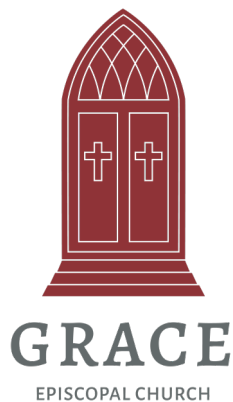


October & November 2025:  
Hello, Fall! & Stewardship Edition  
From the Desk of The Very Rev'd Joe Pierjok, cmj



*And Mary said,  
"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."*

Luke 1:46-47, NRSV

Beloved,

As Christians we are story tellers. We have an ancient narrative, one that describes the beginning of time and the relationship between God and God's Creation. We see this story grow through the prophetic tradition until our story recounts the life and gifts of the Son of God. But the story doesn't end with the Resurrection just as it did not end with the Cross, it continues on in each of us today as we encounter and are transformed by the Good News.

Luke's Gospel is bookended by the animated story-telling of two women named Mary. Early in the Gospel, Mary the mother of Jesus, tells us of her encounter with the Divine who informs her that she will bear a child who will change the world. She proclaims her joy: "Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!" At the end of the Gospel, another Mary, Mary Magdalene, visits the tomb to discover it empty and receives instructions from the Risen Christ to go tell the others. She carries this Good News with jubilation to the Disciples.

What is your Good News; the idea, dream, challenge placed in your heart by God, that needs to be shared? What is the ministry to which you are called which will change the world, sharing your talents, gifts, and love with your neighbors?

Our Stewardship Campaign this year focuses on these stories – the ones inside you, the ones you are still writing, the ones we tell about those who have gone before us. We are all a part of this ongoing narrative – the ongoing Creation. As you pray about how you will share your gifts with us this year, think about how God is calling you to tell out your soul, to spread the Good News far and wide. Hear the stories that we share weekly throughout the campaign that relate the creative spark in us with the ways in which we are called to serve God and love our neighbor.

Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!  
*-The Very Rev'd Joe Pierjok, cmj*

**Coffee Hosts**

*October:* 05—Anne Randall; 12—Robertson/Lynch; 19—Open; 26—Open  
*November:* Steve & Sherry Erwin

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*And Mary said,  
“My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...”*

Luke 1:46-47, NRSV

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I am inspired – so inspired by you. When I look around our congregation and observe all that is happening I can so easily understand how God’s dream is at work here. Through our formation as disciples, the sermons we hear about love and service, and the many creative ideas that you all bring to our outreach, in-reach, and community, we are a vibrant, thriving community.

It has been especially important to me this year as there is so much angst and dread in the world around us, that we have a church full of generous, loving, creative people who find new ways to seek and serve Christ in all people. We are making a difference in our community, we are changing the world.

Our annual campaign this year asks us to share two big things with our congregation. Firstly, we are asked to share our gifts. Those ideas and talents and passions that God has planted inside you are grown in your generous heart to be shared with the world. Secondly, you are asked to share your story with us and with the world around you. That is how we grow God’s kingdom and cast the net wider.

Soon you will receive a letter from the Stewardship Chair with the materials you need to consider your pledge or promise to share your time, talent, and treasure with us. In these coming days, I invite you to pray, to listen, and to continue sharing yourself with our community in the many ways that you do.

Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!

May God continue to bless each one of you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeanie Slates".

Jeanie Slates, Sr. Warden



*And Mary said,  
"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."*  
Luke 1:46-47, NRSV

Dear Friends,

Our Stewardship campaign is a chance to reflect on the many ways that we are connected to each other. Our theme this year focuses on the stories we tell and the ways we are called to share our words, our actions, our love, and our joy with the world. This year, with all that has been going on in the news, in our homes, schools and offices, and ever-shifting economic forecasts, the one constant has been the connections we have formed here in our church.

Our stories bring us together. Each of us has a story to tell, a reason why we found a home with Grace Church and continue to participate. Each of us has dreams, ambitions, and great ideas, just as each of us has struggles and moments of difficulty.

One of the parts of our Good News is that we can bring our whole selves, our own stories, to this place and to the people in our lives. Among the many gifts we receive when we share our stories is the support, encouragement, and praise that we need.

This is how our soul transforms -- from the inspiration in our daily lives. This same process happens in each one of us as we seek ways to share our gifts from the inspiration and blessings we have been given.

With this letter, I am sending campaign materials for you to use in your discernment for how you will share the Good News of your transformative creativity and abundance with us and with our neighbors. Each hour spent volunteering, each good idea that you have, each dollar that you donate is transformed through prayer and Grace into ministry and mission. We could not be an example of love and compassion in our community without your many and various gifts. Please return your pledge cards by October 26 so that we may include them in our ingathering and bless them.

Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Kang".

Beth Kang, Stewardship Committee Chair

Recently retired Bishop of Olympia, the Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel, stated that the tithe is only the beginning point. As Christians we give one hundred percent of what we have in gratitude for God who gave us everything there is. We're all in.

When you make a proportional gift:

- You set aside your first fruits, dedicating a portion of your wealth, works, and wisdom to God. This is a sacred act.
- Your financial gift rises and falls with your income – it is right-sized to your household.


Giving back to God is a life-time journey; setting a percentage allows you to step up your giving over time.

