June 22, 2025 Second Sunday after Pentecost

The Collect 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.

Scripture Study
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Psalm 42
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.
8 My soul is heavy within me; *
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.
9 **One deep calls to another** in the noise of your cataracts;
*all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
10 The Lord grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; *
**in the night season his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.**
11 I will say to the God of my strength,
"Why have you forgotten me? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"
12 While my bones are being broken, *
my enemies mock me to my face;
13 All day long they mock me *
and say to me, "Where now is your God?"
14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
15 **Put your trust in God;** *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a
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.**"

Galatians 3:23-29
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**.



Healing of the Possessed at Gadarene by John Wesley

Luke 8:26-39
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.