

Grace Episcopal Church

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 22, 2024 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the tolling of the tower bell, the congregation is asked to stand.

PRELUDE: Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

OPENING HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

J. S. Bach

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 234

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING: PROVERBS 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

*Reader*Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*People***Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the LORD, * and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; *

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE EPISTLE: JAMES 3: 13-4:3, 7-8A

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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GOSPEL HYMN: Blessed Jesus at Thy Word

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Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 9: 30-37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

THE NICENE CREED (standing)

Rev. John Rice

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE- THE WAY OF LOVE

Let us pray.

Creator God, by the mercies of your son, our Lord, Jesus, compel us to TURN our hearts to his Way of Love. That we might follow Jesus together as your faithful people, we pause, listen, and respond in prayer, saying: Jesus, guide us in your way.

Jesus, your life, death, resurrection, and ascension inspire the church to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship. Guide your people to LEARN your Word, that we might see God's story unfolding in our midst. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

Son of God, you responded to your Father in PRAYER and pleaded that we might all be one. Guide the leaders and faithful citizens of this nation to respond to God and to one another in compassion — in thought and deed, with or without words — that the people of the United States might live in unity and peace. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

Light of the World, you taught us to WORSHIP in spirit and in truth. Lead us to join with others to acknowledge the holiness of God, that the whole world might be united in the truth of your love. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

Lord, you came not to be served but to serve. Empower us to BLESS one another and our neighbors in Asheville that your spirit of generosity, compassion, and selfless action transform us and the people in our midst. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

Savior, you came into our midst that we might know life. Embolden us to GO among those who are weary, burdened, sick, or imprisoned, especially Elise and Jim; Nancy; Eva; Katherine; Ann and family; Rusty; Nancy; Cheri; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN); Jackie; Peter; and, Ed, that we might live like you, crossing the boundaries that divide rich from poor, sick from well, and sinner from saint. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

Lamb of God, in your death you destroyed death and taught us the way to eternal life. Compel us to daily die to self and REST in your grace. May all who have died, especially the families of Don Lewis and Pete Parker; and for those on the anniversary of their death: Grace Campbell; John Dickinson; Richard Brokenshire; Michael Conway; Norval Miller; Annie Lee Joiner; Frances Morton; Frances Payne; Frances Roper; Elizabeth Ruddock....rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

The Celebrant offers this concluding collect:

Lord Jesus Christ, who gave your life for the life of all, we commit our lives to following you. Continually guide us in your way and draw us into life as your Beloved Community in this age and in age to come; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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THE PEACE

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Soli Deo Gloria

Michael Praetorius

Doxology:

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer 2 From Enriching Our Service

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is a good and right and joyful thing to give you thanks and praise always and everywhere. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing.

SANCTUS:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

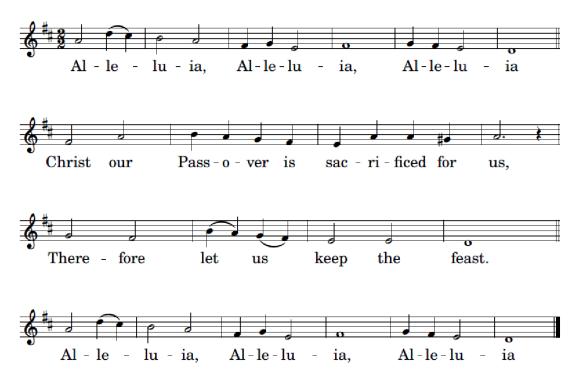
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who seek God or a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. To receive the bread, extend your hands towards the priest. Gluten free wafers are available. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice with both hands. To receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, simply cross your arms across your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN: *When Jesus Left His Father's Throne* 480

Post Communion Prayer	BCP 365
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THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: *Postlude*



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Jennifer Witt in memory of her brother, Kenneth Vance Matthews.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Rusty Herman in loving memory of Ann Atkins Herman.

William Mathias

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The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Lorie Tola in memory of her brother, John Michael Tola.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Cheryl and Joe Aull in thanksgiving for their many blessings.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Lesley Heiser in thanksgiving for her anniversary.

During the service, healing prayer is offered at the station in front of the altar. A nursery is provided during the service for younger children.



Many thanks to Father Rice for the beautiful dahlias and sunflowers he shared with the congregation last week!

