

Grace Weekly: The Feast of the Ascension *(transferred)*

May 13, 2018

Education Classes for all ages at 9:15 am throughout building.

**denotes music in the 10:30 am liturgy*



***Prelude**

Toccata Viva

Lani Smith

Wayne Smith, *Guest Organist*

***Gathering Hymn 216**

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

Salve festa dies

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Psalm 47 *(Read responsively by whole verse, beginning with the lectern side.)*

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| 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy. | 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises. |
| 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth. | 7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill. |
| 3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet. | 8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne. |
| 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. | 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham. |
| 5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn. | 10. The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted. |

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you— that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

***Offertory Music**

Duetto (Songs without Words)

Felix Mendelssohn

***Communion Hymn 460**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Hyfrydol

Healing Prayer is available in the Narthex after you receive communion.

***Recessional Hymn 544**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Duke Street

***Postlude**

Festival Postlude on Hyfrydol

Alfred V. Fedak

Altar Flowers are offered by Andrew Allen in memory of his mother Spring Allen.

Our Prayers

Members of Grace Church: Ben, Bill, Diane & Maribeth, Carl, Carol, Douglas, Kurt & Stephen, Joann, Evelyn, Linda & Al, Peter

For those who have died: Michael James Treston, son of Jim & Jan Treston; Linda Lemons, aunt of Kent Clary; Carl Klabbitz, friend of Carl Matthews

Those preparing for baptism: Hunter Schults, Decker Schults, & Ella Meadows

Friends of Grace: Andy, Ashley, Barbie, Becky, Billy, Bob, Drew, Fred, George Jackie, John, Kent, Mazie, Pat, Patricia, Rina, Spencer, and the men and women in our Armed Forces.

In Our Cycles of Prayers this week, we remember: Church of the Ascension, Hickory; The Anglican Centre in Rome; The Diocese of Christchurch, Aotearoa, NZ and Polynesia

Serving This Week

Choir: Kathy Alley, Jackie Blevins, Diane & Bill Collins, Pam Davis, Ann-Cherie & David Dye, Nancy Fergusson, Mary & Mike Hartman, Marlene Hyatt, Mary Alice & Michael Lodico, Ann Rothermel, Joanne Thrower, Kathleen & Bob Vogt, Paula & Peter Welling

Altar Guild: Gretchen Tope, Edwina Costley & Posy Williams

Coffee Hour: Fellowship Committee will provide a special Mother's Day coffee hour after both services.

Collection Counters: Paula Welling(?) & Laurel Destry

Crucifer/Server & Torchbearers: Georgia McManus, Karley Wells, Kathy Alley (10:30)

Lectors: Bob Tope (8:00) Betsy Stecher, Natalie Bayless (10:30)

Eucharistic Ministers: Gretchen Tope, Donna Buckner, Linda Deeb (8:00)
John Zeller, Derrick Zeller, Susan Williams (10:30)

Ushers (10:30): Dale McDonald; Marcia McDonald, Chasel Lawrence

Eucharistic Visitor: Joyce Brooks

Today

EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

***Children:** Ages 3-6 – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Downstairs)
Ages 7-10 – Godly Play (Downstairs)

***Youth:** Rite 13 (across from Library)

***Adults:** Everything you want to know about the Parish Fair (& how you can help!) – Led by Linda Deeb our tireless Fair Chair.

Healing Prayer is offered after Communion at both services today. Members of the Order of St. Luke will be available to offer prayers for healing in mind, body and spirit for you or for someone else.

Outreach Service Opportunity: This evening at 4:30 pm, our parish is providing dinner for residents of **Haywood Pathways**, our local housing shelter. We meet at Pathways (179 Hemlock Street) to prepare and share meal. We are usually finished by about 6:30 pm. Contact Natalie Bayless (nbayless1@gmail.com) with questions, or just show up. Teens and children are welcome.