Annual Income	Weekly Income	Beyond the Tithe		Tithe	Proportional Giving								
		15%	12%		10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%
\$20,000	\$385	\$58	\$46	\$38	\$35	\$31	\$27	\$23	\$19	\$15	\$12	\$8	\$4
\$25,000	\$481	\$72	\$58	\$48	\$43	\$38	\$34	\$29	\$24	\$19	\$14	\$10	\$5
\$30,000	\$577	\$87	\$69	\$58	\$52	\$46	\$40	\$35	\$29	\$23	\$17	\$12	\$6
\$40,000	\$769	\$115	\$92	\$77	\$69	\$62	\$54	\$46	\$38	\$31	\$23	\$15	\$8
\$50,000	\$962	\$144	\$115	\$96	\$87	\$77	\$67	\$58	\$48	\$38	\$29	\$19	\$10
\$60,000	\$1,154	\$173	\$138	\$115	\$104	\$92	\$81	\$69	\$58	\$46	\$35	\$23	\$12
\$70,000	\$1,346	\$202	\$162	\$135	\$121	\$108	\$94	\$81	\$67	\$54	\$40	\$27	\$13
\$80,000	\$1,538	\$231	\$185	\$154	\$138	\$123	\$108	\$92	\$77	\$62	\$46	\$31	\$15
\$90,000	\$1,731	\$260	\$208	\$173	\$156	\$138	\$121	\$104	\$87	\$69	\$52	\$35	\$17
\$100,000	\$1,923	\$288	\$231	\$192	\$173	\$154	\$135	\$115	\$96	\$77	\$58	\$38	\$19
\$120,000	\$2,308	\$346	\$277	\$231	\$208	\$185	\$162	\$138	\$115	\$92	\$69	\$46	\$23
\$150,000	\$2,885	\$433	\$346	\$288	\$260	\$231	\$202	\$173	\$144	\$115	\$87	\$58	\$29

*Please consider proportional giving as you pray about your 2026 Pledge.*

A Pledge card is included with this mailing, a preview example is below:

**Grace Church—Serving God in Jasper County since 1869**



# Tell Out

# My Soul

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2026 Annual Pledge: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like offering envelopes?

Yes  No

Date received in Accounting Office: \_\_\_\_\_





## A Faithful Approach to Pledging

As we enter this season of stewardship guided by the hymn theme “Tell Out My Soul,” we are invited to pause and prayerfully reflect on what it means to make a pledge. At its heart, pledging is not merely a financial decision—it is an act of gratitude, faith, and trust in God’s abundance.

When we consider “how much” to pledge, the first question isn’t about numbers on a page. It begins instead with gratitude. What blessings has God poured into your life this year? Where have you experienced God’s sustenance, mercy, and love? Our pledge becomes one way of telling out our souls in thanks—a tangible response of gratitude to the Giver of all things.

Pledging also calls us to deeper faith. For some, the decision may feel uncertain—even daunting. Yet at its core, a pledge proclaims: “I believe God will provide.” We give not from fear of scarcity but from trust in God’s abundance, knowing that our lives are held securely in His care.

Of course, the size of our pledges matters—because together our gifts sustain the ministry, mission, and daily life of Grace Episcopal Church. Your giving helps nourish: Lunches of Love; Caring for residents at St. Luke’s; Our Blessing Box; Grace’s Church Garden; Our Lending Library; Meals on Wheels; Support for Haiti; Episcopal Relief & Development Fund. Each of these ministries is a living expression of Christ’s love—and each depends on the generosity of faithful pledges.

As we have shared throughout the year, stewardship is not just a moment or a single decision, but a lifelong journey. It is the daily practice of noticing God’s gifts, using them wisely, and returning them joyfully in gratitude. Please continue this way of life, not only during pledge season but in all the ways we share our time, talents, and treasures throughout the year.

Still, even more foundational than the dollar amount is the spirit in which it is given. Every pledge, no matter the size, represents a holy offering. Together, these individual commitments weave a stronger and more vibrant future for our parish community. Together, they announce that we believe in God’s abundance—and in His call to share it.

As you discern your own pledge, take time for prayer. Ask yourself:

How has God blessed me, and how can my giving reflect my gratitude?

What level of generosity would express my trust in God’s ongoing abundance?

How might my pledge embody both thanksgiving for the past and hope for the future?

In the end, pledging is part of living faithfully—not out of obligation, but out of joy. To pledge is to participate in God’s song of abundance, where gratitude becomes action and hope becomes ministry. It is how we, as members of Grace, “tell out our souls” and bear witness to the mighty works God continues to do in and through us.

May your discernment be prayerful, your decision faithful, and your pledge abundant with thanksgiving.

For those of you with families, consider incorporating your children into this journey of stewardship. Involve them in serving meals, tending the church garden, sharing household generosity, or offering prayers of thanksgiving. These simple practices teach children that giving is an expression of faith and that their offerings, too, are part of God’s abundance flowing into the world.

## Family Stewardship at Home

Simple ways to involve children all year long

- Gratitude Jar – Write weekly thank-you notes and read them together.
- Family Service – Volunteer together at church or in the community.
- Share Allowances/Gifts – Encourage children to set aside part for giving.
- Prayer of Thanks – Let children lead a short blessing at meals or bedtime.

Seasonal Giving – Choose one project during Advent/Lent to practice generosity.