LAY MINISTERS

<u>Acolyte</u>: Cole Woodcox <u>Chalicist</u>: Steve Birkhofer <u>Lectors</u>: John Woodson, Elaine Potter <u>Intercessor</u>: Hannah Buckner <u>Ushers</u>: Katherine and Todd Kaderabek <u>Greeters</u>: Diane Wilkey, Lorie Tola <u>Vestry Member of the Day</u>: Tahani Sticpewich ELECTRONIC GIVING MADE EASY: Grace Church

receives electronic giving via our website at <u>graceavl.com</u>. There is a "Give to Grace" button on the top blue banner of our home page. Additional ways



to give to our *"virtual collection plate"* and various fundraising efforts are through the Simple Church app and the Venmo app @GraceEpiscopal-Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR

Welcome back to our wonderful choir! Do you like to sing? Would you be interested in joining the choir? We meet on Wednesday night from 6:30-8 and again on Sunday morning at 9. For more information, please contact Jim Cassarino at <u>jamescassarino@gmail.com</u>. We'd love to have you!

ABCCM FALL FOOD DRIVE

This is our last week for the Fall Food Drive. Won't you help out your fellow citizens in need? Please look at this list, then fill your sacks and containers with these food items, and bring them all to Grace's lobby between now and September 29.

Especially needed right now are canned foods, especially meats, fish, chicken, beans, soups, vegetables, and seasonal fruits. Also needed are: cooking oil, hot and cold cereals, jellies and juices, pasta and sauce, self-rising flour and sugar, and boxes of saltine crackers.



Crop Walk 2024 t-shirts are available in the church foyer! There's still time to join the Grace team. We'll be walking Sunday, September 29, starting at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 10 North Liberty Street. Participating is easy and fun.

-- Sign-up on the list in the foyer, where you'll also find more information about the walk.

-- Ask friends and family to sponsor you with a donation. Walkers who turn in \$20 or more will receive a free Crop Walk t-shirt! **T-shirts can be picked up in the foyer. Wear them when you walk!**

-- And on walk day, pick up a delicious white chocolate scone courtesy of Chris Shaw – strength for journey!

25% of all donations support local food banks. The remainder helps teach farmers and others how to improve food production, drill wells, etc. worldwide. For more information, email Al Seale at <u>afseale1164@gmail.com</u>.



Pig Pickin' 2024:

Now's the Time to Place Your Order for Pig Pickin' Barbecue The Men of the Church's annual Pig Pickin' feast will be here before you know it. You have several ways of ordering your food and fixins' just the way you like it. You can: Order a pound of BBQ if that's all you want for \$12.

If you'd like more, you can get BBQ in 2 lbs. to 5 lbs. portions for \$24 to \$60. To Go Plates are available as well and include tasty BBQ along with a choice of sides: (cornbread wedges, beans and slaw).

And if you're hankering for tasty brisket, you're in luck. It's new on the menu for just \$21.

Your BBQ order and additional side items will be available for pick up from 5:30 pm to 7:30ish pm on Saturday, October 5 in the parking lot at Grace. You can pay with cash or check at pickup. Please email your orders soon to your designated MOC member, according to your alphabetized last name:

A - H: Ron Sims. <u>ronjeannesims@charter.net</u>

I - Q: Doug McClellan. dougkmcclellan@gmail.com

R - Z: David Withers. withersd@bellsouth.net



PUMPKIN PATCH

It's almost THAT time of year again!! The PUMPKINS are COMING next Sunday September 29th !!

Many thanks again to the Grace Episcopal community for hosting the Pumpkin Patch with all proceeds going to Consider Haiti, a local, grass-roots non-profit. As most of you know, the Patch is our single biggest fund-raiser of the year and all proceeds go to our programs in Haiti – medical clinics, community health agents, clean water, and sustainable nutrition (think goats!)

How can you help?

The pumpkins will arrive on Sunday September 29th at 1:00!! Volunteer to help unload them. Bring a friend or family member, a wheelbarrow or a wagon and plan to work in teams of two. We will provide bottled water but no food. Please bring your own snacks if needed.

Sign up to tend the Pumpkin Patch for one or more shifts during the month of October. On-line signup is here: <u>https://signup.com/go/pWmRWnG</u>

Again – thank you for your continued support!! We know we are making a difference in the lives of children and families in Montrouis, Fond Baptist, and Ivoire, Haiti despite the on-going difficult situation with gang warfare, political instability, and crushing inflation. Please Consider Haiti and consider volunteering a small amount of your time.

ECW News

Join the ECW for their Fall PotLuck on Saturday, September 28th from noon until 2. Bring a dish to share and learn all the details about our upcoming Rummage Sale in November. Questions? Contact Cheryl Aull at <u>ckaull@charter.net</u>. All women of the church are welcome. We hope you will join us!

THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM AT GRACE

Reach out to us with any pastoral care needs you, or your family, may have, by emailing the team at <u>Pastoralcare@graceavl.com</u>. You can also email, text or call Rev. John Rice at 828-371-7281, Sunday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., unless it's a pastoral emergency.

