

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Boldly engaging the world as God's shepherds, sharing God's blessings and creating Heaven on Earth, one person at a time.



Holy Eucharist – 9:00 a.m.

Salutation

Book of Common Prayer p. 323

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer p. 323

The Gloria

Book of Common Prayer p. 324

Collect of the Day

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Exodus 14:19-31

The Psalm

Psalm 114

The Second Lesson

Romans 14:1-12

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Celebrant

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer p. 326

Prayers of the People

Book of Common Prayer p. 328

Confession of Sin

Book of Common Prayer p. 331

Peace

Announcements

Holy Communion

Presentation of Our Gifts

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. 1 Chronicles 29:14b

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

Book of Common Prayer p. 340

Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

Book of Common Prayer p. 337

Prayer of Humble Access

Book of Common Prayer p. 337

Post Communion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer p. 339

Blessing

Dismissal

Prayer is available at the altar.

Those Who Serve:

9:00am

EMs: Kathy Wright, Elizabeth Rybicki; **Lector:** Kathy Rarey;
Intercessor: Kanute Rarey; **Usher:** Amy Nicolson; **Altar Guild:** Patricia Champ;
VPOD: Jose Arias; **Ingles cards:** Joe Rybicki; **Flower Guild:** Liz McLamb

Holy Eucharist – 11:00 a.m.

