



The Shepherd's Voice

June
2025

Services:

Sunday

9:00am Holy Eucharist
Rite I
11:00am Holy Eucharist
Rite II

11am service is live
streamed to Facebook at:
[facebook.com/
goodshepherdhayesvillenc/](https://facebook.com/goodshepherdhayesvillenc/)

Coffee Hour in the
Parish Hall following
11am Sunday service



to do list:

WAIT PATIENTLY - PSALM 27:14

HAVE FAITH - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

7:00pm Soaking Prayer

PRAY - PHILIPPIANS 4:6

12:00pm Holy Eucharist w/
Healing Prayer

THINK OF OTHERS - PHILIPPIANS 2:4

1:00 pm Lectionary
Bible Study

TRUST IN THE LORD - PROVERBS 3:5

READ GOD'S WORD - PSALM 119:12

The Rev. Dr. Bill
Breedlove,
Rector

GIVE THANKS - PSALM 136



How it ends

Some years ago one of our parishioners asked a question that I suspect many have. They asked, "What happens when we die?" That is a question that is open to many answers. One might focus on the physiological. What happens to our physical body when we die? Or the social dimension of our death. What happens to our kin and friendship group when we die? Do the relationships we hold together fall apart? Important and interesting, but when we think about ourselves and death we are probably wondering what happens to our conscious selves. Do we in some way continue on as the self-aware personalities we are in this mortal life? In short, that appears to be the case.



In chapter 6 of John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of himself as the bread of life. All who believe in him, he will raise up on the last day. All who feed upon his bread, that is, who make him part of themselves, he will raise up on the last day. This "bread of life discourse" as it is called follows his feeding of the five thousand. I see that feeding, where he takes five small barley loaves and two small fish as a parable on the grace of his life that is given for the world. As five loaves and two fish can give for that day life sustaining nourishment to five thousand men plus uncounted women and children, even more so can the bread of life of Jesus give eternal life to all. What happens when we die appears connected to believing and receiving and taking in this bread of life. Receiving this bread ensures that mortal death is not the end of our selves as self-aware personalities. And there is more when we die.

Four times in this discourse, Jesus speaks of the last day. Later, Martha tells Jesus that she believes her brother will be raised on the last day. It is a time when all who have believed and received the bread of life, will be resurrected to eternal life. The resurrection of Lazarus was a foretaste of that last day. A physical body called and known as Lazarus with a self-aware personality is alive again. In the same way, George Washington, Mother Teresa, Elvis, etc. will be alive on that last day. And a day it will be. One eternal day. As the revelation to John says, the new Jerusalem is joined to the new Earth. God is the light of this new creation and there is no need for sun nor moon, so no night as we know it, just eternal day. So it is when we die that we live in the eternal presence of God, heaven and earth joined, somehow renewed with resurrection bodies but with continuity with our current self-awareness.

What does this mean for us? It means that we have a great hope. It means that regardless of all our successes and failures, all our striving or all our quitting, all the regret and grief we carry due to things done or left undone, all ends well. It all ends well because of the life and love of Jesus freely given. So live with free and abundant love for God, yourself, and your neighbor. It all ends well.

Grace and peace,

Fr. Bill+

June

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Joy

Day 1: Psalm 5:11	Day 16: Luke 2:9-11
Day 2: Psalm 16:11	Day 17: Luke 6:22-23
Day 3: Psalm 30:5	Day 18: Luke 15:6-7
Day 4: Psalm 32:11	Day 19: John 3:28-30
Day 5: Psalm 84:2	Day 20: John 15:10-11
Day 6: Psalm 95:2	Day 21: John 16:20-21
Day 7: Proverbs 10:28	Day 22: Acts 8:7-8
Day 8: Proverbs 12:20	Day 23: Acts 15:3
Day 9: Proverbs 15:23	Day 24: Romans 15:13
Day 10: Proverbs 17:22	Day 25: II Corinthians 8:1-3
Day 11: Isaiah 49:13	Day 26: Philemon 1:7
Day 12: Jeremiah 15:16	Day 27: Hebrews 10:33-35
Day 13: Matthew 2:9-10	Day 28: James 1:2-3
Day 14: Matthew 13:44	Day 29: I Peter 1:7-9
Day 15: Luke 1:43-45	Day 30: III John 1:4

*Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.*



THE HOUND OF HEAVEN

Well, once again, a new Christian is “Born of Water and the Holy Spirit” and sealed as Christ’s own forever.