Announcements

Graceful Hikers: The next hike will be Friday May 18 to Twin Falls off Hwy 276 S and FSR 477 in Transylvania County. This 4-mile partial loop hike takes us through scenic coves with abundant wildflowers and several waterfalls. It is rated easy to moderate with elevation from 2,600 to 3,000 ft. There are several creek crossings on footlogs. Meet to carpool at 9:00 am at Grace Church with a second meeting place at Jukebox Junction. Please contact Pamela Nolte-Viau at pnolteviau@gmail.com if you have questions.

Formation Course for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) offered at Cathedral of All Souls in Asheville. Part 1 meets June 18-23, 2018, and Part 2 meets June 24-29, 2019, from 8:30 – 4:30. The contemplative teaching method of CGS invites us to journey with the child toward fullness of life in Christ. During the course we will hear, ponder, and celebrate the essential mysteries of the Christian life, and how those mysteries are experienced by even the youngest among us. This formation course is open to all adults who wish to deepen their understanding of scripture, liturgy, and the sacraments of the church. Contact the Rector or Louisa Lunt or Paula Eachus to learn more.

Personnel Updates: We welcome Madison Owen who will be serving as our Summer Service intern beginning on May 14. We also welcome Sarah Yeargin who will serve as our interim Parish Administrator for the summer. Sarah will work in the office Monday – Thursday from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Please come by and welcome her. Peter Zinglensen's last day as Sexton is Tuesday, May 15. The Fellowship Committee is planning a celebration to honor Peter's 14 years of service to our parish ...stay tuned!

Pentecost Potluck on Sunday, May 20 from 4 – 6:00 pm: To celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit enlivening the whole planet, we will have an "international" potluck. Sign-up to bring a dish to share "international flavors" especially welcome! We will have a special celebration this day, thanking God for our past and looking forward to our future.

Save the Date: Parish Picnic at Tender Mercy Retreat (383 Heath Retreat Rd, Waynesville, NC 28786) on June 3 from 2 – 5:00 pm.

Next Sunday is Pentecost – wear red to church!

Beyond Our Doors

Cold Mountain Music Festival at Lake Logan, June 8 & 9: The event features top-notch musical talent, amazing local food and drink, a kids' area, and more. Learn more at www.coldmountainmusic.org. This second annual event benefits two diocesan ministries: Lake Logan and Camp Henry. Many Grace parishioners enjoyed this event last year. Grace Church is one of the sponsors. Don't miss it!

Help Lake Logan get ready for another summer of Campy Henry. We'll be working on May 19 and 26. Projects may include painting, building, repairing, planting, cleaning, and more. Volunteer one or both days. All ages and skill levels welcome. Lunch is provided. RSVP to Kathryn at camphenry.director@gmail.com or lauri@lakelogan.org by 5/14 for the 19th and by 5/21 for the 26th. RSVP is really important so we can plan projects and lunch accordingly. If you'd like to volunteer and can't do one of these days, let us know, because we can probably accommodate another work day on a weekday.

Regular Gatherings May 14 – May 19, 2018 (* = open to all to attend)

- *Dream Group, Tuesday, 9:00–10:30 am, Library
- *Open Library Use, Wednesday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
- *Vestry Meeting, Tuesday, Library, 6:10 pm
- *Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, Wednesday, 12:00 noon, Church
- *Grace Thomas Group, Wednesday, 6:00–7:30 pm, Church
- Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:00–8:30 pm, Choir Room
- *Marthas Knitting Group, Thursday, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Marthas Room
- *Sisters of Grace, Thursday, 6:00–8:00 pm (Location to be announced)
- *Friday Morning Prayer, 8:00 am, Panacea Coffee House
- Order of St. Luke, Library, Friday, 1:00 pm

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Peter Zinglersen, Sexton

Members of the Vestry

Bill Collins, Sr. Warden (2018)
Louisa Lunt (2018)
Linda Sexton (2018)

Linda Deeb (2019)
Rob Viau (2019)
Paula Welling, Jr. Warden (2019)

Crystal Clary (2020)
Mary Hartman (2020)
Kenneth Ratcliffe (2020)

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