party Pavilion 150+ people
- Press Box Patio * 20-30 people *separate menu required

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CALL 386-257-3172



ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY LEADERS

Please mark your calendars for an important meeting to finalize our revised Strategic Plan.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT as we revise the Objectives and Strategies for your Ministry Group in our Strategic Plan.

Your meeting will be on a Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 am between services for your Ministry Group as listed below:

May 18	Fellowship Ministries	June 15	Christian Education Ministries
June 1	Stewardship Ministries	June 22	Worship Ministries
June 8	Congregational Care Ministries	June 29	Communication Ministries

The specific description of each Ministry Grouping along with the current Objectives and Strategies will be emailed to each leader two to three weeks prior to your scheduled meeting. Thank you for your help with this important project.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL –
JUNE 2 - JUNE 6**

Rev. Stephanie held an information meeting last Saturday for the 18 volunteers who have signed up to help.

There are still opportunities for you to join us in this awesome volunteer opportunity.

Also, pick up some flyers in the narthex and tell your friends and neighbors with children.

To volunteer or register a child, go to: <https://vbspro.events/p/gracepo>

Call or text Rev. Stephanie at 575-704-7297 or email at dswhitman@yahoo.com with any questions.

Vacation Bible School
June 2 - 6, 2025
9am to 12 noon
Grace Episcopal Church
Kids are invited on an Alaskan adventure, as they discover they can trust Jesus in a wild world!
New friends - Amazing experiments
Creative games - Super-fun snacks
Surprising adventures - Incredible music
Register Now!
vbspro.events/p/gracepo
Free
Ages: completed K - 5th grade
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Altar Flowers

FLOWER GUILD LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Flower arrangement training is offered throughout the year to new members who are interested in being part of this important ministry. Altar Flowers serve as a visual offering to God, reflecting gratitude and reverence. The Flower Guild ensures the beautification of the sanctuary and honors the seasons of the church by enhancing the worship with flowers. Please call Daneen Read at 386 426-3025 for more information. Thank you.



CAN YOU HELP! We have an opportunity to use your **TIME, TALENT, TREASURE** as God's Arms of Love to your Grace Church Family.

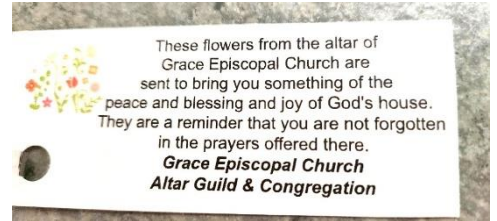
We need an Individual or couple to drop off small bouquets of altar flowers to parishioner's homes.

TIME: Two deliveries on a few Sunday afternoons.

TALENT: Driver's license and a smiling face!

TREASURE: Cost of gas for your car.

MINISTRY: FLOWER DELIVERY - We at Grace love all of our parishioners and know that we are all part of the body of Christ. We especially seek to care for them even when they cannot come to church or are celebrating special events in their lives.



After each 10:30 service, the Flower Guild divides the altar flowers into small bouquets for delivery. **CONTACT:** Daneen Read at 386 426-3025 for more information. Thank you!

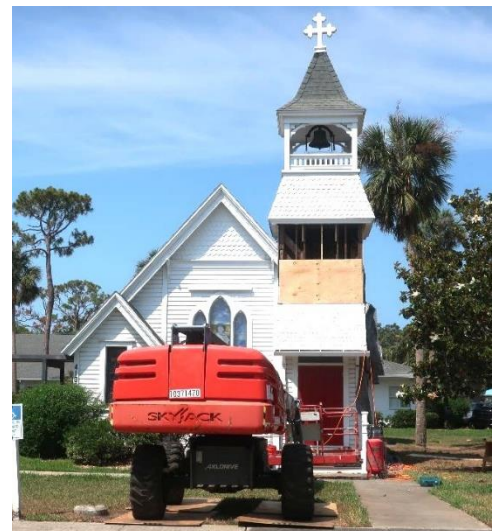


CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED ON OUR CHAPEL RESTORATION

We are excited that construction work has started on the restoration and preservation of our beautiful historic chapel.