*Stewardship becomes a way of life when families learn to practice gratitude, generosity, and service together—joyfully, all year long.*

*\*Theme developed by TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship) and the Episcopal Church.*

Blessings,

Beth Kang

Stewardship Committee Chair

Dear Friends in Christ,

For more than 150 years, Grace Episcopal Church has stood at the heart of Carthage and Jasper County as a place of worship, service, and community. Founded in 1869, our parish has weathered wars, recessions, booms, and blessings—always upheld by the faith, generosity, and vision of those who came before us. Today, we are the stewards of that legacy, and we have the joyful responsibility of carrying it forward for generations yet to come.

One of the most meaningful ways to help ensure the future of our parish is through legacy giving. Planned gifts—whether through a will, trust, life insurance, or retirement account—have sustained the mission of Grace for decades. They have preserved our historic building, strengthened outreach ministries, nurtured music and Christian formation, and allowed us to meet new challenges with faith and courage.

To recognize and celebrate those who make such a gift, we have created the Grace Legacy Society. Membership is simple: if you have included Grace Church in your estate plans, we invite you to let us know. There is no minimum gift amount, and no details of your plans are required. By sharing your intention, you join a community of faith and generosity committed to ensuring that Grace continues to be a beacon of hope for generations to come.

Members of the Grace Legacy Society will receive a yearly invitation to our Legacy Dinner, updates on the long-term financial health of our parish, and opportunities to share their story of faith and inspire others. Most importantly, they will know that their legacy is more than a gift—it is a testament of faith, a sign of love for God and the church, and a gift of hope for the future.

I invite you to prayerfully consider joining the Grace Legacy Society. If you have already included Grace in your estate plans, thank you. If you are discerning such a gift, please know that it can be as simple as naming Grace Episcopal Church as a beneficiary of your will, trust, or retirement account. We would be honored to walk with you in this process.

Together, we can continue the work begun by faithful generations—leaving a legacy that lasts.

Faithfully,



The Very Rev'd Joe Pierjok, cmj  
Rector  
Grace Episcopal Church

### **The Grace Legacy Society**

The Purpose of the Grace Endowment Fund (currently about \$2,600,000) is to enable Grace Episcopal Church to fulfill its mission in addition to what is possible through the operating funds that are generated by the annual Stewardship Campaign. The endowment is increasingly important in enabling Grace to fulfill its mission. For that reason, the Vestry has authorized the formation of the Grace Legacy Society.

The Purpose of the Grace Legacy Society is to recognize those who have remembered Grace Church in their estate plans. However, the more important function of the Legacy Society is to enable and empower our members to witness to the value of Grace in their lives and to secure the ministries of the Church for generations to come.

### **To Become a Member...**

You may become a member of the Grace Legacy Society simply by notifying the church that you have made a provision in your estate plans for a gift to Grace Episcopal Church. This may include a bequest of money, securities, personal property, or real estate in your will or estate plan, a life income gift, a gift of life insurance, or another type of planned gift. Neither the size nor type of gift matters. What matters is that you have made the provision in your estate plan.

### **As a Member...**

With the materials you receive today you will find an invitation of acceptance from the Grace Legacy Society to fill out and return to the church office. Once we receive your acceptance you will receive more information.

You will also become another witness in the long line leading back to earlier donors to the Endowment Fund who recognized the importance of using their accumulated resources to support the ministries of Grace for generations to come.

In addition, you will become part of a group of Grace Episcopal Church members who...

- Meet periodically to discuss the ministries of the church and share a meal;
- Sponsor and participate in seminars and special events that share information on the various means of planned giving and issues related to estate planning; and
- Sponsor a memorial that recognizes these witnesses and reminds the congregation of the importance of legacy stewardship.

Please consider responding to this invitation by using the Legacy Response Card as found in the church office.

**Morning Prayer with Jory**

Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 8:00 am in the Nave during the school year.

Any and all welcome!

**Pet Blessing**

Wednesday, October 04 at 6:00 pm in the Parking Lot

**Men of Grace Meetings**

First & Third Saturdays at 9:00 am  
October 04 & 18; November 01 & 15

**Encore Luncheon: Oktoberfest**

Friday, October 10 at Noon. RSVP in advance by October 03 via the sign up table. Enjoy an Oktoberfest Themed menu with program presented by Carthage Crisis Center.

**Bingo at St. Luke's**

Second Saturdays at 2:00 pm  
October 11 & November 08

A group of Grace members gather at St. Luke's Nursing Center every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 2:00 pm to play bingo with St. Luke's residents. Anyone interested is welcome to join the fun!

**Coffee with Vestry**

Sunday, October 12 in the Parish House between morning services. Come enjoy coffee and chat with Vestry members.

**Giving Sunday—Clergy Discretionary**

Loose offerings on October 12 go toward our clergy discretionary funds so they may help members of our community in need as well as charitable organizations in our community.

**Maple Leaf Parade Day**

Saturday, October 18

**Caregivers Together**

Third Tuesdays at 2:00 pm  
October 21 & November 18

**Stewardship Campaign Ends:**

**Chili Cookoff Celebration**

Sunday, October 26 after 10:30 am service  
Please turn in 2026 Pledge cards by this date.

