

# Grace Episcopal Church

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~ The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ~  
VBS SUNDAY  
July 27, 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 405 Royal Oak

“All things bright and beautiful”

**The Word of God**

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Gloria [S278] Mathias

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Lesson: Jonah** Jon Sharp

Long ago there lived a prophet of God whose name was Jonah. God called upon Jonah to go the city of Ninevah and call them to repentance for their wicked ways. They had 40 days to repent and change their ways or the city would be destroyed. Ninevah, the Capital of Assyria and her people were mortal enemies of Israel, and Jonah did not like the assignment one bit. So instead of heading to Ninevah, Jonah went in the opposite direction and boarded a ship at Joppa bound for Tarshish. He immediately headed down to the innermost parts of the ship, because he was running away from God.

As the ship left the docks, the sailors noticed that the sky was getting darker and darker and soon an enormous storm arose with thunder and lightning. The waves toss the ship so badly the sailors were afraid for their lives. They began praying to their gods, but to no avail, all the while Jonah slept. Finally, Jonah was awakened and

was asked, “who are you, and what have you done to cause this storm?” He claimed to be a Hebrew and then admitted that he was the cause of the storm because he was running away from God. He told the sailors to throw him overboard, and finally the storm calmed. As for Jonah, he was swallowed up by a big whale where he was stuck for three days. He prayed a lot, and finally God had the whale spit Jonah out on to the seashore. Reluctantly Jonah changed course and went to Ninevah, proclaiming to the people, “You have 40 days to repent and change your ways.”

The most amazing thing happened. The people, from the king to all the people, and even the animals said they were sorry and repented of their wicked ways, and God relented in punishing all of the people. You would have thought that Jonah would be thrilled. But No! He was furious that God would even think about forgiving these evil people. He told God he was angry enough to die. “I knew you would do this, for you are slow to anger and bursting out with love. These people are bad, very bad!” And he stormed out of the city to sulk on a hillside. It was hot and God made a great big plant come up and give Jonah shade. Jonah fell asleep. The next morning a worm attacked and killed the plant, and Jonah was even angrier. God asked Jonah if he had a right to be angry, and he said, “absolutely.” God turned to him and said, “so you feel sorry for a plant that was here for only one day.” “Yes.” “In the city of Ninevah, there are 120,000 people, whom I have loved. They are very mixed up. Don’t you think I should be concerned about them?” and God left Jonah sitting in the sun thinking.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 100** *Jubilate Deo*

Jon Sharp

- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age

**The Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17** Janet Kawamoto

Paul said to Timothy, “I’m so grateful to Christ Jesus for making me adequate to do this work. He went out on a limb, you know, in trusting me with this ministry. The only credentials I brought to it were violence and witch hunts and arrogance. But I was treated mercifully because I didn’t know what I was doing—didn’t know Who I was doing it against! Grace mixed with faith and love poured over me and into me. And all because of Jesus.”

Here’s a word you can take to heart and depend on: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. I’m proof—Public Sinner Number One—of someone who could never have made it apart from sheer mercy. And now he shows me off—evidence of his endless patience—to those who are right on the edge of trusting him forever.

Deep honor and bright glory to the King of All Time—One God, Immortal, Invisible, ever and always. Oh, yes!

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**Sequence Hymn 686** Nettleton

“Come, thou fount of every blessing”

**The Gospel: Luke 15:1-10** The Rev. Mark Hallahan

By this time a lot of men and women of questionable reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. The Pharisees and religion scholars were not pleased, not at all pleased. They growled, “He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends.” Their grumbling triggered this story.

“Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and lost one. Wouldn’t you leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the lost one until you found it? When found, you can be sure you would put it

across your shoulders, rejoicing, and when you got home call in your friends and neighbors, saying, 'Celebrate with me! I've found my lost sheep!' Count on it—there's more joy in heaven over one sinner's rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue.

