



GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH

where GOD'S FREE GRACE roots us,
renews us, and reaches through us.

THE 8th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

July 26, 2026

GRACE NOTES – July 26, 2026

TRINITY SEASON. Half of the church calendar is known as Trinity Season (sometimes called Ordinary Time), and it lasts from now until Advent.

WE WELCOME THE REV. JOE LAWRENCE to the pulpit tonight. Joe and his wife Joette and their children have recently moved to Grove City. And yes, you guessed it, he's the brother of Chad, Adelia, and Emily. We are so grateful to have them with us!

A WISER WORLD – OUR SUMMER SERMON SERIES. This Summer we'll be working our way through sections of the Old Testament book of Proverbs and learning about biblical Wisdom and how it can seep into our minds and hearts as we engage with our complex world with greater and more mindful dexterity and clarity.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE? Use this QR-code & sign up today!



CHILDREN'S Liturgy resumes in the fall.

CHILDREN AFTER CHURCH. Parents, just a reminder to watch your kids after worship. An adult must be present downstairs if kids are there. Thank you!

PASTOR ETHAN IS AWAY from July 13 – Aug 1. He's in Ireland and working on his book.

SOFTBALL! Players arrive at 5:30pm, games are 6pm-8pm. Location changes based on league schedule. Please email Wes Schools (wesleyschools@gmail.com) if you want to play or come watch. Bring your family!

ZELIENOPLE PLANT. Our Diocese has planted a parish in Zelenople, led by

our own Ryan Wise. Find out more about the plant here: htzelienople.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- GAC's 20th Anniversary Party: Oct 24.
- Annual Summer Picnic – July 11

MONTHLY MISSIONS. Christofer Eklund is a recent GCC/Grace Anglican alum serving in Lexington, Kentucky with Missionary Athletes International (MAI), along with his wife Makenzie. MAI is a Gospel-centered ministry that introduces people to Jesus and empowers them as leaders through the global environment of soccer. Across soccer leagues, camps, and clubs, Chris works with hundreds of kids and youth (many of whom have immigrated to America from other countries). This month, with World Cup enthusiasm running high, Chris's group is hosting two camps and an urban program called Neighborhood week. Please pray for energy and endurance, smooth logistics, and for Chris and Makenzie's marriage and ability to deepen their friendships locally.

INFANT CARE ROOM. The library is available as a dedicated space to care for your infants during the service. The livestream is available in this space during evening services.

NURSERY. We offer nursery for children (infants to three-year-olds) downstairs.

THE CASA YOUTH MINISTRY summer schedule is posted in GraceNotes for all 6th-12th graders.

WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

- Offering plate
- Mail: PO Box 45 Grove City PA 16127
- Venmo: [GraceAnglicanChurch](https://www.venmo.com/GraceAnglicanChurch)
- PayPal: [donate@graceanglicanonline.com](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgraceanglicanonline.com)

1. God moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform;
he plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.
2. Deep in unfathomable mines, of never-failing skill;
he fashions up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will.
3. Ye fearful saints fresh courage take, the clouds that you much dread,
are big with mercy and will break in blessings on your head.
4. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace;
behind a frowning providence, he hides a smiling face.
5. His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding every hour;
the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower.
6. Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.



Minister. Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, & the Holy Spirit.

Answer. And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Minister. Let us pray [together saying,]

The Collect for Purity, said by all

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. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

HEAR what our Lord Jesus Christ says. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it; You shall love your neighbor as your self. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. -MATTHEW 22:37-40.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ALMIGHTY Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of your laws, and in the works of your commandments; that, through your most mighty protection, both here and always, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with your spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

Collect for the 7th Sunday after Trinity

O Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 17:17; 27:6-10 (ESV)

Reader. A reading from the Proverbs of Solomon.

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Faithful are the wounds of a friend;
profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

⁷One who is full loathes honey, but to one who is hungry everything bitter is sweet.

⁸Like a bird that strays from its nest is a man who strays from his home.

⁹Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.

¹⁰Do not forsake your friend and your father's friend, and do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity.

Better is a neighbor who is near than a brother who is far away.

Reader. The Word of the Lord.

Answer. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is *
when brethren dwell together in unity.