I certainly didn’t see this coming.... A young man, Isaac, texted me a few weeks ago. I hadn’t heard from nor seen Isaac in over 15 years, when he was but a boy. He asked, “will you baptize me please...on my birthday....which is this coming Sunday...in the river?”

But then, I am often blindsided by the movements of The Holy Spirit, however clear this movement be. From out of the blue, this fervent request to enter into the Holy through water and the Spirit astounded me. “Let’s meet tomorrow.... and talk about this.” I stammered in my text back to Isaac. “Great”, says Isaac. “And, oh, my best friend wants to be baptized too.”

Lordy me, I thought. “Both of you come over tomorrow afternoon.” As it turned out, the best friend, Philip, was also a student of mine from years past.

Francis Thompson wrote a poem entitled, “The Hound of Heaven” in 1990 about the relentless and compassionate pursuit of God (Hound of Heaven) who seeks to draw the soul back to Him despite its attempts to escape or ignore divine callings. Well, the Hound caught both Isaac, Philip and this elderly deacon. God’s persistent love and pursuit sometimes is ever so clear.

I called Father Bill and presented Isaac’s and Philip’s request. “Go for it”, Bill said.

In the chilly pristine waters of Buck Creek, surrounded by twenty some odd family and friends, we baptized Isaac Thurmond and reaffirmed Philip’s baptism when he was a child. With leaky waders and the able assistance from Owen Gibson (whom we had, years ago, previously baptized in the Hiawassee River with snow on the ground), we waded into the holy and blessed tide of Buck Creek at the home of Darry and Barbara Wood. Two, clean of sin, full of joy and commitment, young men emerged from the font of the creek, reborn of Water and the Holy Spirit, as Christians.

We Christians, members of the Body of Christ, are called to make “little Christs” (C.S. Lewis) of those whom the Spirit has pursued and called. What an honor and responsibility we bear. I do love the slobber of the Hound of Heaven.

~Deacon Turner Guidry

I fled Him, down the nights and down the days;
I fled Him, down the arches of the years;
I fled Him, down the labyrinthine ways
Of my own mind; and in the mist of tears
I hid from Him, and under running laughter.

(Francis Thompson (1890))

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Corn Dip

Kappa Kappa Gamma
Georgia Bethel

2 cans Mexican corn (small cans), drained

8 oz grated cheddar cheese

8 oz sour cream

2-3 tbs mayonnaise

Hot Sauce to taste

Chopped jalapeno peppers

Mix all ingredients. Chill several hours or overnight.

Stir and serve with sturdy chips, like Fritos Scoops.



MEET RICHARD & ELEANOR (NORA) BROSZEIT

Richard and Nora recently moved to Warne, NC from Naples, FL. For the past three years, they've been visiting during the summer. Nora says, "When we first stayed at the Deerfield Inn, we saw the Episcopal sign for Good Shepherd on Rt. 64 and visited. We felt warmly welcomed."

They found a seasonal rental on Ledford Chapel Rd. and began attending Good Shepherd regularly. For the next two summers they rented in Young Harris and continued to attend. "Because of its sense of community, GS was part of our decision to move to the area," she adds. "We just love the mountains and being able to breathe fresh air."

The couple has been married for 48 years, thanks to a 1976 computer match. "Our children, Rhonda (53) and Eric (44) are both divorced and live in New Jersey, so NO grandchildren," Nora says.

Before retirement, Richard worked in IT for Merck Medco. Nora was an accountant working for Nonanonymous Inc. in New York City for 20 years.

Richard is an avid bookworm and reads 3-5 books a week, and he is also a very good cook. "He will be 90 this year and isn't in good health," Nora says.

Nora says she spends her free time with a little gardening and on the computer playing 3 different Candy Crush games. She loves singing in the choir. She would like to become a lay reader and continue to support the choir in some way. "I also hope to get involved with Peacock Theater. At this point, we are just hoping not to kick the bucket!!"



Roast & Toast

After the 11am service on June 8th, we will be Roasting & Toasting
Keith Christensen & Carol Smucker as they retire!

The church will be providing ham & biscuits. We ask that you join us and
please, bring something to share. Also, please be thinking of your toasting
ideas!