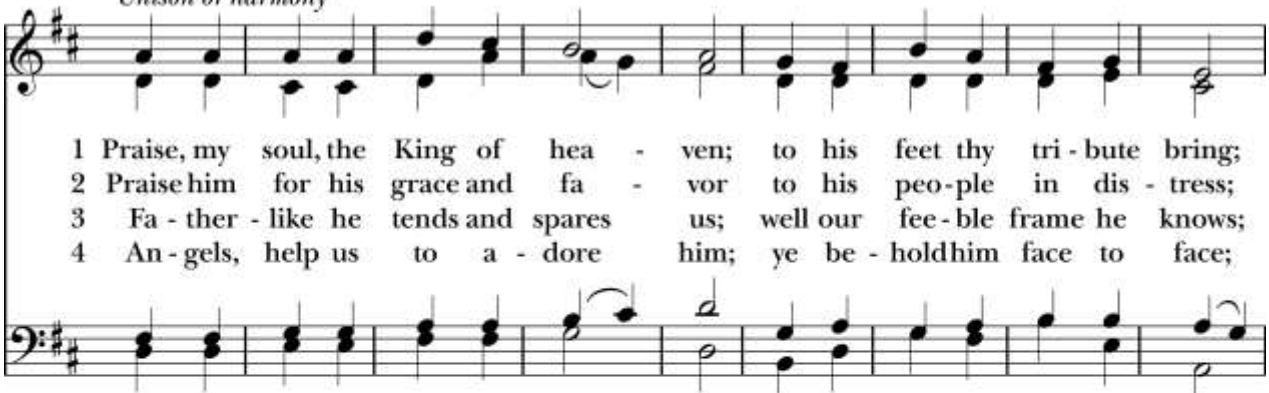
Prelude Fantasia

J. Pachelbel

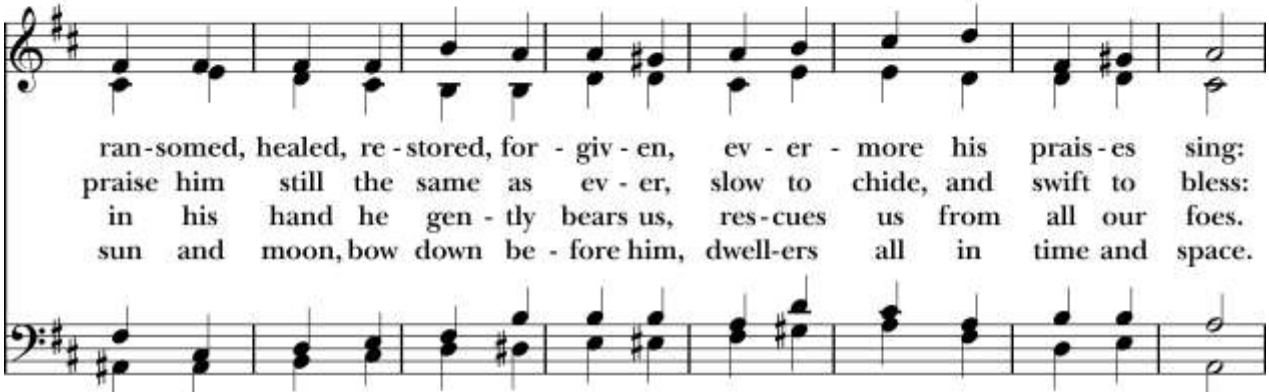
Processional *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

Hymnal 410

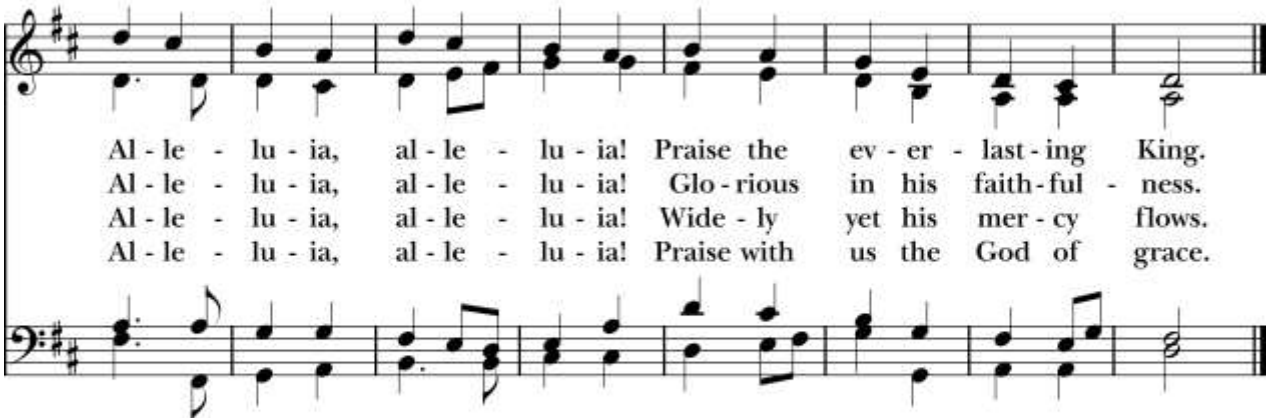
Unison or harmony



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Descant for use with unison singing



4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

Salutation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Gloria

Hymnal S280

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

Psalms 114 (*Chanted in unison*)

In exitu Israel

- 1 Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

Hymn

"Forgive our sins as we forgive" (v. 1-2)

Hymnal 674

1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can
 un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
 truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men
 bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to

grant us grace to live the words we say.
 will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 owe to us, how great our debt to you.
 God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

Words: Rosamond E. Herklots (1905-1987). By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Detroit*, from *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony*, 1820; acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922).

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Celebrant
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said,

‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Celebrant <i>People</i>	The Gospel of the Lord. <i>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</i>
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Hymn *"Forgive our sins as we forgive" (v. 3-4)* Hymnal 674

Homily The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove

Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer p. 358

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People: Form VI

Book of Common Prayer p. 392

Confession of Sin

Book of Common Prayer p. 393

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Peace

Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory	Mighty Power of God!
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Marty Parks

Doxology (v. 3)