**Diocesan Clergy Conference (Branson)**

Afternoon of Sunday, October 26 through Wednesday, October 29

**Blessing of the Costumes, BOOfet of Terror, Episcopad Spookhouse & Trunk or Treat!**

Wednesday, October 29, begins with Mass at 6:00 pm; festivities following

**Vestry Meetings**

Third Tuesdays at 5:30 pm  
October 21 & November 18

**Daylight Saving Time Ends**

Sunday, November 02—Fall back clocks by one hour on Saturday night

**All Saints' Choral Evensong**

Sunday, November 02 at 6:00 pm in Nave

**136th Diocesan Convention**

Friday, Nov 07 & Saturday, Nov 08. Church office is closed & no Mass Friday, Nov 07. Arrangements are made so that Mass will still occur at Grace on Saturday Nov 08 at 5:00 pm.

**Giving Sunday—United Thank Offering**

Loose offerings at services on November 16 go toward the United Thank Offering – an Episcopal Granting Committee.

**Dec/Jan Newsletter Submissions Due**

Friday, November 21 by 9:00 am

**Newsletter Folding Party**

Tuesday, November 25 at 2:00 pm

**Thanksgiving Mass & Luncheon**

Thursday, November 27 at 10:00 am. Mass begins with the 1549 Book of Common Prayer. Luncheon to follow—please bring a side dish to share for which it would not be Thanksgiving without.

**Church Office Closed:**

Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28 for Thanksgiving Holiday

**Carthage Christmas Parade**

Monday, December 01

**Olde World Market**

Friday, December 05—5:30 pm-7:30pm  
Saturday, December 06—9:00 am-3:00pm  
Volunteer sign-up opportunities will become available by Mid-October. If interested in reserving a vendor space, please contact Peggy Ralston (417) 793-0041 or email pralston70@gmail.com



## Parish Prayer List

<i>St. Luke's:</i>	<i>Military &amp; First Responders:</i>
Tom Huntley	Christian Cook
Frank Lane	Knox Dunaway
Paula Windham	Will Flanigan
<i>Oak Pointe:</i>	Gary Kalinosky
Lida McCulloch	Tanner Marney
<i>Moberly:</i>	Logan McGinnis
Eric Adams	Chris Orr
<i>College View:</i>	Anastasia Painter
Roger Stinnett	Steven Sample
<i>OKC:</i>	Justin Slates
Kay Graham	Nic Smith
<i>Good Shepherd:</i>	Ian Stinnett
Edith Walters	Chase Taylor
<i>Foxberry Terrace:</i>	
Connie Moss	
<i>Parishioners:</i>	<i>Diocesan Prayer Cycle &amp;</i>
Tom Flanigan	<i>Bishop Amy's Visitations</i>
Marilyn Kelley	<u>05-October</u>
Tony Leiker	St. Oswald's, Skidmore
Jenny Mansfield	<u>12-October</u>
Steve Wampler	Grace, Chillicothe
Bill Wilson	<u>19-October</u>
	Trinity, Lebanon
	<u>26-October</u>
<i>Current Requests:</i>	Grace, Liberty
Frank Bigley	<u>02-November</u>
Mick Cooley	Bishop Spencer Place, KCMO
Rebecca Kendall	<u>09-November</u>
Lauren Petticrew	No Visitation; Diocese of
Pogue Family	West Texas
Doug Studyvin	<u>16-November</u>
Clyde Thornbrugh	No Visitation; Diocese of
Sarah Wurst	Western Kansas
	<u>23-November</u>
<i>Dearly Departed:</i>	Calvary, Sedalia
Jim Creighton 11-Sep	<u>30-November</u>
Phyllis Sanders 15-Aug	No Visitation; Diocese of
Sherrie Stinnett 13-Aug	Western Louisiana

## Vestry Members

Class of 2026: Jeanie Slates (*Sr. Warden*), Andy Lynch, Elaine Wurst (*Clerk*), Mike Robertson  
 Class of 2027: Ben Blair (*Jr. Warden*), Chuck Edds, Gloria Gubser, Alyssa Hess  
 Class of 2028: Clifton Kester, Jennifer Rhymer, Amanda Smith, Michelle Theerman

## 136th Diocesan Convention Delegates

Julie Anderson  
 Gloria Gubser  
 Debby Orr  
 Spencer Orr  
 Jennifer Rhymer  
 Zelma Watts  
 Elisa White  
*Alternates:* Leo Baird, Mark Jones, Andy Lynch, Leigh Salyer & Sally Stuart

## Gift Shop Hours

Thurs. 12:00 pm—5:00 pm  
 Sunday Mornings, Wednesday evenings during program year & via appointment

## Scheduling Notes

Any known changes to the Ministers of Worship section update with the e-Newsletter shared Monday Mornings in the *This Week at Grace* email. If you would like to opt out of receiving a paper newsletter, send your opt out request to [admin@gracecarthage.com](mailto:admin@gracecarthage.com)

## Special Thank You's...

To Zelma Watts for all the work and time put into organizing the library!  
 To the Stewardship Committee for steering the efforts and organizing the 2026 Pledge Campaign!  
 To Chris, Cliff & the Hospitality Committee for the delightful luncheon September 21!