A comprehensive historic architectural survey of the

chapel in 2023 confirmed that many of the existing materials have seriously deteriorated due to age and weather exposure. The Bell Tower needs the most extensive repair and restoration. Thanks to a matching grant of \$89,996 from the State of Florida, Division of Historical Resources, we are now able to start this work.



For 132 years, Grace's parishioners have diligently saved for chapel repairs. We are blessed that we can continue preserving our historic chapel with the help of this grant.



CAREPORTAL MINISTRY UPDATE:

Your Grace CarePortal team has responded to a non-relative caregiver. She is a mom with two older sons of her own who willingly took in the 15-year-old boy because she couldn't bear seeing him enter foster care.

Grace joined with First Church to fill her request. She asked for a dresser. Our team had recently received the gift of a sturdy wooden dresser that fit the bill. She needed a chair so he could sit at a desk to do homework. A friend in our neighborhood was giving away a sturdy wooden chair... that very same day! (God's perfect timing?)

She asked for groceries. Our HUM pantry provided good food for hungry teen boys. She joyfully accepted the crocheted cross from Prayer Shawl Ministry and said she will take it to work with her-driving a school bus!

We are so blessed to be able to provide aid to families in need. Thank you for supporting CarePortal and Praise God! Mary Finger, CarePortal Ministry Leader

CarePortal's mission is to help vulnerable children and families in the foster care system. CarePortal creates connections that can change lives, transform communities and reverse the foster care crisis in our nation. Because every child matters.

<https://www.onefamilyfl.com/careportal>



The Diocese of Central Florida Cursillo Community Invites **YOU** to attend the **Coed Cursillo weekend #136.**

Hope Anchors the Soul (Hebrews 6:19)

June 20th-June 22nd

San Pedro Conference Center located at 95 Bishop Grady Lane, Winter Park

The Cursillo weekend is intended to enrich and deepen your faith by bringing together Episcopalians to share the richness of many modes of worship and gain new insights on your faith and a direction for fostering ministry to live out your Baptismal Covenant, serving Christ. Lay people conduct the weekend with clergy functioning as spiritual advisors (see Central Florida Episcopal Cursillo website). The weekend starts on Friday evening and runs through Sunday, filled with talks, meditations, Holy Eucharist, fellowship, music, great food & much more.

The Coed Weekend is open to couples and single men or women. Cost is \$250 per person.

More information on Cursillo and forms for candidates, sponsors and team may be found on the website: <https://cflepiscopalcursillo.com/> or contact Jamie Roberts or Rev. Jonnette DeMarsico.






Vision

Grace Church is a welcoming community of hope and healing, where all can experience and share God's transforming love.

Mission

We are the Church of Open Arms.

Guiding Principles

-  Through worship, we experience the presence of God through Word, Sacrament, Music, and Community.
-  Through outreach, we serve others by providing for their physical, spiritual, and social needs.
-  Through congregational care, we express our love for one another.

NOTE NEW NEEDS FOR MAY

HUM PANTRY CURRENT NEEDS:

This month HUM can use PASTA SAUCE & CHEF BOYARDEE

GRACE CHURCH PET FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Dry or Wet Cat & Dog Food Dog/Cat Treats

Gallon Ziploc Slider Style Bags

For monetary donations, make checks out to "Grace Episcopal Church" with "Pet Food Pantry" on the memo line.



The CHAPEL is OPEN BEFORE 10:30 am SUNDAY SERVICES

for those seeking quiet, peaceful solitude for prayer before the 10:30 am Sunday services, the Chapel is open for your use.