Hymnal 380

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Book of Common Prayer 361

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the

forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

Lord's Prayer

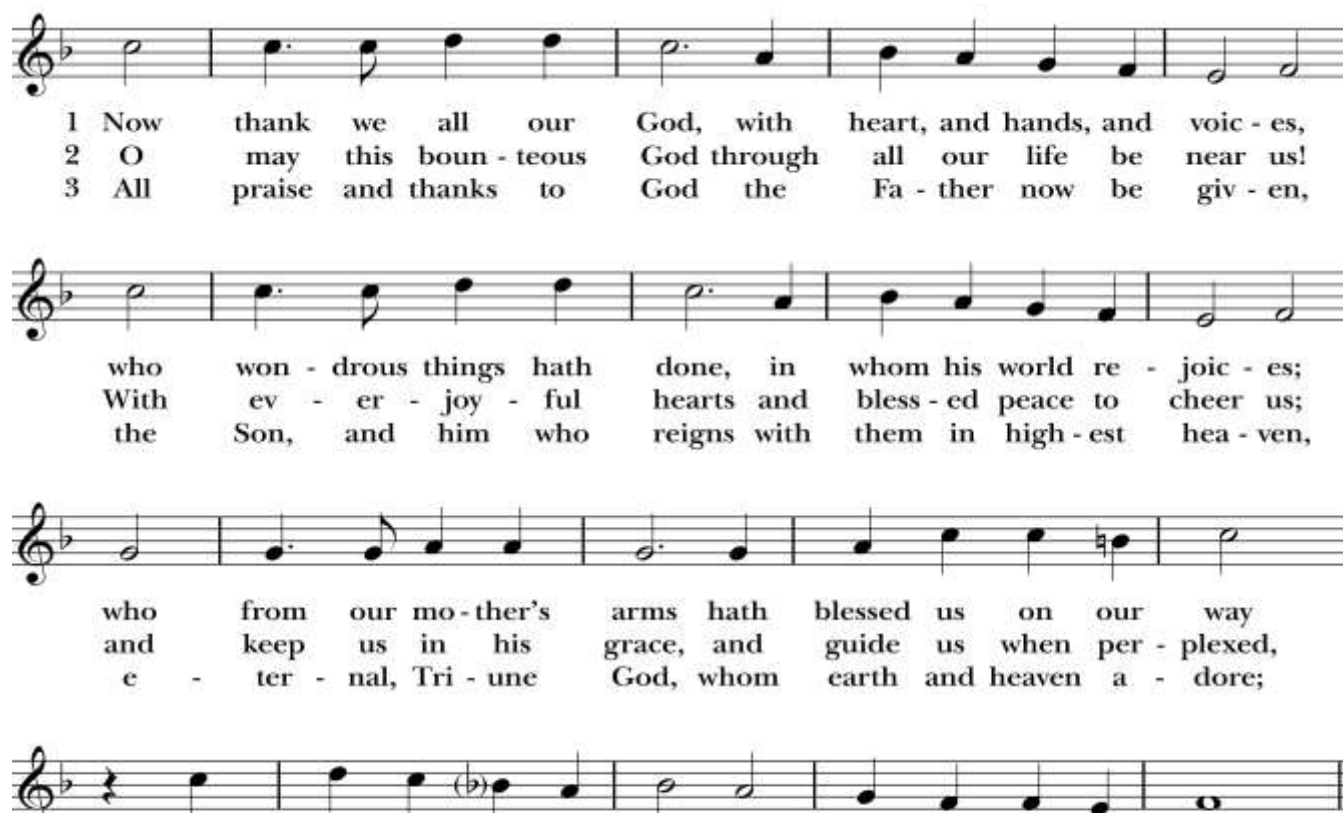
Bluebook p. 75

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion



1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voice,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven adore;
with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); harm. Johann Crüger (1598-1662).

Post Communion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
 3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
 4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
 5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
 2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
 3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
 4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
 5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
 whose grace hath made thee whole,
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103. Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Dismissal

Postlude

Postlude in D

W. Boyce

Prayer is available at the altar.

