

Episcopal Church of the Ridge

Ridge Runner Newsletter

Rector's Report

A word about the Great 50 Days of Easter...

We are in the season of Easter (also known as Eastertide or Eastertime), which lasts from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. It is a festal season in our liturgical year that focuses on celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a joyful, celebratory time. The color of the season is white, which is

us focused on the Resurrection and moving forward from that event into today's time. The Alleluias that went away during Lent came back on Easter Sunday. And we get additional Alleluias with the opening sentence "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!" and the response "The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!" We also add Alleluias to the end

cross and in his resurrection. Congregational confession is not observed during the Great Fifty Days of Easter as a sign of joyful acceptance of that gift.

Blessings,
Mother Lathrop+



“we have been made righteous by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ “

the color designated for feasts and festivals. The Paschal Candle is lit on Sundays during the Season of Easter. You may have noticed that we do not have a reading from the Old Testament, instead we are reading from Acts. Our readings are from Acts because we are looking forward from the Resurrection. All our readings during the Easter season keep

of the dismissal during this time. Also, for the young and our young at heart, the fist bumps have returned as well!

Another practice for the season of Easter is omitting the confession. We omit the confession during the season of Easter because we have been made righteous by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the

Happy May and June!

As the summer months unfold, we're shifting the Ridge Runner to a two-month format, giving everyone—myself included—a little breathing room. Vacations are woven into many schedules this time of year, and I'll be taking some time to rest and recharge as well. We'll reassess in September and see how things are flowing.

Meanwhile, my summer will be filled with the joyful, if slightly frantic, rhythm of harvesting and preserving. My pantry needs replenishing, and that means long days of gathering fresh produce, stirring simmering pots, and sealing jars to capture the season's abundance.



Gardening & Preserving Wisdom

For those diving into their gardens and kitchens this summer, here are a few tried-and-true tips:

- **Harvest at peak flavor:** Pick veggies in the morning when sugars are at their highest, and herbs just before they flower for maximum aroma.

- **Preserve like a pro:** Blanching greens before freezing keeps them vibrant. A pinch of citric acid in canned tomatoes maintains color and acidity.

- **Make the most of scraps:** Herb stems can infuse vinegar or broths. Tomato skins, dried and ground, create a rich seasoning.

- **Think long-term:** Dehydrated fruits make perfect snacks, and fermenting veggies like cucumbers into pickles extends their shelf life while enhancing flavor.

Whether you're soaking in the sunshine, tending to your garden, or simply savoring the slower pace, I hope these months bring renewal and inspiration.



member spotlight

Mrs. Sarah Schwarz is our spotlight member of the month for May.



She has led a very interesting life here in Ridge Spring and has even more stories than she told.

She is such an endearing person who is always willing to listen and help when she can. She has a wisdom I particularly like to tap into when I need a dose of Sanity, and for that I thank you Sarah!

Here are the answers to the questions we asked her,

How long have you been a member of Episcopal Church of The Ridge?

68 Years .I was baptized

and confirmed , and Married at Grace church.

What are your interests (Hobbies) outside of church?

Grandchildren- Miller 16, Margaret 14 and Sarah 13. Riding horses, needlepoint, fishing and deer hunting.

What interest groups do you belong to?

Daughters of the King

Tell us one of your fondest memories about the church and/or church member.

When Jack and I married, I asked Bishop Beckham to officiate. He and I had been friend's way before he became Bishop. His son was getting married the same day and time and Bishop Beckham asked them to move the time up so that he could perform our service at 6 pm.

How long have you been married to Jack and how did you meet him?

We have been married for 49 years this May. Daddy met him first when he moved to Ridge Spring and his phone was installed. Daddy asked him to shoe my horses and it was love at first site. I had met someone who liked to ride and be outside.

. Is there something you will share about yourself that *other people don't know*.

I love helping others, whether it is cleaning out a closet or kitchen cabinets or a garage or working in the yard. My husband says I am bossy and my nickname from my brothers-in-law is Bossy sister Sarah.

Do you like to travel – What is your favorite destination?

To the NC mountains where we have a cabin or to Venice, Louisiana to fish.

What is your favorite thing to cook / eat?

I love to cook a pound cake and use my Aunt Jane Blume's recipe. I love all seafood especially soft-shell crab.



May 4
Our Saviour 10:00 am
Third Sunday of Easter
Eucharistic Rite I

Acolyte / Addie Long
Lector / Penny Summer
Intercessor / Kelly Vann
Eucharistic Minister / Ric Vann
Greeters / Bailey Pendarvis
Altar / Deborah Holmes
Annette Quinby/
Usher / Bailey Pendarvis/
Andy Whitfield
Hospitality Catherine Brice

1st lesson/ Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
Psalm 30
2nd lesson / Revelation 5:11-14
Gospel / John 21:1-19

May 11
Grace 10:00 am
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Eucharistic Rite 2

