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**JUNE 8– JUNE 14, 2025**

Acts 2:1-21; 11:1-9 Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17, (25-27); Psalm 104:25-35, 37  
<https://www.lectionarypage.net/>

**Sunday:**

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

**Monday:** Birthdays: Tom Sharretts

**Tuesday:** Birthdays: David Roberts  
12:00 pm BAM  
12:00 pm 8:00 am Choir practice

**Wednesday:**  
12:00 pm **Noontime HOLY EUCHARIST**

**Thursday:** Birthdays: Scott Ryder

**Saturday:** Birthdays: Dot Clement, Edith Hryndak  
10:00 am **Fr. Gary: HISTORICAL CURRENTS in ANGLICANISM**

**Collect for Sunday:**

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God from Kimberly Krivich in celebration of Juliette's Baptism.

The Ambry Candle this Sunday is given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for all VBS volunteers.

## **REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Saturday, June 7 – Men's Bible Study at 9:00 am.**

**Saturday, June 7 – 11:00 am – fellowship BINGO – sponsored by ECW.**

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### **THIS SUNDAY is PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Pentecost Sunday holds a special significance in the Episcopal Church, marking the end of the Easter season and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples.

On the day of Pentecost in the church year, fifty days after Easter and ten days after the Ascension, the clergy wear **RED** vestments to signify the work of the Holy Spirit.

It is also a custom in many churches, and here at Grace for the people in the congregation to wear **RED** on the Day of Pentecost as well.

We wear **RED** to remind us of the fire of the Holy Spirit.

[Why Wear Red for Pentecost? – The Episcopal Church of the Advocate \(theadvocatechurch.org\)](http://theadvocatechurch.org)

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### **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:

**June 8      Congregational Care Ministries**

**June 15     Christian Education Ministries**

**June 22**

**June 29**

**Worship Ministries**

**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.

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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11  
NOONTIME HOLY EUCHARIST STARTS**

Take a break from the heat and join us in our beautiful historic chapel for a Eucharistic Service every Wednesday at noon from June 11 to July 30.

Worship in this historic space is often a unique and profound experience. The walls seem to whisper stories of faith, resilience, and devotion as we become part of an unbroken chain of worshipers spanning 132 years. These accumulated prayers seem to linger, creating an atmosphere ripe for personal encounters with God.

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**JUNE 14 – SAT. 10:00 am  
HISTORICAL CURRENTS in ANGLICANISM**

Father Gary will teach about three historical movements (Puritanism, Methodism, and Anglo-catholicism) which have shaped who we are today as Episcopalians.

Everyone is invited to this special presentation by Fr. Gary, given as part of the ECW Summer Saturday Series.

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**RETURN BABY BOTTLES on FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 15**

The Outreach Committee has once again placed Baby Bottles in the narthex 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 donation 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 [Resources for Women | Pregnancy Center in Daytona Beach, FL](#)



## SUMMER SCHOOL AT GRACE – Between Sunday Services STARTING JUNE 15TH!

Bring your bulletin and your Bible between services on Sundays for Summer School, where clergy will provide commentary, background and application centered on Sunday's lectionary readings!

Be enriched after hearing the sermon or be prepared for hearing the sermon! **ALL AGES WELCOME!**



## ARE YOU NEW TO GRACE IN THE LAST YEAR?

Please join Fr. Gary and Vestry members as we welcome you to the Grace Church family.

**Sunday, June 22** between services in Goddard Hall.

## PALANCA MAILBOX NOW IN NARTHEX

Palanca, the Spanish word for a lever or pry bar, is a physical expression of prayer intended to lever, pry, or move the recipient to embrace the love of God and love from community during the upcoming Cursillo weekend starting June 20.



Above all, it is prayer. PLEASE write a note explaining how YOU are praying with one another and for one another and Cursillo team members **Cyndi Hoekstra, Hal Read, Sharon Harlow, Rev. Jonnette, and candidate Barry**

**Pitek.**



### **CURSILLO WEEKEND JUNE 20 - 22 NEEDS SNACKS!**

ALL donations of snack food items must be purchased (sorry, no homemade goodies) and must be packaged in individual servings: cookies, crackers, chips, trail mix, hard candy, & sugar free candy.

Donations are announced during the weekend, and we want the candidates to know of your generosity, so please note your name and parish on your snack food items.

***Palanca letters, posters, and snack foods may be dropped off at Grace Church, Rev Jonnette's office, no later than 1:00 pm on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.***

Monetary gifts not already sent online or mailed to us may also be delivered then. Thank you!

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### **NEXT LUNCH BUNCH- THURSDAY, JUNE 26 at 12:30 pm**

We will meet at **D.B. PICKLES**, located at 400 South Nova Rd, Ormond Beach.