Those Who Serve:

11:00 am

EMs: Nora Broszeit, David Cady; **Lector:** Jan Freeman; **Usher:** Sanford Freeman;

Altar Guild: Georgia Bethel, Carolyn Cline-Griffiths, Tawanna Dutton;

Intercessor: Laurie Wright; **Altar Linens:** Carolyn Cline-Griffiths;

Nursery: Judy Bourne, Jean Gora; **VPOD:** Betsi Wilson;

Ingles cards: Dave & Barb Field; **Videographer:** Mike Gora;

Flower Guild: Liz McLamb; **Greeter:** Jeannine Craig

Christian Education

Lectionary Bible Study - This group works through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. This Bible Study currently meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Library. Please contact Fr. Bill for more information.

Parish Life and Church Community

Studies have shown that your zip code is a better predictor of your health than your genetics. Right here in Clay County, many people have little to no access to health care, dentistry or optometry. But there is an organization that seeks to provide care in places like this, Remote Area Medical (RAM). Dawn Schneider has volunteered with RAM in the past and would like to form a committee to bring RAM to Clay County. Would you help? We need 5 or 6 people to form the core committee, dedicating time and energy over the next year or two. If interested, please contact Dawn.

The **Ledford Chapel Boat Ramp clean-up** is scheduled for **11am on Thursday Sept 17th**. Call Fred King at 828-361-4718 for details.

The **Bethel Guidry Scholarship** awards 2 scholarships each year to deserving students at the 2 local high schools. Our Annual **Golf Tournament** raises money for these scholarships and will be held this year on **September 26th**. Donations payable to Good Shepherd (memo: Golf Tournament) can be left in the church office, in the offering plate, or with Sanford or Kevin in the parish hall after services. Additionally, volunteers are needed to help serve lunch and run the fund raising games on the 26th. See Kevin Conley, Sanford Freeman or Phil Klenke if you have questions.

On Saturday, **October 24th, 9am-12pm** we are having a **church clean-up day**. Lunch will be provided. Please, bring appropriate tools (cutters, rake, gloves, etc...) and dress for the weather. Please, call Jeff King with questions : 423-744-4107.

Attention Blood Donors! Save the Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2026.

Good Shepherd will host a Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30 - 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. You may sign up now for your preferred appointment time by calling 1-800-RedCross (1-800-733-2767) or at www.redcrossblood.org.

Monthly Newsletter – If you have something you'd like published in the monthly newsletter, you must email it to Amanda at gsepiscopal@brmemc.net **no later than the 20th of the month preceding the month you would like the item to appear**. Anything received after the 20th of the month will not be in the newsletter until the following month.

Service

Matt's Ministry – Contact Joe Rybicki

Meal Ministry – Contact Kathy Wright

Medical Loan Closet – Contact Helga Reaves

The Order of St. George – Contact Turner Guidry at 828-361-0497

Brotherhood of the Fire – Contact Turner Guidry at 828-361-0497

Meals For Friends– Contact Aline Conley at 504-214-1909

Drivers on **September 15, 2026** are:

<u>Town:</u>	Aline Conley
<u>City:</u>	Linda Milt
<u>Tusquittee:</u>	Dave & Barb Field

In Our Prayers

Those in Need of Comfort and Healing:

Pat Fox, Denise Fox, Pat Halloran, Chosh Dacey, Helen NaiSmith, Linda Wingo, Pat Hicks, BJ and Bob Schweikert, Bev Larson, Chris Mulholland, Patti Underwood, Ed and Sue Kelley, Jeanne Harper, Nora and Richard Broszeit, Ann Wolf, Philip Bannister, Frank Burdo, Teresa and David Gribble, Cooper Godfrey, Adelaide Fullilove, Anne Hourdequin, Lynne Walters, Kenny Waldroup, Alexis Bernal, Jose Arias, Helga Reaves, Bryson Harnage, Janet Beall (Bell), Kim Brabon, Jennifer Hiller, Clyde Taylor, Deb Sellers, Ron Dutton, Kim Whitehearst, Ranger Granthum, Hunter Roberts, Pat and Graham Dixon, John Notchie, Leah Jacobs, Kevin Conley, Glenn Marcel, Matt Cramer, Andrew Hooper

Good Shepherd Ministries:

This week we pray for the *Brotherhood of the Fire* ministry at Good Shepherd.