2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, *
even Aaron's beard, and went down to the edges of his clothing,

3 Like the dew of Hermon, *
which falls upon the hills of Zion.

4 For there the LORD promised his blessing, *
even life for evermore.

The Gospel Lesson: John 15:12-15 (ESV)

Reader. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Answer. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

+ Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command

you.¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you."

Reader. The Gospel of the Lord.

Answer. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

LET us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

WE believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

WE believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

WE believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one in Christ.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We pray for Christofer and Makenzie Eklund and Chris's work with Missionary Athletes International, and especially for his urban program Neighborhood Week. We pray for energy and endurance, smooth logistics, for the deepening of community connections. Give us grace in all that we undertake,

That our works might find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others (any may add their own petitions)

Let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.
For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Confession

ALL who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

General Confession, said by all.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

HEAR the comfortable words from the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
-MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. -JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. -1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. -1 JOHN 2:1-2

Minister. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People. And with your spirit.

Offertory Sentence. You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. -II Corinthians 8:9

Offering and Doxology (tune: *lasst uns erfreuen*)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (the 1662 Order)

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with your spirit.

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Answer. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

IT is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: ***Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

The Prayer of Humble Access, said by all, kneeling.

WE do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The People continue to kneel. The minister stands and continues.

ALL praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again. Hear us, merciful Father, and grant that we receiving these gifts from your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's

institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." **AMEN.**

Invitation to Communion. All baptized, believing Christians of an understanding age who are admitted to the Sacrament within their own church are encouraged to receive it with us. Scripture requires some understanding of the Supper, instructing those who commune to 'discern' the Body as well as 'examine themselves' (I Cor. 11). It is the historic and consistent Anglican practice for young children to be catechized before receiving the Supper (contact a minister for resources). Please walk down the middle aisle to receive the bread in open hands and consume it. Drinking wine directly from the common cup is the customary manner of receiving it, though bread may be carefully intincted (dipped) into the wine. Small, individual cups of wine are available for those who have health concerns. Gluten free bread is available.

Intercessory prayer is available in the back of the church. This takes place during the distribution of Communion. You can come back for prayer for any reason whatsoever. If you want prayer for healing (physical or otherwise), you can also request anointing with oil (a biblical symbol for healing and restoration).

Abide with Me

1. Abide with me, fast falls the eventide The darkness deepens Lord, with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me

2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away
Change and decay in all around I see O Thou who changest not, abide with me

3. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me

4 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes Shine through the gloom & point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee In life, in death, o Lord, abide with me

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

1. Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

2. Come behold the wondrous mystery, he the perfect Son of Man
In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in him we stand.

3. Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

4. Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord, He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected, as will we be when he comes.

There is One Gospel

Words and Music: Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson

1. There is one Gospel on which I stand, For all eternity
It is my story, my Father's plan, The Son has rescued me
Oh what a Gospel, Oh what a peace, My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light, I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

2. There is one Gospel to which I cling, All else I count as loss
For there, where justice and mercy meet, He saved me on the cross
No more I boast in what I can bring, No more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life, I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

3. There is one Gospel where hope is found, The empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep my Saviour down, He lives and I am free
Now on my Saviour, I fix my eyes, My life is His and His hope is mine!
For He has promised I, too, will rise, I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

4. And in this Gospel the church is one, We do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on, To lead us safely home
And when in glory still I will sing, Of this old story that rescued me,
Praise to my Saviour, the King of life, I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

The Lord's Prayer, said by all

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

OUR Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer, said by all

ALMIGHTY God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out into the world in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Blessing

THE PEACE OF GOD, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

1. O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

2. O light that foll'west all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me thro' pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

WHY DO WE USE LITURGY?

Worship at Grace is ‘liturgical’ (meaning that our services are structured, fairly traditional, with set forms, and are highly interactive with ‘calls and responses’). Why do we go through all of this? Why do we use Liturgy in worship and not spontaneously ‘wing it’ every week? Well, until rather recently in Church history, the majority of Christians (including Protestants) used liturgical forms in worship. It may surprise some people, but free-form worship is (mostly) an American innovation of the last 75 years or so. We don’t ‘knock’ the free-form expressions of worship, but we prefer a biblically grounded, theologically rich liturgy. Here’s why:

1. Liturgy Connects. Our Liturgy (from the Book of Common Prayer) connects us with the historic, world-wide Church. Christians have used this particular Liturgy for well over 400 years (actually, some elements of the Prayer Book go back to the 1st century). And good Liturgy connects us with millions of Christians from all over the world, some of whom are (even at this moment) saying the same prayers to the same God. Locally speaking (that is, congregation-ally speaking) liturgy helps to bond with one another in worship. We say, in verbal union with our brothers and sisters in Christ, prayers, confess our sins, express our creedal faith, and respond to God’s word as one body.