Acolyte / Ryals Connor
Lector / Jerrold Watson
Intercessor / Muffy Sander
Eucharistic Minister / Liz Wilson
Greeters Sarah Schwarz /
Muffy Sander
Altar Sarah Schwarz/ Muffy Sander
Usher / Jack Schwarz /Greg Sander
Hospitality Sarah Schwarz/
Muffy Sander

1st lesson/Acts 9:36-43
Psalm/ 23
2nd lesson /Revelation 7:9-17
Gospel/ John 10:22-30

May 18
Trinity 10:00 am
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Eucharistic Rite 2

Acolyte / Smith Connor
Lector / Lydia Wherry
Intercessor / Peggy Ann Moss
Eucharistic Minister / Ray Melton
Greeters Caleb Connor
Altar Jean Covar / Lady Nicholson
Usher / Caleb Connor
Hospitality/ Kathy Stallworth

1st lesson/11:1-18
Psalm/ 148
2nd lesson/ Revelation 21:1-6
Gospel/ John 13:31-35

May 25
Our Saviour 10:00 am
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Eucharistic Rite II

Acolyte / Beau Whitfield
Lector / Penny Summer
Intercessor / Kelly Vann
Eucharistic Minister / Larry Vann
Greeters Bill Kotti/ B.Rainsford
Altar Catherine Brice /Liz Posey
Usher / David Long/ Ric Vann
Hospitality / Penny, Helen, Valerie
and Lynn

1st lesson/Acts 16:9-15
Psalm/ Psalm 67
2nd lesson/ Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
Gospel/John 14:23-29

June 1
Grace 10:00 am
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Eucharistic Rite II

Acolyte / Emerson Holmes
Lector / Greg Sander
Intercessor Scotty Scott
Eucharistic Minister / Jerrold Watson
Greeters Muffy Sander / Bill Kotti
Altar / Ellen Courtney
Usher / Ric Vann
Hospitality / Kelly Vann

1st lesson/ Acts 16:16-34
Psalm/Psalm 97
2nd lesson/ Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21
Gospel/John 17:20-26

June 8
Trinity 10:00 am
Pentecost
Eucharistic Rite II

Acolyte / Anna Hagan
Lector / Muffy Sander
Intercessor / Peggy Ann Moss
Eucharistic Minister / Ray Melton
Greeters Annette Quinby/
Bill Kotti
Altar/ Ann Byrd/ Betsy Willis
Usher / Buzz Byrd/
Hospitality/ Leah Driver

1st lesson/Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm/ 104:25-35,37
2nd lesson/ Romans 8:14-17
Gospel/John 14:8-17,(25-27)

June 15
Our Saviour 10:00 am
First Sunday After Pentecost
Eucharistic Rite II

Acolyte / Addie Long
Lector / Scotty Scott
Intercessor / Muffy Sander
Eucharistic Minister / Larry Vann
Greeters /
Altar /M. Hagan/ Caro Cassels
Usher / Greg Hagan/Lee Holmes
Hospitality/ Cindy Vann

1st lesson/Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31
2nd lesson/ Romans 5:1-5
Psalm/8
Gospel/John 16:12-15

June 22
Grace 10:00 am
Second Sunday After Pentecost
Eucharistic Rite II

Acolyte / Beau Whitfield
Lector / Greg Sander
Intercessor / Kelly Vann
Eucharistic Minister / Ric Vann
Greeters / Bill Kotti
Altar Muffy Sander
Usher / Greg Sander
Hospitality/ Alice Becker

1st lesson/1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a
2nd lesson/ Isaiah 65:1-8
Psalm/ Psalm 42
Gospel/Luke 8:26-39

June 29
Trinity 10:00 am
Third Sunday A
Third Sunday After Pentecost
Eucharistic Rite II

Acolyte / Lydia Wherry
Lector / Lydia Wherry
Intercessor / Scotty Scott
Eucharistic Minister / Liz Wilson
Greeters / Annette Quinby /
Altar JoAnn Amos/ Annette Quinby
Usher /
Hospitality/ Pot Luck

1st lesson/2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
2nd lesson/ Galatians 5:1,13-25
Psalm/77:1-2, 11-20
Gospel/Luke 9:51-62



2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				National Day of Prayer		
Our Saviour 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Outdoor Service 10:00am Casual Sunday	Cinco de Mayo Bible in a year 6pm		Choir 4pm			
Grace 11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mothers Day	Bible in a year 6pm		Choir 4pm			
Trinity 18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Bible in a year 6pm		8:30-11a Meal distri- bution RS Choir 4pm	9am Senior Bingo Edgefield		
Our Saviour 25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Memorial- Day Office closed		Choir 4pm			

JUNE

2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Grace 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Bible in a year 6pm		Choir 4pm		Peachtree 23 - yard sale	Peachtree23 - yard sale
Trinity 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Bible in a year 6pm		Choir 4pm			 Flag Day
Our Sav- iour15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Bible in a year 6pm		8-11:30 Meal distri- bution RS Choir 4pm	9am Senior Bingo Edgefield	Summer Begins	
Grace 22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Bible in a year 6pm		Choir 4pm			
Trinity 29	30					
Pot Luck	Bible in a year 6pm					



The Church of the Ridge: A Fellowship of Faith Across Three Communities

The Church of the Ridge brings together three historic congregations—Grace Episcopal Church in Ridge Spring, Our Saviour Episcopal Church in Trenton, and Trinity Episcopal Church in Edgefield. United by a shared mission of worship and service, these churches offer a living testament to God’s enduring presence and the strength of community.

