



The Grace Vine

August 2020

Rector's Writ

We appreciate the comments received from those viewing and participating from home in Grace worship services through the videos Doug Holzschuh has made available for us. Whether we worship by gathering at church or watching later from home, we continue to keep the faith and keep to the rules for safety. It's interesting to note the observations from both groups are not a lot different. Some feel a collective, somewhat contented sigh from seeing God's altar, hearing the familiar prayers, and seeing each other, even if we are all masked. We really miss the choir and singing the hymns. Tim Lewicki is taking on the task of providing lovely music, despite the limits. We all miss the coffee hour gatherings for the fellowship and food we enjoyed there. A few of our 8am members have devised a safe way to share cookies or muffins, bringing them in separate bags, spaced out on a tray, and passing them out. It's nice to see the smiles the goodies bring out at 8am...or maybe it's having time with God...or the fellowship...or a little bit of all of those that brings the smiles out.

It's been over four months since the Covid chaos started. To say we're weary of all the changes, cautions, and unpredictability is an understatement. When we add to that the realities of racism, the violent protests, and not-so-civil unrest...it's clear we have challenging and necessary work to do. It's work we must do with God's help and work we must do together. August 6th is The Transfiguration of our Lord (see Matt. 17:1-13; Mk. 9:2-13; Lk. 9:28-36). You'll recall the disciples who witnessed Jesus' transfiguration also heard a heavenly voice from the cloud: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

May we look to and listen to Jesus as our Lord, ruler, and guide in all matters...and in all that matters most.

"I believe in God, who is love and who has given the earth to all people. I believe in Jesus Christ, who came to heal us, and to free us from all forms of oppression. I believe in the Spirit of God, who works in and through all who are turned towards the truth. I believe in the community of faith, which is called to be at the service of all people. I believe in God's power to transform and transfigure, fulfilling the promise of a new heaven and a new earth where justice and peace will flourish. Amen."

(from The Iona Community Worship Book; A Service of Prayer for Justice and Peace; p. 35)

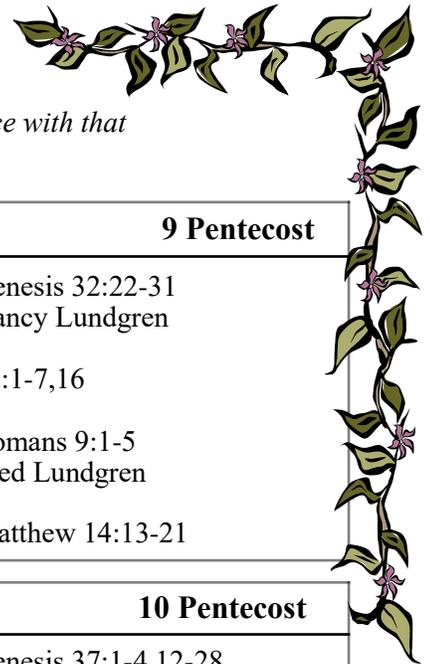


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Service and Lay Ministry Schedule

If you cannot serve when scheduled, please find a substitute and call the parish office with that person's name. Thank you for sharing in the liturgical ministry of Grace Church.



| Sunday, August 2 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | | 9 Pentecost |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | Genesis 32:22-31 Nancy Lundgren | |
| Deacon | 8:00 The Rev. William Snyder | Psalm | 17:1-7,16 | |
| Wrshp Ldr | 10:00 Carolyn Englert | 2nd Reading | Romans 9:1-5 Fred Lundgren | |
| Greeters | Nancy & Fred Lundgren | Gospel | Matthew 14:13-21 | |
| Altar Guild | Carol Marotta & Nancy Lundgren | | | |
| Counters | Fred Lundgren & TBA | | | |
| Cleaning | TBA | | | |

| Sunday, August 9 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | | 10 Pentecost |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | Genesis 37:1-4,12-28 Jeff Croll | |
| Deacon | The Rev. William Snyder | Psalm | 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b | |
| Greeters | John & Mary Jean McDonald | 2nd Reading | Romans 10:5-15 Karen Krofta | |
| Altar Guild | Carol Marotta & Nancy Lundgren | Gospel | Matthew 14:22-33 | |
| Counters | Fred Lundgren & TBA | | | |
| Cleaning | TBA | | | |

