

# Grace Episcopal Church

June 7, 2026

*The second Sunday after Pentecost*

*Proper 5*

## Grace's Mission

We are disciples of Jesus, helping one another be the hands and feet of Christ  
by sharing God's love with the world.

**Opening Hymn**

*The God of Abraham praise*

**Blue Hymnal #401**

**Holy Eucharist Rite Two**

Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p355

**The Collect**

**BCP p 211**

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The Lessons**

**BCP 357**

A Reading from the Book of **Genesis 12:1-9**

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 33:1-12**

*Exultate, justi*

1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; \*  
it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the LORD with the harp; \*  
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a new song; \*  
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon  
the trumpet.

4 For the word of the LORD is right, \*  
and all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; \*  
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the  
whole earth.  
6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens  
made, \*  
by the breath of his mouth all the  
heavenly hosts.  
7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in  
a water-skin \*  
and stores up the depths of the sea.  
8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; \*  
let all who dwell in the world stand in  
awe of him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; \*  
he commanded, and it stood fast.  
10 The LORD brings the will of the nations to  
naught; \*  
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.  
11 But the LORD's will stands fast for ever, \*  
and the designs of his heart from age to  
age.  
12 Happy is the nation whose God is  
the LORD! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be  
his own!

### A reading from **Romans 4:13-25**

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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**Sequence Hymn**    *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*    **Blue Hymnal #178**

The Holy Gospel according to **Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**Fr. Steve Ashby**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP p 358**

**Prayers of the People**

**Form III**

**BCP p 387**

A **Prayer for Change:** Lord, give us the courage to view the future with hope and expectancy and, most of all, with faith. In the face of change, help us set aside our fears, and urge us to seek and see your hand at work, while opening our hearts to recognize that change brings new life. *Amen.*

Let his resurrection power bring healing and hope to those for whom we pray, For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Especially we pray for Valorie Lephart, Vivian, Paul, Sue & Michael. Baby Drake, Aria, Charlie, Willow, George & Sandy Luther, Clare McElroy, Martha Mackey, Phil Bennett, Beth and Ray, Bill, Janet, Chris, Matthew and Ali, Janice, Carolyn Stacks, Judith Junda, Sheila Smith, Kathy Hill, Sherry Occkial, Franny E., Kevin, Patty, Erin, Pat Newyear, Gail, Sue, Susan Shepherd, Katherine R., Bill Trsek, Shirley Wilkes, Peggy Burkacki, \*Victoria Antoino, Riley Gumto, and the Schupp family.

We celebrate the birthday of Ellice Nielsen, and the anniversary of Ray & Beth Sphatt at which the altar flowers are given today in the celebration of their anniversary.

**Confession of Sin**

**BCP 359**

**The Peace**

**BCP 360**

**Announcements**

**Holy Communion**

**Offertory Hymn**

*Grace Greater than Our Sin*

**Praise Book #5**

**The Doxology**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharist Prayer D*

**BCP 372**

**Sanctus**

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord*

**Praise Book S-130**

**Memorial Acclamation**

**Praise Book S-138**

**The Great Amen**

**Praise Book S-147**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**BCP p 364**

**Fraction Hymn**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

**Praise Book S-154**

**Communion Hymn**

*I come with joy to meet my Lord*

**Blue Hymnal #304**

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

**BCP p 365**

**The Blessing**

The Dismissal

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**Sunday School Note:**

**We will be taking a summer break starting  
June 7<sup>th</sup> and resume September 13<sup>th</sup>**

**We will offer social time during the service as long as supervision is available.**

**(Volunteers needed, if interested please see a Sunday School team member)**

**Choir** will be taking a summer break! Our last Sunday service will be today, May 31<sup>st</sup>.  
**Don't worry! PopUp Choir** will begin the following Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Please show up on Sunday morning by 9am to warm up those beautiful voices!

**Request a Hymn forms** will be available Today! May 24<sup>th</sup>.  
All are welcome!!!!

**Please start returning the Hannah Home Baby Bottles.  
Last day to receive before pick-up is  
Sunday, June 21, Father's Day!**



We need your help to raise essential funds for the operation of Hannah's Home, a faith based maternity home on Lakeshore Blvd. in Mentor.

Grace Episcopal Church's past generosity has helped to make a significant impact on the lives of pregnant women, their children and new mothers and babies in crisis. Hannah's Home provides these moms with a safe and nurturing environment where they can receive counseling, continue their education and become equipped to make life decisions based on the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The funds raised plays a crucial role in providing shelter, resources and care to mothers and their little ones in need.

Empty baby bottles are provided by Hannah's Home and can be filled with loose change, cash or checks. (Checks can be made payable to Hannah's Home.)

Peace and blessings, Kathy Hill & the Evangelism/Outreach Team