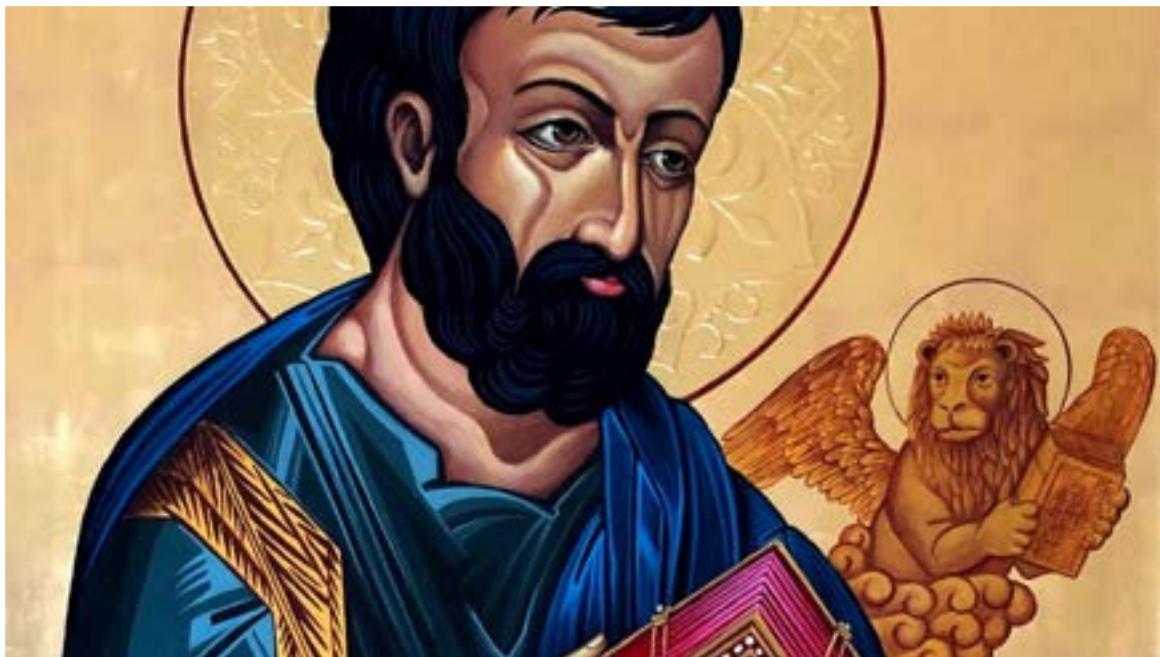


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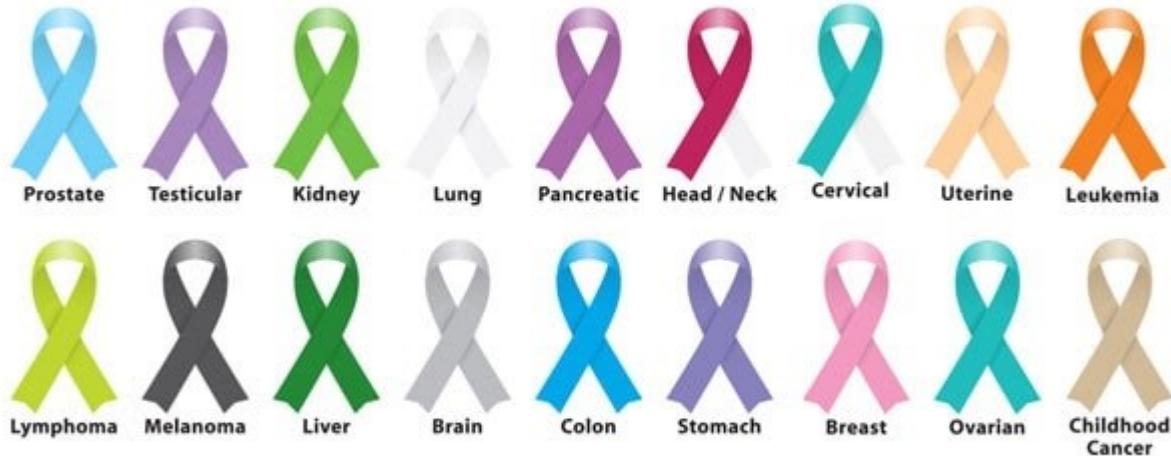
Reading Mark
Mondays at 10 AM
June 9 -30 in the Library

The earliest written of the four Gospels, the Gospel according to Mark provides much material found in both Matthew and Luke. Those Gospels borrow heavily from Mark but reorganize and extend that borrowed text to make their own witness to the mission and ministry of God in Jesus Christ. Mark has been considered lesser than the other Gospels: lesser as a piece of literature, lesser theologically, lesser as a basis for liturgy, lesser as a call to mission. A closer examination of Mark, however, reveals some of its genius and why it is the first among the Gospels.