## Ministers of Worship—October

### **Wed., October 01**

6:00 pm: *Pet Blessing*

*Reader & Chalice*: AJ Rhymer

*Sacristan*: Zelma Watts

### **Fri., October 03**

10:00 am

*Reader*: Zelma Watts

*Server*: Mark Jones

*Sacristan*: Sue Neely

### **Sat., October 04**

9:00 am

*Sacristan*: Cathy Thompson

5:00 pm

*Reader & Chalice*: Michael Goolsby

*Sacristan*: Beth Simmons

### **Sun., October 05**

8:00 am

*Reader*: Ashley Rouse

*Prayers & Sacristan*: Shirley Gollhofer

10:30 am

*OT*: Barbara Mountjoy

*NT & Chalice*: Elaine Wurst

*Prayers & Chalice*: Austin Rhymer

*Cross*: Alana Harris

*Torches*: Allie Rhymer & Henry Newport

*First Server*: Connor Wilkowski

*Second Server*: Sammy Hess

*Acolyte Mentor*: Elaine Wurst

*Sacristan*: Cathy Thompson

*AV*: Jennifer & Page Rhymer

*Ushers*: Larry & Ruth Hartman

*Flower Delivery*: Gloria Gubser &

Peggy Ralston

### **Wed., October 08**

6:00 pm

*Reader*: Regina Newport

*Chalice*: Austin Rhymer

*Sacristan*: Zelma Watts

### **Fri., October 10**

10:00 am

*Reader*: Carole Pryor

*Server*: Mark Jones

*Sacristan*: Sue Neely

### **Sat., October 11**

9:00 am

*Sacristan*: Cathy Thompson

5:00 pm

*Reader*: Marcia McGuire

*Sacristan*: Beth Simmons

### **Sun., October 12**

8:00 am

*Reader*: Jay Thompson

*Prayers*: Ashley Rouse

*Sacristan*: Shirley Gollhofer

10:30 am

*OT*: Chuck Edds

*NT*: Marcia McGuire

*Prayers & Chalice*: Michael Goolsby

*Chalice*: Austin Rhymer

*Cross*: Kieran Malone

*Torches*: Elliott Kester & Kennedy Silvers

*First Server*: Brooklyn Rhymer

*Second Server*: Owen Hess

*Acolyte Mentor*: Jennifer Rhymer

*Sacristan*: Beth Simmons

*AV*: Elisa White & Alana Harris

*Ushers*: Steve Erwin & Max Hill

*Flower Delivery*: Zelma Watts & Jeanne Goolsby

## Ministers of Worship—October

### **Wed., October 15**

6:00 pm

*Reader & Chalice:* Jon Haffner

*Sacristan:* Zelma Watts

### **Fri., October 17**

10:00 am

*Reader:* Zelma Watts

*Server:* Mark Jones

*Sacristan:* Sue Neely

### **Sat., October 18**

9:00 am

*Sacristan:* Cathy Thompson

5:00 pm

*Reader & Chalice:* Michael Goolsby

*Sacristan:* Beth Simmons

### **Sun., October 19**

8:00 am

*Reader & Sacristan:* Shirley Gollhofer

*Prayers:* Mark Sponaugle

10:30 am

*OT & Chalice:* Ruth Hartman

*NT:* Leigh Salyer

*Prayers & Chalice:* Larry Hartman

*Cross:* Owen Hess

*Torches:* Kieran Malone & Barrett Cook

*First Server:* Alana Harris

*Second Server:* Lincoln Cook

*Acolyte Mentor:* Elisa White

*Sacristan:* Pam White

*AV:* Jim Wakefield & Allie Rhymer

*Ushers:* Chris & Spencer Orr

*Flower Delivery:* Cathy Thompson

### **Wed., October 22**

6:00 pm

*Reader:* Regina Newport

*Chalice:* Jory Mertens

*Sacristan:* Zelma Watts

### **Fri., October 24**

10:00 am

*Reader:* Carole Pryor

*Server:* Mark Jones

*Sacristan:* Sue Neely

### **Sat., October 25**

9:00 am

*Sacristan:* Cathy Thompson

5:00 pm

*Reader & Chalice:* Bill Putnam

*Sacristan:* Pam White

### **Sun., October 26**

8:00 am

*Reader:* Jay Thompson

*Prayers:*

*Sacristan:* Shirley Gollhofer

10:30 am

*OT & Chalice:* Andy Lynch

*NT:* Michelle Theerman

*Prayers & Chalice:* Mark Sponaugle

*Cross:* Walker Lasley

*Torches:* Peyton Lynch & Carson Stremke

*First Server:* Trenton Lynch

*Second Server:* Barrett Cook

*Acolyte Mentor:* Elaine Wurst

*Sacristan:* Pam White

*AV:* Mike Robertson & Brooklyn Rhymer

*Ushers:* Jim Wakefield & Allie Rhymer

*Flower Delivery:* Julie Anderson

## Ministers of Worship—October & November

### **Wed., October 29**

6:00 pm

*Reader & Chalice:* Jory Mertens

*Sacristan:* Zelma Watts

### **Fri., October 31**

10:00 am

*Reader:* Zelma Watts

*Server:* Mark Jones

*Sacristan:* Sue Neely

### **Sat., November 01**

9:00 am

*Sacristan:* Jennifer Rhymer

5:00 pm

*Reader:* Marcia McGuire

*Sacristan:* Jeanie Slates

### **Sun., November 02**

8:00 am

*Reader & Sacristan:* Shirley Gollhofer

*Prayers:* Ashley Rouse

10:30 am

*OT:* Barbara Mountjoy

*NT & Chalice:* Elaine Wurst

*Prayers & Chalice:* Austin Rhymer

*Cross:* Alana Harris

*Torches:* Allie Rhymer & Henry Newport