VBS Presentation Heather Moore & VBS Team

**Sermon** The Rev. Mark Hallahan

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

**Prayers of the People– VBS Sunday** Jared Anders

As we come together in worship this morning, we thank you, O Lord, for Vacation Bible School, for learning about how God always finds us when we are lost, for fellowship, for the awesome water slide bounce house, and for hearing your Word. We now offer our prayers to you for our community and for the world, responding, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We thank you for our families and friends, for those who love and care for us.

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

Help us, O Lord, to be like Moses, whose courage and faithfulness enabled him to lead his people for 40 years through the desert.

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

There are times in our lives when we lose things or people, and we are grateful when you, the great shepherd of the sheep, find us and restore us, and when the lost are found, may we rejoice as did the Father.

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

Lord, you have searched me out and known me, you discern my thoughts from afar, but sometimes, like Jonah, we try to run away. Return us and restore us, we pray.

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

O God, it seems like one minute we are brave and strong, trusting fully in you, and the next minute temptations overwhelm us and we sin against you. Forgive us our sins and turn our hearts in repentance to you.

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

We thank you, Lord that you have promised to be with us always.  
Help us to remember that and know your presence with us.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, praying especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others?

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 BCP p. 360

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 thy 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.)*

**Communion Hymn 671** *New Britain*

“Amazing Grace”

Postcommunion Prayer BCP p. 365

The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn 490**

*Houston*

“I want to walk as a child of the light”

The Dismissal

BCP p. 366

Postlude

Pavel Petrov

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Hospitality & Fellowship** - Today after the 10 AM service hosted by the Hospitality Ministry.

**Summer Bible Study** - No meeting this week. We will be meeting Thursday, July 31 at 7:00 PM in the Fireside Room in Baxter Hall.

**Jenn & Tonic Band** - Playing at Grace Friday, August 8 at 6:00 PM on the front lawn.



**Episcopalian-Lutheran Night at Dodger Stadium!** August 29 at 7:10 PM against the Arizona Diamondbacks. Please see Susan Scranton if you're interested.



### **Memorial Service for Marylen Hart**

Sunday, August 3 at 2:00 PM

Please join us as we celebrate the life of Marylen and her loving commitment to our church.

There will be a reception following the service.

All are welcome!

### **Grace Episcopal Church Vestry Members 2025**

Rev. Susan L. Scranton,

Frank Boyd - Senior Warden, Heather Moore - Junior Warden

Miles Bresee - Treasurer, Todd Rice - Buildings & Grounds,

Kathi Ferris, Janet Kawamoto,

Hannah Palpant, Jade Petteruto, Linda Rice

**Serving today:**

**Celebrant**..... The Rev. Mark Hallahan  
**Lay Eucharistic Minister** ..... Bobbi Patterson  
**Lectors**..... Jon Sharp, Janet Kawamoto, Jared Anders  
**Acolytes** ..... McKenna Parra, Mitchell Patterson, Elizabeth Anders  
**GEC Stream Team** ..... Karen Williamson, Mizuki Williamson  
**Hospitality** ..... VBS Ministry  
**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**..... Linda Rice



Prayer List

**For healing and comfort:** Edie Noland, Michelle, Sam Luna, Frank Boyd, Susie Seielstad, Rick, Gaylaid, Lucy, Jon Sharp. Lindsay, Manette Thomas, Liz Hernandez, Andy Lambert, Susie Seielstad

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

**For those who died:** Marylen Hart

**For those in mourning:** Marylen Hart's Family & Friends

**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

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

6 – Ryan Meinholz	26 – Kathleen Seielstad
7 - Miles Bresee	28 – Edith Noland
12 - Genevieve (Evie) Palpant	28 - Julie Schonland
17 - Linda Rice	

**JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Ron and Sarah Anders - 10 ~ Kim and Frank Boyd – 14  
Donna and Pat McAlmond – 21 ~ Heather and Michael Moore – 28