Bring your Bibles as we read Mark and discover some of its riches. This will be the first in a series of short courses on the four Gospels.



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On Tuesday, **June 17th** we are hosting our Cancer Support Group in the Parish Hall at **5pm**. We are hoping to offer support to those on the journey of dealing with, surviving, and/or caring for someone with cancer. Bring something to share in thoughts, ideas, and of course some food. Contact Jose Arias by email if you can't attend in person but would like to be part of the meeting by zoom: jose_m_arias@hotmail.com



Happy Father's Day!!!



He is to be honored.

Exodus 20:12



He is to show compassion.

Psalm 103:13



He is not to provoke his children to anger.

Ephesians 6:4



He is blessed by his children.

Psalm 127:3-5

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT

Fathers



His fear of the Lord is a refuge to his children.

Proverbs 14:26



He is to train up his children in the way they should go.

Proverbs 22:6



He is to discipline his children in love.

Hebrews 12:7



He is to be strong and courageous.

Joshua 1:9

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Hey, Dads! We want to hear your BEST Dad jokes!!!



I've combined a laxative with alphabet soup. I call it letter rip! ~Jose Arias

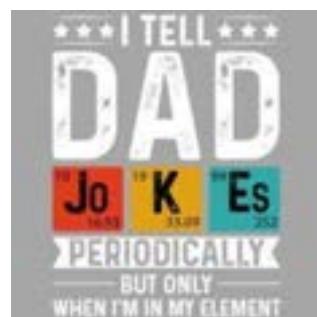
A slice of apple pie is \$2.50 in Jamaica and \$3.00 in the Bahamas.
These are the pie rates of the Caribbean. ~Fr. Bill

My friend keeps saying "cheer up man it could be worse, you could be stuck underground in a hole full of water." I know he means well. ~ Fr. Bill

Justice is a dish best served cold, if it were served warm it would be justwater. ~ Fr. Bill

What do you call a French man wearing sandals? Philipe Fallop. ~ Fr. Bill

Did you hear about the Priest that became a Lawyer? He's a Farther-in-Law!
~Keith Christensen



Happy Father's Day!!!

Communications Ministry

Are you a whiz coordinating? Do you delegate tasks well? Fantastic! We need a leader! We invite you to prayerfully consider serving as Chair of our Communications Ministry.

Come display the talents that God gifted you with!!!
He's calling...will you answer?

Please see Fr. Bill for further information.



DENTAL FUND UPDATE

Mark Your Calendar!

Good Shepherd's annual Blueberry Festival happens July 20th at 12:15 p.m. Handmade arts and crafts items donated by our parishioners will be on sale, plus baked goods. This fundraiser benefits our Dental Ministry.

Several years ago, a generous anonymous donor created the dental fund for children without insurance in Clay and Towns Counties. GSEC launched the Blueberry Festival last year to provide ongoing support for this ministry.

Festival organizer Patti Brownlee says the program has served 23 young people, to date. "Most referrals come from the dental clinic to the church office, usually just for basic care. But this year they've had two major cases. The first one was a child from Towns County who needed major dental care beyond what the clinic could do, to the tune of over \$2,000. School nurses worked with a specialty clinic to make it happen."

In the second case, a Clay County a child's fall precipitated an emergency situation, again above the level of care the clinic could provide. A school counselor paid for the treatment and the parish dental fund is trying to get her reimbursed.

We invite parishioners to share their talents for this important ministry by donating handmade works to sell at the festival. All mediums are encouraged. Pieces featuring blueberries or the color blue are wonderful, but any designs are welcome. Items will be displayed on tables or stands. Nothing will be mounted, so size matters.

If you've created arts or crafts you'd be willing to donate to this effort, or if you'd like to contribute to the bake sale, contact Patti Brownlee (863-517-0070 or Brownleepj@aol.com).

