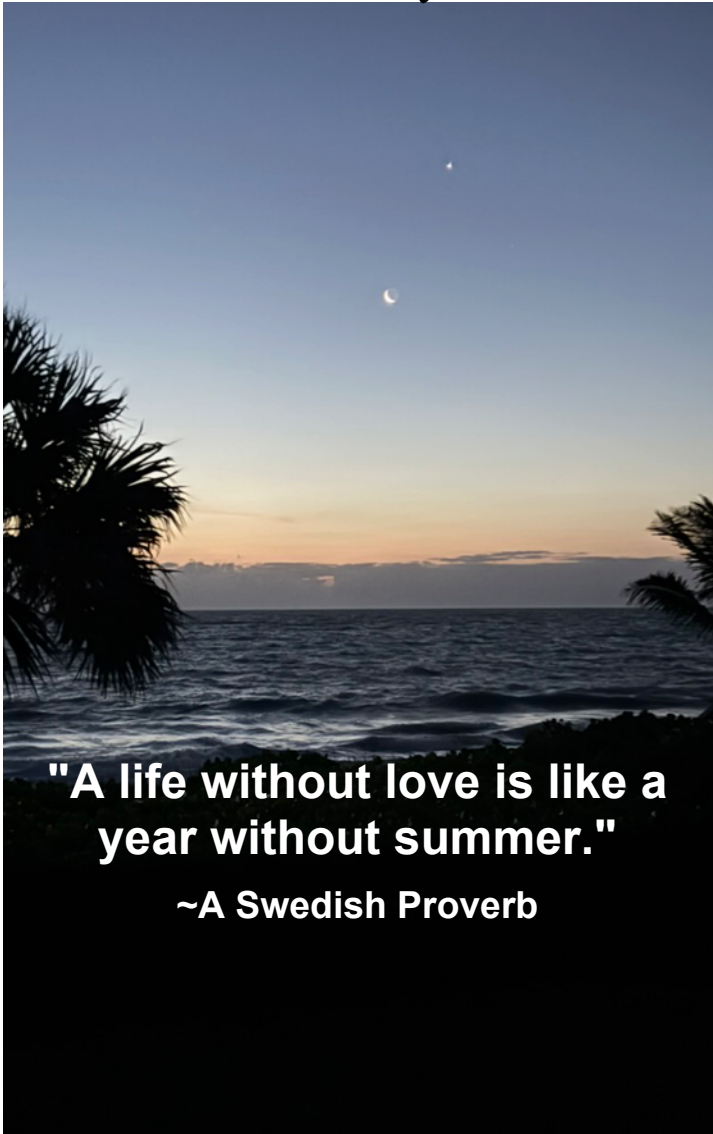




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*Tenth Sunday After Pentecost August 17th (Rite II)*



**"A life without love is like a  
year without summer."**

**~A Swedish Proverb**

**We will celebrate this  
Sunday with Morning  
Prayer while Father  
Victor and Rhonda  
are away for a few  
days.**

Use our audio mixer to listen to the 9:30  
Sunday Mass live.

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To watch Sunday Mass on Facebook live.

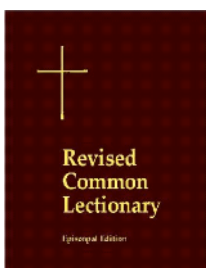
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For the Sunday prayer bulletin. [Click Here](#)

**Website for Lectionary Readings**

The webpage is in calendar form - just click on the date and you will see the readings for that day.

<https://www.lectionarypage.net/CalndrsIndexes/Calendar2025.html>



## Upcoming Events

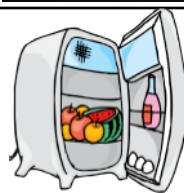
Sunday August 17th	9:30 AM Sunday Morning Prayer (Rite II) 11:15 AM Monthly Vestry Meeting
Wednesday August 20th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday August 24th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person & on-line (Rite I) Parish cookout after Mass in our churchyard
Wednesday August 27th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday August 31st	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person & on-line (Rite II)
Monday September 1st	Labor Day Holiday - Office closed
Wednesday September 3rd	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday September 7th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person & on-line (Rite I)

## The Photography Corner



Claire Newquist sent us this photograph of fireworks over Honolulu Beach, Hawaii. Thank you Claire!

I would like to thank all who have shared photographs with us. ~Joe



ShopRite Grocery Gift Cards are available for sale EVERY Sunday after each service. Grace Church receives 5% on the sale of the cards from ShopRite, while you purchase the cards at face value! ShopRite gift cards can make shopping for the family easy. Our ongoing fundraiser of ShopRite gift cards helps you prepare your holiday meals while helping Grace Church. Please keep us in mind when preparing your shopping lists!

We are happy and pleased to announce that we can accept credit card purchases for the ShopRite gift cards. So, if you use a rewards credit card you can now accumulate points while supporting Grace Church! To purchase gift cards, please see either Eileen or Claire.