*First Server:* Connor Wilkowski

*Second Server:* Sammy Hess

*Acolyte Mentor:* Elisa White

*Sacristan:* Jennifer Rhymer

*AV:* Jennifer & Paige Rhymer

*Ushers:* Dennis Sawyer & Zach Hess

*Flower Delivery:* Gloria Gubser &

Peggy Ralston

### **Wed., November 05**

6:00 pm

*Reader:* AJ Rhymer

*Chalice:* Austin Rhymer

*Sacristan:* Zelma Watts

### **Fri., November 07**

*No 10:00 am Mass— Diocesan Convention*

### **Sat., November 08**

9:00 am

*Sacristan:* Jeanie Slates

5:00 pm

*Reader & Chalice:* Bill Putnam

*Sacristan:* Jeanie Slates

### **Sun., November 09**

8:00 am

*Reader:* Jay Thompson

*Prayers:* Ashley Rouse

*Sacristan:* Shirley Gollhofer

10:30 am

*OT:* Kathy Laytham

*NT:* Regina Newport

*Prayers & Chalice:* Austin Rhymer

*Chalice:* Andy Lynch

*Cross:* Kieran Malone

*Torches:* Elliott Kester & Kennedy Silvers

*First Server:* Brooklyn Rhymer

*Second Server:* Owen Hess

*Acolyte Mentor:* Jennifer Rhymer

*Sacristan:* Debby Orr

*AV:* Elisa White & Alana Harris

*Ushers:* Steve Erwin & Max Hill

*Flower Delivery:* Zelma Watts & Julie Anderson

## Ministers of Worship—November

### **Wed., November 12**

6:00 pm

*Reader & Chalice:* Jon Haffner

*Sacristan:* Zelma Watts

### **Fri., November 14**

10:00 am

*Reader:* ~~Zelma Watts~~ Carole Pryor

*Server:* Mark Jones

*Sacristan:* Sue Neely

### **Sat., November 15**

9:00 am

*Sacristan:* Debby Orr

5:00 pm

*Reader:* Marcia McGuire

*Sacristan:* Jeanie Slates

### **Sun., November 16**

8:00 am

*Reader & Sacristan:* Shirley Gollhofer

*Prayers:* Mark Sponaugle

10:30 am

*OT & Chalice:* Ruth Hartman

*NT:* ~~Leigh Salyer~~ Michelle Theerman

*Prayers & Chalice:* Larry Hartman

*Cross:* Owen Hess

*Torches:* Kieran Malone & Barrett Cook

*First Server:* Alana Harris

*Second Server:* Lincoln Cook

*Acolyte Mentor:* Elisa White

*Sacristan:* Jennifer Rhymer

*AV:* Jim Wakefield & Allie Rhymer

*Ushers:* Chris & Spencer Orr

*Flower Delivery:* Cathy Thompson

### **Wed., November 19**

6:00 pm

*Reader:* Regina Newport

*Chalice:* AJ Rhymer

*Sacristan:* Zelma Watts

### **Fri., November 21**

10:00 am

*Reader:* ~~Carole Pryor~~ Zelma Watts

*Server:* Mark Jones

*Sacristan:* Sue Neely

### **Sat., November 22**

9:00 am

*Sacristan:* All Clean

5:00 pm

*Reader & Chalice:* Bill Putnam

*Sacristan:* Jeanie Slates

### **Sun., November 23**

8:00 am

*Reader:* Jay Thompson

*Prayers:*

*Sacristan:* Shirley Gollhofer

10:30 am

*OT & Chalice:* Andy Lynch

*NT:* ~~Michelle Theerman~~ Leigh Slayer

*Prayers & Chalice:* Mark Sponaugle

*Cross:* Walker Lasley

*Torches:* Peyton Lynch & Carson Stremke

*First Server:* Trenton Lynch

*Second Server:* Barrett Cook

*Acolyte Mentor:* Elaine Wurst

*Sacristan:* Debby Orr

*AV:* Mike Robertson & Brooklyn Rhymer

*Ushers:* Jim Wakefield & Allie Rhymer

*Flower Delivery:*



## Ministers of Worship—November

### **Wed., November 26**

6:00 pm

*Reader & Chalice:* Jory Mertens

*Sacristan:* Zelma Watts

### **Thurs., November 27**

10:00 am—*Thanksgiving Mass*

*1549 Book of Common Prayer*

*Sacristan:* Jennifer Rhymer

### **Fri., November 28**

*No 10:00 AM Mass: Day after Thanksgiving*

### **Sat., November 29**

9:00 am

*Sacristan:* Jennifer Rhymer

5:00 pm

*Reader & Chalice:* Michael Goolsby

*Sacristan:* Jeanie Slates

### **Sun., November 30**

8:00 am

*Reader:* Jay Thompson

*Prayers & Sacristan:* Shirley Gollhofer

10:30 am

*OT:* Chuck Edds

*NT:* Marcia McGuire

*Chalice:* Elaine Wurst

*Prayers & Chalice:* Andy Lynch

*Cross:* Larry Hartman

*Torches:* Ruth Hartman & Elaine Wurst

*First Server:* Sammy Hess

*Second Server:* Owen Hess

*Sacristan:* Jennifer Rhymer

*AV:* Jim Wakefield & Allie Rhymer

*Ushers:* Jennifer & Austin Rhymer

*Flower Delivery:*

## Grace Youth Updates

The past 2 months have flown by! We went to Marian Days, had our Back-to-School Carnival & Lock-in in August. In September, School Started, and we had our first month of Wednesday Night Youth Group and Sunday School, had an acolyte practice day, an Episcopad Open House, and baked dog treats for the upcoming Pet Blessing.