Please sign up in the narthex by June 22 so we have enough seats for everyone. Their menu is here: [D.B.Pickles](#)

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

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### **SUNDAY, JUNE 29 – SPECIAL GRACEWAY CAFÉ!**

Chef Bob Normington and his wife Joan are once again preparing their homemade **STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE** in memory of their son Chad's birthday.

Join us between services in Goddard Hall.

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### VBS in **PROGRESS** this **WEEK**

We thank our VBS volunteers who have been busy engaging youngsters in an Alaskan themed adventure this week.

Who is that Roman Centurion in the Bible study reenactment?

The fun activities are designed to point kids to Jesus, as a faithful friend they can always trust.



### **THANK YOU!**

Outreach Ministry Leader, Carol Titkemeier reports the grand total of all Grace Church donations to our Walk for Water on May 17. Grace raised a total of **\$4,160** to help bring clean water to children in need.

### **Team AMAZING GRACE**

**ranked 94 out of 504 worldwide teams!** Amazing Grace did it again!

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty. [World Vision Global 6K for Water](#)



## ECW GENERAL MEETING PLANS SUMMER and FALL ACTIVITIES

ECW Board members presided over their quarterly general meeting on May 31 (from left: Terry Cheremsak, Treas, Suellen Stenhouse, VP, Sally Harter, Past Pres, Suzanne Marcotullio, Pres and Cathy Petersen, Comms Chair, not pictured, Janice

Glor, Sec.) .

They discussed a schedule of summer Saturday morning events on the first and third Saturdays of each month through October. They also started planning for an International Dinner on September 27 and a Christmas Market on December 6. Stay tuned for more information on all these activities.



### WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS to GRACEWAY CAFÉ!



If you are going to Graceway Café after the 8 am service, please keep your name tag on!

If you are going to Graceway Café before the 10:30 service, please pick up your name tag on the way!

We are delighted to welcome many new members to our fellowship coffee hour between services. One of our newer members suggested that we all wear our name tags at Graceway as an easy way to get to know each other better, particularly those who attend different services!

So, if you have been coming to Grace forever, or if you recently joined, let's all be able to greet each other by name!



**PLEASE  
SHUT AND LOCK  
DOOR BEHIND YOU**

### AN IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT CHURCH SECURITY

Please make sure the door is shut and locked behind you if you are leaving any of the church buildings on weekdays and Saturdays.

Locked doors prevent unauthorized access, theft, and vandalism. Please do your part to keep Grace safe. Thank you!



#### 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.

***Please note the new Pantry needs for June.***

#### HUM PANTRY CURRENT NEEDS:

**PORK & BEANS**

#### 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](mailto: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.

**Sunday, June 8**

1 Corinthians 2:1-13 *Who knows a person's depths except their own spirit that lives in them? In the same way, no one has known the depths of God except God's Spirit. We haven't received the world's spirit but God's Spirit so that we can know the things given to us by God.* (vv.11-12 CEB)

Today, the Day of Pentecost, commemorates when God gave His Holy Spirit to ordinary people—not only to kings and prophets as in ancient Israel—but also emboldening Jesus' followers to spread the gospel, endure persecution and hardship, be discerning in prayer, and rejoice in all circumstances.

The Lord still gives His Spirit to all who believe in Christ. In the Anglican tradition, we believe that those being baptized—even if they are only infants—receive the Holy Spirit. I liken this to a pilot light that must be maintained, then gets turned up to a higher flame as faith increases.

As a new believer, I received the Holy Spirit at a charismatic church. Through that gift I became an intercessor; was called to a ministry of healing and deliverance; and eventually discerned God inviting me to serve Him as a priest. Thankfully, the Holy Spirit is our GPS—God's Purposes Shown. We just have to follow His directions!

Isaiah 11:1-9; Psalm 118; John 14:21-29

**Monday, June 9**

Luke 18:31-34 *Jesus stopped and called for the man to be brought to him. When he was present Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, I want to see."* (vv.40-41)

Since Jesus is God in person, he certainly knew what the blind man wanted—and needed. So why did he ask him? I think it's because our Lord knows that part of effective healing is a positive will. Many of us know people whose health improved—sometimes after a terrible diagnosis—because they wanted to heal. And we know others who could feel better but are too dependent on the sympathy and help they receive because of their ailment.

Even if we are well, "Lord, I want to see," is a wonderful request. I love the old Sunday School prayer we taught our kids: "Good Morning, Lord, this is Your day. I am Your child, show me Your way." Amen!

Deuteronomy 30:1-10; Psalms 56, 57, 58; 2 Corinthians 10:1-18

**Tuesday, June 10**

Deuteronomy 30:11-20 *"This commandment that I'm giving you right now is definitely not too difficult for you. It isn't unreachable. Look here! Today I've set before you life and what's good versus death and what's wrong."* (vv.11, 15)

This text is part of many chapters in which God lays out His covenant with the nation of Israel. If they observe it faithfully, all will go well for them. But when you read forward in the Old Testament, you find out they did not follow God's laws and were eventually sent into exile to teach them a lesson. Yet the Lord tells us His commandments aren't difficult or out of reach, and they all come down to life vs. death/good vs. evil. It doesn't get any clearer than that.