Calendar

**Monday
September 14**

9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
10:00 am	Craft Group
11:00 am	Private Group (Undercroft)

**Tuesday
September 15**

Meals for Friends	
9:00 am	Beginner Yoga Class w/Rita (Parish Hall)
10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
5:00 pm	Soaking Prayer
5:30 pm	Cancer Support Group (Parish Hall)
6:00 pm	BOTF

**Wednesday
September 16**

9:00 am	Exercise (Parish Hall)
11:30 am	Private Group (Undercroft)

**Thursday
September 17**

9:00 am	Beginner Yoga Class w/Rita (Parish Hall)
10:00 am	Community Outreach (Hayesville Square)
11:00 am	Ledford Chapel Boat Ramp Clean-up

**Friday
September 18**

Church Office Closed	
9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)

**Saturday
September 19**

**Sunday
September 20**

17 Pentecost	
9:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:00 pm	Cursillo Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)

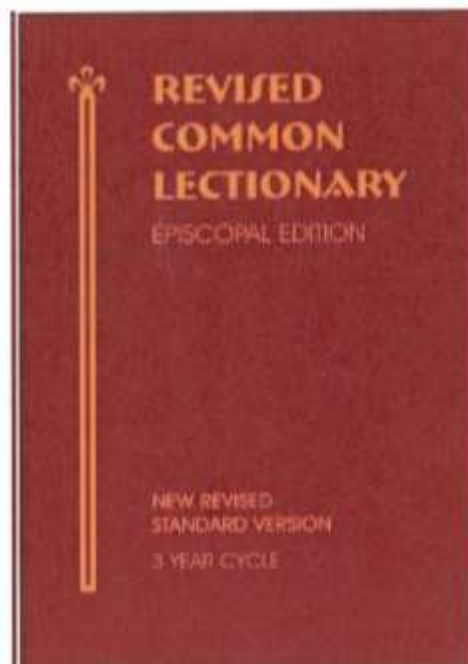
Lectionary Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 1:00pm

in the Library

Join us each Wednesday at 1:00pm as we work through the appointed lectionary readings for the following Sunday. From beginners through Bible scholars, all are equally sure to gain something from our time together. All are welcome.

This discussion is facilitated by Fr Bill.



GSEC OUTREACH AT
HAYESVILLE SQUARE
**FARMERS'
MARKET**



Every Thursday morning thru
Sept. 29th,
10am-12pm

**JOIN US FOR
CONVERSATION &
WATER**



Jesus Christ, Head of the Church

The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop
The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Delmer Chilton, Theologian in Residence
The Rev. Beverly Lewis, Priest Associate
The Rev. Dcn. Turner Guidry (Ret.)
Mary Carol Campbell, Organist
Sharon Kyser, Pianist
Teresa Lemaire, Director of Music
Susan Wyman, Bookkeeper
Kevin Conley, Treasurer
Tawanna Dutton, Assistant Treasurer
Liz Rybicki, Nursery Supervisor
Jon Czarnecki, Sexton
Amanda Farmer, Parish Administrator

VESTRY

Sr. Warden: Betsi Wilson
Sub Sr. Warden: Aline Conley
Jr. Warden: Tawanna Dutton
Sub Jr. Wardens: Jeff King (Grounds Maint.), Barry Benson (Indoor Maint.)
Community Life Team: Jose Arias, Jane Boritz, David Cady, Phil Cox
Class of 2026: Phil Cox, Tawanna Dutton, Betsi Wilson
Class of 2027: Jose Arias, Aline Conley, Jeff King
Class of 2028: Barry Benson, Jane Boritz, David Cady

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