| Sunday, August 16 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | | 11 Pentecost |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | Genesis 45:1-15 Carolyn Englert | |
| Deacon | 8:00 The Rev. William Snyder | Psalm | 133 | |
| Wrshp Ldr | 10:00 Nancy Lundgren | 2nd Reading | Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Martha Croll | |
| Greeters | Jim & Nancy Ervin | Gospel | Matthew 15:10-28 | |
| Altar Guild | Carol Marotta & Nancy Lundgren | | | |
| Counters | Fred Lundgren & TBA | | | |
| Cleaning | TBA | | | |

| Sunday, August 23 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | | 12 Pentecost |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | Exodus 1:8-2:10 Jeff Croll | |
| Deacon | The Rev. William Snyder | Psalm | 124 | |
| Greeters | Jeff & Lisa Marsh | 2nd Reading | Romans 12:1-8 Tim Splinter | |
| Altar Guild | Carol Marotta & Nancy Lundgren | Gospel | Matthew 16:13-20 | |
| Counters | Fred Lundgren & TBA | | | |
| Cleaning | TBA | | | |





Sunday, August 30 **8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **13 Pentecost**

Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans
Deacon The Rev. William Snyder
Greeters Marsha Snyder & TBA
Altar Guild Carol Marotta & Nancy Lundgren
Counters Fred Lundgren & TBA
Cleaning TBA

1st Reading Exodus 3:1-15
 Tim Splinter

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

2nd Reading Romans 12:9-21
 Martha Croll

Gospel Matthew 16:21-28

Sunday, September 6 **8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **14 Pentecost**

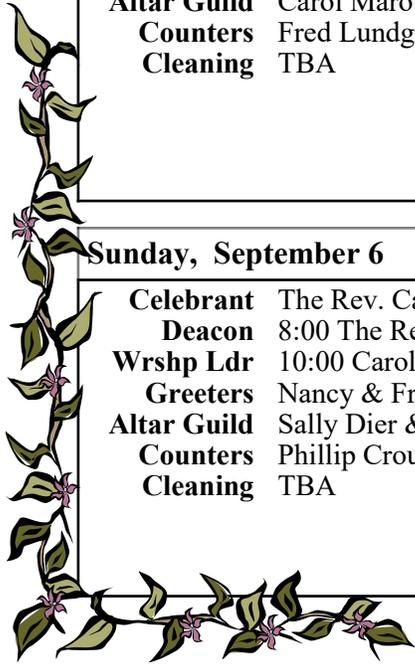
Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans
Deacon 8:00 The Rev. William Snyder
 10:00 Carolyn Englert
Wrshp Ldr
Greeters Nancy & Fred Lundgren
Altar Guild Sally Dier & Joan Seman
Counters Phillip Crouse & Phillip Rich
Cleaning TBA

1st Reading Exodus 12:1-14
 Nancy Lundgren

Psalm 149

2nd Reading Romans 13:8-14
 Fred Lundgren

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20



Birthdays

- 3rd Joanne Sarver
- 5th Jack Sarver
- 6th Jameson Patrick
- 8th Alexandra Wroblewki
- 9th Goldie Shriver
- 10th Lynn Francois
Jim Ervin
- 12th John McDonald
- 15th Hera Whipple
- 16th Jane O'Neill
Karen Krofta
- 18th Samantha Stickle
- 22nd Bill Summy
- 23rd Jada Whipple
- 26th Kevin Splinter
- 27th Jim Neely

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...



Baptisms

- 4th Laurie Barney
- 13th Debbie Shorts
- 14th Amy Seman
Jeff Croll





Did You Know?...



Boy!! It's a hot one – the month of July that is. But church is still going on and we enjoy seeing each other, receiving a good sermon, spiritual communion, and sharing “The Peace” from afar. Wearing the mask and keeping a social distance is getting old --- but that's just how it's going to be for a while...

Thanks to **Carolyn Englert** for repairing the church flag when the fringe began to unravel...

Congratulations to **Leslie and Larry Thomas** who are now grandparents for the first time. Their son **Colin** and his wife **Lindsey** are blessed with an adorable baby boy. He has the sweetest face, and everyone around him looks happy!...

Many thanks to **Doug Holzschuh** who has been working on video recording, editing, and uploading our 8am Sunday service. Several members have talked about how nice it is to see Grace services via YouTube. We appreciate the time and effort he continues to put into overseeing this project...