We have many activities coming up in the fall, our biggest one will be the Episcopad Spookhouse! If you are interested in helping with decorations or set-up, we will be meeting October 12th & 26th in the afternoons. Reach out to Madi at [youth@gracecarthage.com](mailto:youth@gracecarthage.com) for more info. We hope you join us!

We recently had an Acolyte Training where youth & adults learned new positions and practiced old ones. If you were unable to attend and are interested in training to be an Acolyte, please contact Elisa White [elisacwhite@gmail.com](mailto:elisacwhite@gmail.com)

We have many events in the upcoming months, both at Grace and in the Diocese. Please email us if you are interested in getting updates on the diocesan calendar.

Here is the current fall schedule:

### OCTOBER

1st-Pet Blessing (No youth)

12th & 26th-Spookhouse decorating work days

29th-spookhouse and Trunk or Treat

### NOVEMBER

2nd-TBA Deanery Youth Gathering in Springfield

7th & 8th-Diocesan Youth Gathering @ Diocesan Convention

26th-Thanksgiving (no youth)

## October

### Birthdays

01 Chris Hunter, Ceri Otero, Sam Lynch  
04 Shari Lee  
05 Cathy Thompson  
07 Emily Kester  
08 Pam White  
09 Kirk Pierce  
10 Sue Godsey  
12 Jenny Martindale  
13 Robin Frink & Madi Kyger  
14 Annette Mara, Dylan Hernandez  
15 Crystal Stiles  
19 Alicia Lopez  
20 Bonnie Pugh  
21 Dale Hopp  
23 Serena Haffner  
24 Matt Willingham  
25 Harry Kester  
26 Leigh Salyer, Lisa Daugherty  
27 Pat Cowan, Nic Smith  
28 Scott Stone  
29 Julio Ovalle

### Anniversaries

03 Jimmy & Samantha Slates  
04 Matt & Audrey Willingham  
10 Daniel & Stephanie Lynch  
14 Ernesto & Maura Lazo  
15 Nic & Amanda Smith  
17 Kirk & Piper Pierce  
18 Chris & Beth Kang

### Altar Flowers Given By:

#### **05-October**

Fr. Joe, Fr. Collin

#### **12-October**

Mike & Diann Hays, Elaine Wurst

#### **19-October**

Pat Brown

Gloria Gubser & Leigh Salyer

#### **26-October**

Melinda Wilson



## November

### Birthdays

02 Maria Hernandez  
04 Anne Marie Hunter  
06 Amanda Smith  
07 Susan Campbell  
08 Grant Williams  
11 Cris Laytham  
12 Heather Anderson  
16 Sydney Clark  
17 Pam Barlet, John Schaffer  
18 Donna Lane  
19 Connie Moss  
20 Shellie Ross, Scott Lambert  
21 Eduardo Puerto  
22 Ron Stiles  
23 Zach Hess  
24 Joe Kirk, Gary Gillam, Cindy Putnam  
26 Jed Bartosh, Brooklyn Lasley  
27 Beth Kang  
28 Jeff Neely, Marady Anderson  
29 Tony Leiker, Michael Hays, Karen McKee

### Anniversaries

02 Rick & Sally Stuart  
03 Jeff & Sue Neely  
07 Rev'd Ted & Mindy Estes  
13 Terry & Cindy Chilton  
18 Rev'd José & Mercedes Palma  
22 Frank & Donna Lane

### Altar Flowers Given By:

#### **02-November**

Amy & Jimmy Grimes

#### **09-November**

Jenny Mansfield & Family

Goolsbys & Chambers

#### **16-November**

Simone Dowell

#### **23-November**

Lisa Daughtery, Michelle Theerman

#### **30-November**

Shary Lee, Mary Kirby



# Daily Readings in October & November 2025

## October

01: 2 Kings 18:9-25 | 1 Cor. 8:1-13 | Matt. 7:13-21  
02: 2 Kings 18:28-37 | 1 Cor. 9:1-15 | Matt. 7:22-29  
03: 2 Kings 19:1-20 | 1 Cor. 9:16-27 | Matt. 8:1-17  
04: 2 Kings 19:21-36 | 1 Cor. 10:1-13 | Matt. 8:18-27

### Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

05: Lamentations 1:1-6 | 2 Timothy 1:1-14 | Luke 17:5-10  
06: 2 Kings 21:1-18 | 1 Cor. 10:14-11:1 | Matt. 8:28-34  
07: 2 Kings 22:1-13 | 1 Cor. 11:2,17-22 | Matt. 9:1-8  
08: 2 Kings 22:14-23:3 | 1 Cor. 11:23-34 | Matt. 9:9-17  
09: 2 Kings 23:4-25 | 1 Cor. 12:1-11 | Matt. 9:18-26  
10: 2 Kings 23:36-24:17 | 1 Cor. 12:12-26 | Matt. 9:27-34  
11: Jeremiah 35:1-19 | 1 Cor. 12:27-13:3 | Matt. 9:35-10:4

### Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

12: Jeremiah 29:1,4-7 | 2 Timothy 2:8-15 | Luke 17:11-19  
13: Jeremiah 36:11-26 | 1 Cor. 13:[1-3]4-13 | Matt. 10:5-15  
14: Jeremiah 36:27-37:2 | 1 Cor. 14:1-12 | Matt. 10:16-23  
15: Jeremiah 37:3-21 | 1 Cor. 14:13-25 | Matt. 10:24-33  
16: Jer. 38:1-13 | 1 Cor. 14:26-33a,37-40 | Matt. 10:34-42  
17: Jeremiah 38:14-28 | 1 Cor. 15:1-11 | Matt. 11:1-6  
18: Sirach 38:1-4,6-10,12-14 | 2 Tim. 4:5-13 | Luke 4:14-21

### Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

19: Jeremiah 31:27-34 | 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 | Luke 18:1-8  
20: Jeremiah 44:1-14 | 1 Cor. 15:30-41 | Matt. 11:16-24  
21: Lam. 1:1-5[6-9]10-12 | 1 Cor. 15:41-50 | Matt. 11:25-30  
22: Lam. 2:8-15 | 1 Cor. 15:51-58 | Matt. 12:1-14  
23: Acts 15:12-22a | 1 Cor. 15:1-11 | Matthew 13:54-58  
24: Ezra 3:1-13 | 1 Cor 16:10-24 | Matt. 12:22-32  
25: Ezra 4:7,11-24 | Philemon 1-25 | Matt. 12:33-42

### Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

26: Joel 2:23-32 | 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 | Luke 18:9-14  
27: Zech. 1:7-17 | Revelation 1:4-20 | Matt. 12:43-50  
28: Deuteronomy 32:1-4 | Eph. 2:13-22 | John 15:17-27  
29: Ezra 6:1-22 | Revelation 5:1-10 | Matt. 13:10-17  
30: Neh. 1:1-11 | Revelation 5:11-6:11 | Matt. 13:18-23  
31: Neh. 2:1-20 | Revelation 6:12-7:4 | Matt. 13:24-30



## November

01: Daniel 7:1-3,15-18 | Ephesians 1:11-23 | Luke 6:20-31

### All Saints' Sunday

02: Daniel 7:1-3,15-18 | Ephesians 1:11-23 | Luke 6:20-31  
03: Neh. 6:1-19 | Revelation 10:1-11 | Matt. 13:36-43  
04: Neh. 12:27-31a,42b-47 | Rev. 11:1-19 | Matt. 13:44-52  
05: Neh. 13:4-22 | Revelation 12:1-12 | Matt. 13:53-58  
06: Ezra 7:[1-10]11-26 | Revelation 14:1-13 | Matt. 14:1-12  
07: Ezra 7:27-28, 8:21-36 | Rev. 15:1-8 | Matt. 14:13-21  
08: Ezra 9:1-15 | Revelation 17:1-14 | Matt. 14:22-36

### Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

09: Haggai 1:15b-2:9 | 2 Thess. 2:1-5,13-17 | Luke 20:27-38  
10: Neh. 9:1-15[16-25] | Revelation 18:1-8 | Matt. 15:1-20  
11: Neh. 9:26-38 | Revelation 18:9-20 | Matt. 15:21-28  
12: Neh. 7:73b-8:3,5-18 | Rev. 18:21-24 | Matt. 15:29-39  
13: 1 Macc. 1:1-28 | Revelation 19:1-10 | Matt. 16:1-12  
14: 1 Macc. 1:41-63 | Revelation 19:11-16 | Matt. 16:13-20  
15: 1 Macc. 2:1-28 | Revelation 20:1-6 | Matt. 16:21-28

### Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

16: Isaiah 65:17-25 | 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 | Luke 21:5-19  
17: 1 Macc. 3:1-24 | Revelation 20:7-15 | Matt. 17:1-13  
18: 1 Macc. 3:25-41 | Revelation 21:1-8 | Matt. 17:14-21  
19: 1 Macc. 3:42-60 | Revelation 21:9-21 | Matt. 17:22-27  
20: 1 Macc. 4:1-25 | Revelation 21:22-22:5 | Matt. 18:1-9  
21: 1 Macc. 4:36-59 | Revelation 22:6-13 | Matt. 18:10-20  
22: Isa. 65:17-25 | Revelation 22:14-21 | Matt. 18:21-35

### Last Sunday after Pentecost

23: Jeremiah 23:1-6 | Colossians 1:11-20 | Luke 23:33-43  
24: Joel 3:1-2,9-17 | 1 Pet. 1:1-12 | Matt. 19:1-12  
25: Nahum 1:1-13 | 1 Pet. 1:13-25 | Matt. 19:13-22  
26: Obadiah 15-21 | 1 Pet. 2:1-10 | Matt. 19:23-30  
27: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 | Philippians 4:4-9 | John 6:25-35  
28: Isa. 24:14-23 | 1 Pet. 3:13-4:6 | Matt. 20:17-28  
29: Micah 7:11-20 | 1 Pet. 4:7-19 | Matt. 20:29-34

### First Sunday of Advent

30: Isaiah 2:1-5 | Romans 13:11-14 | Matthew 24:36-44