ECW EMAIL -All Grace women are automatically members of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW), our very active service and fellowship ministry. We maintain a separate e-mailing list to send out requests and news for specific ECW events. If you would like to be included in the ECW e-mail list, please send your name and email address to ecwgrace@gmail.com.



QR CODE FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING -Many parishioners are finding it more convenient to donate to Grace electronically. This QR code will connect you to Donor Box which accepts Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo and credit and debit cards. It is also printed on your 2024 Pledge Card. Note: this QR code is on your bulletin each Sun.

A Mother's Day Prayer

Happy Mather's Day
In the name of **JESUS CHRIST**,
we lift up all **MOTHERS** today.



We thank them for their sacrifices so that we can have a life of contentment. Grant them favour, Lord and may they have a wonderful place in existence in Your heart of **GRACE**.

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Sunday, May 11

Matthew 7:15-29 *"Thus you will know them by their fruits."* (v.20 RSV)

What does Jesus mean by human fruits? Does he mean concertos and cathedrals and good deeds, things produced by doing? Or is fruit produced simply by being who we are?

Fruit is a vehicle for seeds which in turn produce fruit. In the Parable of the Sower, the seed is the word of God. God spoke and created the heavens and the earth. The fruit of God's seed is creation. "In the beginning was the Word..." The fruit of God's Word is Jesus.

There is a sense in which our words are also seeds which germinate in the soil of the hearer where they bear fruit. Words of affirmation nourish, bringing glory to the Creator. Seeds of judgment perpetuate judgment. Compassion heals. Condemnation cripples. Truth generates light; lies, darkness. Jesus said, "I tell you, on the day of judgment men will render account for every careless word they utter; for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matthew 12:36-37).

What kind of tree are you? Is the fruit of your seed nourishing, healing—light illuminating the Father? Or do your words poison, cripple, and blind? The choice is yours.

Joshua 4:19-24, 5:1-9; Psalms 63, 98; 1 Peter 5:1-11

Monday, May 12

Luke 6:1-11 *And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm..."* (v.9)

The pastor had a throat spasm which he tried to suppress. In my purse were cough drops. In my arms my precious grandson. Around me the bastion of church people seemingly frozen in their pews. I sat riveted by indecision. If I disrupted the service, I would be seen as odd, a show-off. He coughed again. During the psalm we moved down the central aisle, under the watchful eye of the establishment, and I handed him the cough drop box. By avoiding eye contact, I washed involvement from my hands. Perhaps a time warp covered our movement.

"And Jesus said to them, 'I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm...'"
"But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus."

I sometimes wonder if Jesus changed anything in us. How often do we fail to show love simply because of what others might think? "If God is for us, who is against us?" (Romans 8:31). It is God who is to be feared, not people. It is Love that demands our worship, not decorum.

Joshua 10:16-27; Psalms 41, 52; Colossians 1:1-14

Tuesday, May 13

Luke 6:12-26 *"Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh."* (v.21b)

The Beatitudes are a font of divine paradox. Is Jesus saying that life's apparent inequities will be addressed and corrected in heaven? Or is he saying that laughter is a consequence of tears, tears a prerequisite for laughter? Jesus tells us to weep, that we may laugh.

And do we encourage each other's tears? Little boys are told that boys don't cry. Girls are not stigmatized for their tears, but neither are their tears encouraged. Rather, parents do

everything in their power to stop the tears, to hide their own tears, to deny sadness. And so, we grow apart from our emotions, uncomfortable with them, alienated from self, a house divided.

When a dear friend died, I mourned her passing; I grieved. I visited her remains, sat with “her,” prayed by her, finding consolation in her remembered presence and the beauty and solitude of the cemetery. One day as I sat with her, I felt an altogether new sensation in my gut, a sensation of fullness, as from a satisfying meal, but with no discomfort. The sensation was that of pure joy. Where had it come from? It was the consequence of my tears. “Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh.” Joshua 10:29-43; Psalm 45; Colossians 1:15-23

Wednesday, May 14

Luke 6:27-38 *“From anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you....”* (v.29)

But, Lord, what will be left for me! If I do that, I will soon become poor!