We've had very few visitors in the office lately but it was nice to see **Lynn Francois**, who reports they are all doing well; all but the dog, and that's a trip to the vet. **Bette Brooks** was in to say “hello” and let us know that everyone in her family is well. Daughter **Caroline** and her family are not getting back in the states until December...

We did enjoy useful visits from two of the copy machine techs (we are getting desperate). These techs are almost as fast as teenagers on the cell phone, but they know their machines and were fairly patient. It's the old dog new trick thing!! It was nice talking with anybody other than ourselves...

Sit and Stitch met and that's always enjoyable. **Mary Jean McDonald, Carolyn Englert, Shirley Johnson, and Marsha Snyder** (the usual) and then we were joined by **Nancy Lundgren**, somewhat by default. She and **Fred** came to the church to make sure the air-conditioning company repairman could access and clean out the coils. Jr. Warden **Fred Lundgren** has the fun of overseeing such jobs. He and Nancy both know how that goes! They also pulled thistles from the church yard and trimmed the weeping mulberry tree... again. Thanks--it needed it...

Nancy showed us pictures of the new deer family who set up residence in their yard. The three little

ones are really cute, however the Lundgrens no longer have a large variety of plants in their garden. You either have deer or a garden; you have to choose...

Lisa Paxton and her daughters **Taylor** and **Paige** were off to Texas to visit with Lisa's brother **Bill** and his family. They enjoyed their stay but reported that the swimming pool was 92 degrees. Anyone want to take a bath?!...

John McDonald power washed the rectory deck and sprayed for weeds around the church lawn...

We spoke with **Sally Dier**; she and **Dennis** loved time spent with their daughter **Beth** and son-in-law **Jonathan** when they came to visit and enjoy dinner together. They haven't all been together since this pandemic began. Their daughter **Dani** continues to model and seems to be a natural. It looks like some of the other mall stores and shops are hoping she'll do some modeling for their apparel...

Marsha Snyder is thrilled with the tablet she received for her birthday from daughter **Jill**. She can now video chat and see her great grandson **Hendrix** acting up. He's so cute!! Parents do get paid back!!



Fathers (and Mothers) and Friends

By Bette Brooks

*They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.*

John Mason Neale (January 24, 1818-August 6, 1866)

August 7

John Neale was born in London, studied at Cambridge, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1841. He was offered a parish; however, because of chronic ill health which continued throughout his life, he was prevented from accepting the post. Five years later, he was made warden (director) of Sackville College, a position he held for the rest of his life. Sackville College was not an educational institution, but an almshouse, a charitable residence for the poor.

In 1854, he co-founded the Sisterhood of St. Margaret, an order of women in the Church of England dedicated to nursing the sick. Many Anglicans of the day, however, were very suspicious of anything suggestive of the Roman Catholic Church, such as a sisterhood. Only a few years earlier John Henry Newman had encouraged Romish practices within the Church of England and had finally joined the Catholic Church himself. This encouraged the suspicion that anyone like Neale was an agent of the Vatican and assigned to destroy the Anglican Church by subverting it from within. During the funeral for one of the Sisters, Neale was attacked and mauled. Unruly crowds threatened to stone him or to burn his home. He received no honor or preferment in England; his doctorate was bestowed by Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. However, his basic goodness eventually won the confidence of many who had fiercely opposed him, and the Sisterhood of St. Margaret survived and prospered.

Neale translated the liturgies of the Eastern Orthodox Church into English and wrote a mystical and devotional commentary on the Psalms. However, he is best known as a hymn writer and translator, having enriched English hymnody with many ancient and medieval hymns translated from Latin and Greek. Some that we know well are "All glory, laud and honor," "Christ is made the sure foundation," "Come, ye faithful, raise the strain," and "Of the Father's love begotten." More than anyone else, he has made English-speaking congregations aware of the centuries-old tradition of Latin, Greek, Russian, and Syrian hymns. Neale died on August 6, 1866. Since August 6 is the Feast of the Transfiguration, he is remembered on August 7.

Prayer: Grant, O God, that in all times of our testing we may know your presence and obey your will; that, following the example of your servant John Mason Neale, we may with integrity and courage accomplish what you give us to do, and endure what you give us to bear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.





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