2. Liturgy Teaches. Good Liturgy enriches the mind and heart with truths about God. The Book of Common Prayer was written by thoughtful Christians who had a profound and deep understanding of the Bible and, as such, we can trust that these prayers say true things about God and what he’s done for us in Jesus Christ. Because of their solid and rich content, our prayers and creeds have stood the test of time, informing the hearts, souls, and minds of millions.

3. Liturgy Focuses. Liturgy can lift our eyes, taking the focus away from our selves and onto something and someONE else. Put simply, a common and set liturgy can direct our thoughts Vertically -- toward God, who for our sakes became human and humane.

4. Liturgy Carries. We do not bear the burden of having to conjure up certain emotions in worship, though we welcome emotional expressions. Instead, we trust the truths of Scripture, communicated through the Book of Common Prayer, to carry us to Jesus, regardless of our moods or attention spans. Worship is not something we have to muster-up with pitch-perfect feelings.

Some will ask, “Can’t people ‘go through the motions’ with liturgical worship and not really mean it?” Well, sure—though people can ‘fake it’ through almost anything in life. But we think that if you get past the learning-curve of liturgy (that is, stick it out for a month or so in order to get used to it), you’ll begin to appreciate and find it helpful. Liturgy, when it brings us close to Bible-ideas that are good for our spiritual diet, offers a substantial and nutritious meal. And when the liturgy frames the Gospel-Word preached and the Sacrament administered, it helps to satisfy the spiritual stomach.

GRACE'S STAFF

RECTOR. The Rev'd Ethan Magness is lead-minister at Grace, the principal preacher and teacher, who plans and coordinates worship, leads the staff, offers pastoral care and counsel, marries, buries, etc. (emagness@graceanglicanonline.com)

DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES. Mr. Steve Matson creates, oversees, and develops ministries related to children, youth, and their families; and assists with pastoral care. (smatson@graceanglicanonline.com)

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR COLLEGE MINISTRY. The Rev'd Cn. Dr Don Shepson has a part-time role with our college students, leads Bible studies, does pastoral care, preaches, etc. (dshepson@graceanglicanonline.com)

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR. Gabby Kucks serves as our parish administrator, organizing and training volunteers and keeping the parish schedule, prints bulletins, and keeps the parish calendar. (gkucks@graceanglicanonline.com)

CELL GROUP OVERSIGHT. The Rev'd Chad Lawrence helps to oversee our cell group

ministry, as well as preaches and assists with worship (clawrence@graceanglicanonline.com).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY & HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR. Melissa Cowan leads, oversees, and develops ministries for women, parish hospitality, and new-comer integration. (mcowan@graceanglicanonline.com)

MUSICIAN. Bethany Mayo coordinates, trains, and rehearses with the music team, and leads our music (bmayo@graceanglicanonline.com)

LIVE-STREAM & AUDIO TECH. Matt Barber runs our live-streaming services. (ink_well2004@yahoo.com)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR. Kristen Schools serves part time and helps lead the children's ministry program and events. (kschools@graceanglicanonline.com).

BOOKKEEPER. Dede Wishing keeps our books and makes sure that our finances are in order. (bookkeeper@graceanglicanonline.com).

GRACE'S VESTRY

Randy Welker

Cindy Marsch (Secretary)

Rob Mueller (Junior Warden)

Chris Franklin

Ken Smith (Sr Warden)

Kristina Pazechoski

Sarah Potter

***Treasurer (non-vestry):** Jon Graeser

New to Grace? Sign up for our weekly newsletter!



Scan this code!

-OR- fill out the info and place it in the offering plate:
I'm a __resident __college student.

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Spouse email: _____

Phone: _____ Spouse phone: _____