## Montgomery Ward Renovations



The construction work which needed to be done from our churchyard on the old Montgomery Ward building is ending. The new windows are installed (as you can see from the photo above and on the left) and workers have begun dismantling the scaffolding. Their clean-up of our yard comes next. Hopefully the clean-up won't take too long. ~Joe

## Upcoming Summer Events

Hard as it may be to believe, our summer months are almost half over! Although, given the recent spate of heat and humidity, I suspect some of us may already be longing for the warm (not hot and steamy) days and cooler nights of fall! Before those days arrive, we do have a few more summer events to enjoy.

On Sunday, August 24th, the Vestry will be hosting a parish cookout in the churchyard after our 9:30 service. In order to plan for this event, we need to know how many people will be attending. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside Carolanne's office beginning on August 3rd. We are asking that you let us know how many people (adults and children) will be attending and if you would like to bring something to share. The Vestry will supply the basics—hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls, condiments, and some side dishes.

In addition to being a time of fun and fellowship, this event will give us the opportunity to thank Phyllis Guardino for her 20 years of service to the Church and the Guild of St Margaret. ~Claire



## **Mystic Poets Society**

**This week's poem was sent to us by Eileen Bloomer. Thank you Eileen!  
If you have a poem or reflection that you would consider sharing with your fellow parishioners, please send it to me. Thank you. Joe.**

**The dawn comes slowly,  
a shift from dark to light  
happening right before my eyes  
on a morning when I carry questions,  
write questions on a blank white page  
with my sharpened yellow pencil.**

**I do expect answers. I do  
search through my worn pockets  
seeking some treasure and finding  
the lint, the remnants of yesterday's  
thoughts and plans. I try to remember  
every name and every place,  
a safe space to say,**

**I know exactly who I am!  
Behind closed and locked doors  
I hold all that I think I am.  
Then, the dawn comes slowly,  
a shift from dark to light,  
so I open the door  
and watch this day begin.  
A bird with wings starts to sing,  
then I remember  
in the beginning there was a word,  
there was the Word,  
a song singing still.**

**~Eileen**

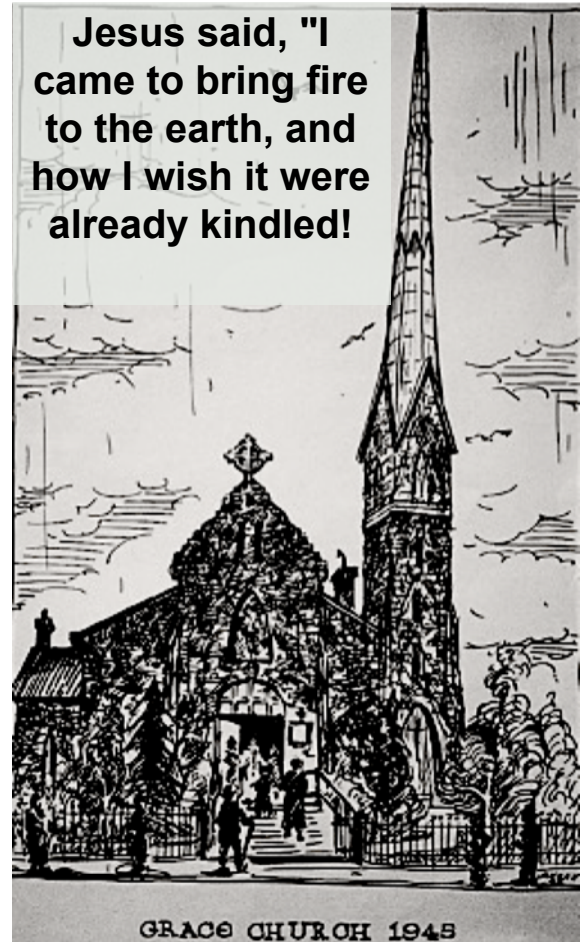


**Thanks for the additional coffee, napkins, cups, and cutlery that were donated this week. Your generosity is appreciated. At this time, we have enough supplies for a long time. The congregation will be notified when additional supplies are needed.**

**In gratitude ~ Allison**



**On Sunday July 27th, we celebrated the July birthday of Anne Caldwell. Happy Birthday Anne!**



### **Vestry News**

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday August 17th starting at 11:15 AM.

All are invited to attend!

[Click here to read the minutes of the April 27, 2025 Vestry meeting.](#)

[Click here to read the minutes of the May 18, 2025 Vestry meeting.](#)

### **Your Grace Church Vestry.**

#### **Wardens:**

John Cusack

Claire Newquist

*Clerk of the Vestry:*

*Treasurer:*

Kathleen Hamilton

Allison McLean

#### **Vestry:**

Lorraine Witkowski

Anne Caldwell

Barbara Chumard

Michelle Tubbs

Analise Reed

Joseph Barrett

Mark Strunsky

Eileen Bloomer

Torry Guardino

David White (Student member of Vestry)