

# Grace Episcopal Church

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~ The Second Sunday of Pentecost ~

Proper 7

June 22, 2025

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector

The Rev James Seipel, Assisting

David Aldrete, Choirmaster ~ Pavel Petrov, Organist

**Welcome to Grace Parish!** We are glad that you have answered God's call to worship, and we are honored that you have chosen to be with us. In addition to the service, we offer childcare for children age 4 and under, and Sunday School for preschool through 5th grade.

**Visitors, we would like to meet you!** Please take a moment to fill out the "Voice from the Pew" found in the red folders and place it in the offertory plate.

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**10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II**

Prelude Pavel Petrov

Processional Hymn 372 Leoni

“Praise to the living God!”

### **The Word of God**

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Gloria [S278] Mathias

#### **Collect of the Day**

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a** Bobbi Patterson

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I

alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 42:1-7** *Quemadmodum* Say together

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \*  
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, \*  
while all day long they say to me,  
"Where now is your God?"
- 4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: \*  
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of  
God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  
among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

**The Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-29****Miles Bresee**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Lector:           The Word of the Lord

**People:           Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 529****McKee**

“In Christ there is no East or West”

**The Gospel: Luke 8:26-39****The Rev. Susan Scranton**

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what

had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

**Sermon**

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton

The Nicene Creed

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**Prayers of the People**

David Aldrete

*God has called us to be priests for all peoples, offering to God the world's concerns. Let us then pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Blessed are you, our sovereign God: for you do not abandon what you have created, but continue to make your grace known among us. We thank you for those you have chosen to speak your reconciling word in this age, and we pray for the grace to receive it. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, our caring God: for you hear the cries of the poor, you see the tears in the eyes of all who mourn, you feel the pain of those in anguish, and you come to the side of the lonely. We thank you for our Outreach team that leads us to care for the hungry and the displaced at Union Station and in our own community. May we more and more hear the cries of the needy and respond with compassion and grace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, our God of peace: for you have bid us to make warfare cease and to place our trust in you who bore us up on eagle's wings. Raise up among us peacemakers, and confound those who trust in chariots and horses. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, our God of justice: for you desire that all be one. Erase the prejudice and class divisions among us, that together we might share in your vision of harmony.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, our God of righteousness: for you rescued your people from slavery in Egypt, and throughout the ages you have never failed to hear the cries of captives. On this Juneteenth weekend, as we celebrate and reflect on freedom, make us instruments of grace to resist slavery in all manifestations, that no soul be denied the right to thrive and fully realize their divine purpose in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, our God of the entire human family: for you care for all of your children of every race and kindred: We pray today for those who are still targeted for their gender identity, sexual orientation, or perceived differences, praying especially for those who have been hurt, bullied, or killed.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, our God of strength: for you do not desire harm or illness, but rather the fullness of a bountiful life: we lift up before you those in need of healing and comfort, praying especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others?

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

~ Welcome, Announcements and Special Blessings ~

**Blessing** (Said by all): Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase, bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he fall; and in his heart may they peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem \_\_\_\_\_ Pavel Petrov

**Presentation Hymn 380 v. 3** \_\_\_\_\_ Old 100th

“Praise God, from whom all blessing flow”

**Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)** \_\_\_\_\_ BCP p. 361

Sanctus & Benedictus [S128] \_\_\_\_\_ Mathias

The Lord’s Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread \_\_\_\_\_ BCP p. 364

Invitation to Communion \_\_\_\_\_ BCP p. 364

*(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord’s Table. If you have difficulty coming forward, please notify an usher, and we will be happy to bring Communion to you where you are seated. Gluten free wafer are available.)*

**Communion Hymn 652** \_\_\_\_\_ Rest

“Dear Lord and Father of mankind”

Postcommunion Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ BCP p. 365

The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn 493** \_\_\_\_\_ Azmon

“O for a thousand tongues to sing”

The Dismissal \_\_\_\_\_ BCP p. 366

Postlude \_\_\_\_\_ Pavel Petrov

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Adopt-A-Lunch ~ Today after the 10 AM service.**

**Grace Fellowship Dinner** - Monday, July 7 at 5:30 PM at Lordsburg Taphouse & Grill in La Verne. Come enjoy a relaxing evening of food, fun, and fellowship! This is a great chance to connect, catch up, and share a meal together. All are welcome - bring a friend!



**Vacation Bible School ~ Monday, July 21 –**

**Thursday, July 24 from 5:30 – 8:00 PM** - Calling all rising kindergarteners through 5th graders. VBS is back!

**VBS Donations Requested** - If you'd like to contribute to this year's VBS program, please take a post it from the poster board in the narthex and place the item in the bin. We are also looking for 4 volunteers to provide dinner on one of the 3 VBS nights. Thank YOU!

**Serving today:**

**Celebrant**..... The Rev. Susan Scranton  
**Lay Eucharistic Minister** ..... Donte Apperwhite  
**Lectors**..... Bobbi Patterson, Miles Bresee, David Aldrete  
**Acolytes**..... Morgan Patterson, Oliver Wainwright, April Moore  
**GEC Stream Team** ..... Mizuki Williamson, Karen Williamson  
**Altar Guild** .... Patricia Meyer, Dawn Mellon, Debbie Pullen, Cathy St. Onge  
**Hymn Board Manager**..... Trevor Barcelo  
**Ushers**..... Alex McKenzie, Robert Van Derbur  
**Vestry Person of the Week**..... Kathi Ferris

**Prayer List**

**For healing and comfort:** Edie Noland, Michelle, Sam Luna,  
Frank Boyd, Susie Seielstad, Marcia Goetz, Rick, Marylen Hart,  
Carol Treacy, Becki Potter, Gaylaird, Lucy, Jon Sharp. Lindsay,  
Manette Thomas, Liz Hernandez, Lisa Tone, Melissa Vera

**For strength & guidance:** Gayle, Jennifer & Justin, Brock,  
The Hernandez Family

**For those who died:** Debbie Megna

**For those in mourning:** The Megna Family

**For those serving in the military:** Chad Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy,  
Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force, Sgt. Mitchell Bennett ~ Army,  
Adam Corona Jr. ~ U.S. Air Force, Seth Tradel ~ U.S. Navy,  
Mitchell Mann ~ U.S. Marines



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

1 – David Aldrete	12 – Sophie Moreno	21 – Crystal Young
8 – McKenna Para	12 – Micah Palpant	25 – Lynn Colley
10 – Betsy Davis	12 – Courtney Young	25 – The Rev. James Seipel
	13 – Liz Sandona	

**JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Ruth and David Aldrete – 26 ~ Rosann and Gary Kindt - 22  
Micah and Hannah Palpant - 17