HAVE YOU ACCESSED OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY? An online directory is available to our members. *If you want to know how to become a member of Grace*, *please contact Rev. Milly Morrow at milly@graceavl.com*.

For further information about ongoing programs at Grace, please visit our website at <u>graceavl.com</u>.

Date and Time	Service or Meeting	Location
Sunday 9/22 9am	Children's Sunday School	Atrium
Sunday 10:30am	Holy Eucharist Service *	Sanctuary
Mondays, 10:30 am	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom **
Monday 1pm	Chair Aerobics	Parish Hall
Mondays 3:30-4:30	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Atrium
Tuesdays 6pm	Taize	Sanctuary
Wednesday, 9:30 am	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Library
Wednesdays 1pm	Tai Chi classes	Parish Hall
Wednesdays, 5:30pm	Centering Prayer	Zoom**
Wednesdays, 6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursdays, 8am	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake

This Week's Services and Meetings

OUR PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: Elise and Jim Cassarino; Eva Dupree; Rusty Herman; Ann Lewis and family; Nancy Lewis; Cheri Potter; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN) Snyder; Jackie Schauer; Ed Woechner.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Bill Coward; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Nancy Sink; Rita Spragg; Peter Sprague.**

Eor Others: (Names will remain on the list for 6 weeks unless we hear otherwise.) Geraldine Allen (aunt of Carole McClellan); Allen (brother of Cheryl Aull); Bob Brennan (relative of Anne Jarema); Gabriel and Lara Brongel and family (grandson and daughter of Jackie Schauer); Cherie Brown (daughter of Ed and Maria Woeckener); Marcie Coleman (friend of Lynda McCredie); Glenn Fleishman (friend of Anne Jarema); Jackie Haines (sister of Carol Booth); Jim Kaderabek (father of Todd Kaderabek); Geoff Kirsch (son of Dodie King); Tony Lewis (friend of Dodie King); Chuck McDonald (brother of Susan Robinson); Megan; Sheila Moore (sister of Ginny Moser); Barney Noble (son of Joyce and Walt Noble); Meredith Peppers (cousin of Carole McClellan); Liz Sides (friend of Joyce Noble); David Walker (relative of Elaine Potter); Stacy Walker (relative of Elaine Potter); Alice Watkins (friend of Lorie Tola); Jane Whitman (friend of Joyce and Walt Noble).

We grieve and pray with the families of: Don Lewis and Pete Parker.

For those celebrating birthdays: Glenn Haller; Alice McKenzie; Richard Jacobs; Bailey Frue; Cameron Frue; Peggie Carey; Rita Spragg; Annika Brock.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Karen and Eric Howell.

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Martha and Matt Cardenas** (daughter & son-in-law of Hannah Pennell); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Michael** (our presiding Bishop); **Sean** (our presiding Bishop elect); **José** (our Bishop); **the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries, and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.**

For our President Joe Biden, his Cabinet, Congress & our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better

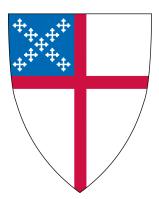
stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.

Please go to <u>graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/</u> for more opportunities to request prayer. Get permission from anyone you would like to add to this list and contact our Pastoral Care Ministry at <u>pastoralcare@graceavl.com</u> or contact the church.

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> The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, Bishop The Reverend Milly Morrow, Rector James Cassarino, Director of Music Cathy Adkins, Organist Jill Stevenson, Office Manager Katie Douglas, Finance Manager Angel Stoudt, Sexton Archie Clarkson, Tech Director Katherine Johnson, Wedding Coordinator

Grace Church is a place where we hope you experience the empowering presence of the living God and where we collaborate with God in building the Kingdom of Heaven, here on earth. We are grateful you are among us today.



GRACE GREETER MINISTRY

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you wish you knew more of your fellow parishioners at Grace? Do you long to be Jesus's feet and hands at work in our parish?

If you respond with "Yes!" to any of these questions, please consider joining the Greeter Ministry. We have gotten wonderful feedback from visitors and newcomers saying how welcome they felt at Grace. Maybe you are new to Grace yourself and would like to "pay it forward" by letting others know they belong at Grace.

All you need for this ministry is to show up at Grace by 10:10 on the Sunday morning you have chosen, don a simple cross that hangs on a red ribbon, and invite people coming into the church to wear their name tags or allow you to make them a stick-on tag. Your warm welcome goes even further when you invite them to join us at the coffee hour, and then join them there to chat and introduce them to other parishioners. Such a simple but vital and rewarding ministry! We hope you'll join us!

For more information or to join the ministry, please email Diane Wilkey at <u>the wilkeys@gmail.com</u>