Well, God gives, and is He poor? Does He not give and give, holding nothing back for Himself? Yet “all that is in the heavens and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all” (1 Chronicles 29:11).

“Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God” (Luke 6:20). Consolation prize or consequence? Laughter contingent upon tears? Wealth a consequence of poverty?

Hannah had nothing, but she gave what she did not have to the Lord. “O Lord of hosts, if thou...wilt give to thy maidservant a son, then I will give him to the Lord... And the Lord remembered her; and in due time, Hannah conceived and bore a son...,” then “three sons and two daughters” (1 Samuel 1:11, 19-20; 2:21). She stepped out in faith and was richly blessed.

“Thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing” (Malachi 3:10).

The Bible is a timeless classic because God’s word is good.

Joshua 11:1-23; Psalm 119:49-72; Colossians 1:24—2:7

Thursday, May 15

Luke 6:39-49 *“A disciple is not above his teacher, but every one when he is fully taught will be like his teacher.”* (v.40) For nearly two thousand years, the church has been following Jesus, studying Holy Scripture, trying to bring God’s kingdom to earth. How successful has it been? Why are there not more Christians? Why does war still rage on the planet?

Jesus says, “Every one when he is fully taught will be like his teacher.” But, what was our teacher Jesus like? He had neither home, nor spouse, nor grandchildren. What privacy he had he stole by rising before anyone else. He had no job, no security, no status, being servant of all, and before middle age, he was painfully executed as a criminal. Who would choose to be like that?

What about us? How often are we guilty of snacking on the Bread of Life, but looking elsewhere for palatable nourishment? We prize comfort instead of poverty, self-justification in place of meekness, “right-ness” above mercy, law over love, independence and not trust, numbness rather than pain and tears, the approval of others above truth. And the kingdom eludes us. The peace which passes understanding is just not there.

The way of the teacher is inconvenient, even sacrificial, but truly learning from him looks to mercy, love, trust—and fulfilling God’s purposes in the world. What could be more significant than that?

Joshua 13:1-13; Psalm 50; Colossians 2:8-23

Friday, May 16

Colossians 3:1-11 *Do not lie to one another...* (v.9)

I do not lie. In fact, I pride myself on the fact. I grew up on Pinocchio and fear exposure—a telltale nose, or some such embarrassment. But do I tell the truth? Is it the same thing?

I recently wrote an estranged friend about the destructive force of her judgments. I received a prompt and unexpected reply in which she asked my forgiveness for the hurt she had caused me. The response to a letter of difficult truth was healing!

As I thought back to the initial rupture, the cause had been an incident in which I had been less than truthful. From fear of the consequences of the exact truth, I had told but a portion, and that half-truth had cost me my friendship.

While I pride myself on not lying (from fear), I am afraid also of the truth. Truth can confront. Truth can hurt feelings. Truth can alienate. And so, from fear of isolation, I often keep the truth quiet. And intimacy eludes.

For it is truth, however painful, however embarrassing, that generates healing, real people and intimacy. True friends are not lost by truth, but saved.

Joshua 13:14-32; Psalm 40, 54; Luke 7:1-17

Saturday, May 17

Luke 7:18-35 *And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?'"* (v.20)

During the past week we have looked at some of the hard sayings of Jesus, and we have seen that we do "look for another," an easier way. Is Jesus the Messiah, the one who was to come, or should we look for another?

Jesus does not answer John's disciples outright, but gives them the evidence which was to identify the Christ: "The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them."

With the resurrection, God put His final stamp of authenticity on Jesus. However, as Jesus predicted, "If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead" (Luke 16:31).

"And a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him'" (Matthew 17:5). God has done all that He can to show His love for us. Now it is up to us to "listen to him."

Joshua 14:1-15; Psalm 55; Colossians 3:12-17

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