Grace Episcopal Church, Ridge Spring, SC Established in the heart of Ridge Spring, Grace Episcopal Church has long been a spiritual sanctuary for its parishioners. With its beautiful architecture and welcoming spirit, Grace has played a vital role in fostering worship and outreach within the community.

Our Saviour Episcopal Church, Trenton, SC Nestled in Trenton, Our Saviour Episcopal Church stands as a cherished place of devotion and fellowship. Known for its close-knit congregation and commitment to service, Our Saviour continues to inspire faith and connection among its members and beyond.

Trinity Episcopal Church, Edgefield, SC In historic Edgefield, Trinity Episcopal Church has been a beacon of hope and faith for generations. Its rich heritage and steadfast commitment to spiritual growth and outreach reflect the enduring values that define its congregation.

Together, these three congregations form the Church of the Ridge—a collective ministry dedicated to glorifying God, strengthening bonds of fellowship, and serving the wider community with love and compassion. Rooted in history and united in purpose, they are a shining example of faith in action.

Episcopal Church of the Ridge is a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina. Located at 313 Simkins St, Edgefield, SC 29824

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Eliza Faris Connor	5/2	
John Charles Phinizy Rainsford	5/16	
Julius Marshall Vann Rainsford	5/16	
Mary Derrick	5/18	
Lee Ann Pendarvis	5/23	
Annette Quinby	5/29	
Jean Covar	5/30	
Richard Pendarvis	5/30	
Clarke Connor	5/30	



Kevin Ginn	6/1	
Greg Hagan	6/3	
Deborah Neese	6/6	
Liz Posey	6/6	
Muffy Sander	6/10	
Ray Melton	6/13	
Deborah Holmes	6/23	
Sarah Schwarz	6/2	
Peggy Ann Moss	6/28	
Faris Connor	6/30	



May 25th at Our Saviour 4 pm
 June 22nd Grace 4pm
 July 20 Trinity 4pm

Our Mission Statement

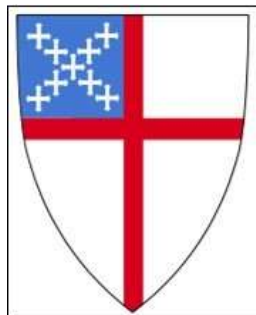
The mission of the Episcopal Church of the Ridge is to be a welcoming Christian community of worship, learning and outreach empowered by the grace of God.

The Rev. Lathrop H. Mosley, Rector
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Scotty Scott - Treasurer - 2025
 Jo Ann Amos - Recording Secretary

Share Your Favorite Hymns!

During the Vestry Retreat, we discussed worship, and Caleb Connor suggested inviting everyone to submit their favorite hymns for incorporation into our Sunday services. The Hymnal 1982 is rich with beautiful hymns, and we want to celebrate them together!

Throughout May and early June, hymn submission cards will be available. You can also email your selections to churchoftheridge@gmail.com.

If you need a hymnal, feel free to browse one at church or visit [Hymnary](https://www.hymnary.org).

We'll begin incorporating hymns after Pentecost, except for Easter hymns we haven't planned. Though not all submissions will be sung immediately, we'll work them in over time if they are part of The Episcopal Church's approved liturgical resources.

Please submit as many hymns as you like, along with your name and any personal connection to the hymn—we'd love to share these stories in the bulletin! Peggy Ann and the choir are excited to explore new hymns, and I look forward to hearing about the hymns that hold special meaning for you.

Blessings,
Mother Lathrop+

Treasurer's Report

Category	2025 Income Through March		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Pledge	\$44,177.47	\$46,062.50	(\$1,885.03)
Other (plate, etc.)	\$21,033.61	\$11,737.50	\$9,296.11
Total	\$65,211.08	\$57,800.00	\$7,411.08

TREASURER'S NOTE: March was a good month for us, and with Easter in April we should show more improvement. We are still a little behind in our pledge income; once again, the number I'm using for budgeted pledges is the optimistic total used in our Annual Meeting, "projected pledges," and not the smaller amount for which we have actual pledge cards. Our pledges formed the basis for the 2025 budget that the Vestry submitted to the congregation for approval; the "other" income consists of unpledged income from our weekly plate (some were donated to our church building funds) plus income from CDs and other investments. There were some generous unpledged contributions in March and one of our CDs matured as well; it was reinvested in another CD. That income shows up in the "other" row above.

As a Church, we would like to do more to support the needs of our community. Your contributions, particularly those above the amount of our pledges, will enable us to do so. As Treasurer, I thank each of you for your support both for the Episcopal Church of the Ridge and for those in need particularly in Edgefield and Saluda counties.

-- Scotty