Oh, but enter free will—along with money that leads to greed, politics that leads to division, animosity, and violence—and quickly we lose sight of God’s simple equation: Life or death? Good or evil? An old Buddhist adage says, “If it’s not true, kind, or necessary, don’t say it.” I would add, “or think, or do it.” Works for Christians, too.

Psalms 61, 62; 2 Corinthians 11:1-21a; Luke 19:1-10

### **Wednesday, June 11**

Psalm 72 *The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts. For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper.* (vv.10, 12 BCP)

I love that this psalm is used at Epiphany because of its prophetic vision of the kings (wise men, Maji) bringing gifts to the Baby Jesus. However, their generous visit was not simply because Jesus was a cute child and his less-than-wealthy parents needed financial help. They came to honor the Messiah, the Savior of the World, who would indeed bring God’s *shalom*—peace and justice—to the poor and the oppressed.

Frankly, I am disturbed by wealthy, self-centered “Christians” who lack compassion for the needy. Our goal as followers of Christ is to become more like him in every way, and we know from Jesus’ life that he had a huge heart for “the least of these brothers and sisters of mine” (Matthew 25:40b). Maybe all of us need to re-evaluate our priorities in light of those held by the ancient visitors to Bethlehem.

Deuteronomy 31:30—32:14, 2 Corinthians 11:21b-33, Luke 19:11-27

### **Thursday, June 12**

Luke 19:28-40 *Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!” He answered, “I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout.”* (vv.39-40 CEB)

I can identify with this passage. Although I was raised a church-going Christian—who also attended Sunday School, Wednesday evening prayer services, Vacation Bible School, church camp, and revivals—I didn’t come to truly know Jesus Christ in a life-transforming way until I was 33. At that time, I attended a well-known, radically free-thinking, intellectual church. When, with great excitement over my conversion, I went to tell one of the pastors, she tried to hush me up: “Don’t say that kind of thing here. We have many refugees from fundamentalism who are hurting!” I reminded her that if we try to deny Christ, “the very rocks would cry out” (RSV). I was asked to leave that church.

Understandably upset, I wandered into the Episcopal cathedral nearby, where I found the worship and reverence toward God I was seeking. Two years later I was confirmed in that same sanctuary, and ultimately became an Episcopal priest. I was glad my hard-headed “rock” cried out!

2 Chronicles 6:18-31; Psalms 70, 71; 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

**Friday, June 13**

Luke 19:41-48 *As Jesus came to the city and observed it, he wept over it. He said, "If only you knew on this of all days the things that lead to peace. But now they are hidden from your eyes. The time will come when your enemies will... attack you from all sides. They will crush you completely, you and the people within you. They won't leave one stone on top of another within you, because you didn't recognize the time of your gracious visit from God."* (vv.41-44)

As I'm writing this, the war between Israel and Hamas—along with ancillary conflicts with Lebanon's Hezbollah and Iranian proxies—has been raging for 9 months and is destroying lives, property, and the natural environment on every side. How Jesus (Yeshua)—Israel's Messiah and ours—must weep over Jerusalem and its environs now! Why did October 7, 2023 have to happen, setting the entire Middle East on fire? I cry to Adonai (God) daily in prayer, asking for peace and justice, or else, "Return and fix all the suffering!" The people did not recognize their "gracious visit from God" that first Palm Sunday. They will, when he returns. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

2 Chronicles 26:1-22; Psalm 69; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21

**Saturday, June 14**

Psalms 76 *In Judah is God known; his Name is great in Israel. At Salem is his tabernacle, and his dwelling is in Zion. There he broke the flashing arrows, the shield, the sword, and the weapons of battle.* (vv.1-3 BCP)

Yesterday, I mentioned the dreadful conflagration engulfing the Holy Land. When we are tempted to despair about all the suffering and injustice in the world, we can find comfort in the Scriptures, especially the Book of Psalms. In today's Psalm 76, we read about God ending wars—and we trust that somehow He will do this for those whom He loves.

Part of what has brought me closer to Jesus and to Israel at this time is listening to praise music by Messianic Jews. These are Jews that have come to believe Yeshua (Jesus) is indeed Israel's Messiah and they keep his laws and Jewish customs—without needing to become cultural Christians. I now wear a Star of David pendant with a cross at the center, to remind me daily of the Jewish faith of Jesus, Mary, Joseph, all the disciples and most of the Early Church—as well as believers in Israel. Since tomorrow is Sunday, "Shabbat Shalom!" (Peaceful Sabbath). *Hallelujah!*

2 Chronicles 31:2-10, 20-21; Psalm 75; 2 Corinthians 13:1-14; Luke 20:1-8

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