The Breath Prayer

Written by Sheridan Voysey

Lord God, fill me with your Holy Spirit

I receive your **love** & release my **insecurity**

I receive your **joy** & release my **unhappiness**

I receive your **peace** & release my **anxiety**

I receive your **patience** & release my **impulsiveness**

I receive your **kindness** & release my **indifference**

I receive your **goodness** & release my **ungodliness**

I receive your **faithfulness** & release my **disloyalty**

I receive your **gentleness** & release my **severity**

I receive your **self-control** & release my **self-indulgence**

Artwork by @jodiew888

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Let's Begin Preparations for Advent 2025!



The year 2025 is the 70th anniversary of the founding of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. In celebration and recognition of this milestone, our Arts and Spirituality Ministry is preparing a booklet of Advent Meditations. Your help is needed! We invite our parish family to submit scripture, poetry, short stories, photos, art, Advent or Christmas traditions/memories to the committee for consideration for inclusion in the published booklet.

The deadline for submissions for the 2025 Advent Meditation booklet will be September 22, 2025. Watch for detailed submission guidelines in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.





The Scholarship Committee of the Bethel-Guidry Scholarship is pleased to announce this years recipients. This year's scholarships were awarded to the following seniors:

Hayesville High School:

Emma Ashe of Hayesville was awarded \$2000 for her upcoming first year in college. She plans on attending Young Harris College to major in social work and in business. Emma has demonstrated exceptional and compassionate volunteerism through spending a great deal of time visiting and sitting with people living in nursing and rehabilitation facilities. She has a deep love for giving, especially to those who might be lonely and forgotten. Emma may reapply each successive school year for an additional \$2000 and will also receive a bonus of \$2000 upon graduation from a four year college or university.

Towns County High School:

Connor Williams of Hiawassee is the Towns County recipient. He will receive our first year scholarship of \$2000. Connor plans on attending Georgia Southern University and plans on studying business and real estate. Coaching elementary age children in various sports, especially those kids who have no fathers to guide them, has been Connor's joy and worthwhile contribution to his community. As Connor continues with his studies he will be eligible for \$2000 each year and \$2000 upon college graduation.



Congratulation, Graduates!

Deanna DuBose is proud to share that her granddaughter, Ava Joy Couturiax has just graduated from Lake Dallas High School in Corinth, TX.

Carol Smucker is celebrating her grandson, Lucas Erickson, who graduated in January from the Arts and Communication Magnet Academy in Beaverton, Oregon, and has just completed his first courses in a welding program at a local Community College.

Paul & Kaye Teronde are proud to share that their grandson, Parrish Wiggins, graduated with a Bachelors degree in Fine Arts (Architecture/Interior Design) from Georgia State University. Parrish will start his Masters Degree in Architecture at Notre Dame University this fall.

Kanute & Kathy Rarey are celebrating 2 graduates! Kathryn Sims Wadley has graduated from Ashley Hall in Charleston, SC. She will attend University of the South in Sewanee, TN, where her study is undecided. Additionally, their grandson, Anthony Maurer has graduated from Bishop Ready High School in Columbus, OH, and plans to attend Columbus State University, with his field of study undecided.

Cheri Pinner Quillen is proud to share that her granddaughter, Bronte Elaine Bigham, graduated from Hayesville High School.

Fred & Mary Stewart King are celebrating the graduation of their granddaughter, Ava King, with honors, from Innovation Academy, Alpharetta, GA,

Dave & Barb Field are proud to share that their grandson, Finlay Posada, graduated with honors from Pope High School in Cobb County, GA.

Marah Dacci Jones, daughter of Hannah and Andrew Jones, granddaughter of Liz and Dorman McLamb and great-granddaughter of Charlotte Dacey - all of Hayesville, NC. Marah graduates this May Summa Cum Laude from Tri-County Community College Early College Program with a High School diploma, an AA degree and an AS degree. Marah will be attending UNC Chapel Hill this fall.

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Notes from our Financial Statements for April 2025

Income Statement

Income received for April	\$22,156
Expenses for April	\$36,078
Net Income/(Loss) for April	(\$13,922)
Total Income for the Year	\$123,069
Total Expenses for the Year	\$141,768
Net Income/(Loss) for the Year	(\$18,699)
Funds due from MOF for windows	\$5,919
Net Income/Loss after adjustments	(\$12,780)

Account Balances

UCBI Operating Account (Checking)	\$68,570
UCBI Petty Cash	\$1,123
UCBI Restricted Accounts	\$19,249
(Was "Dental Fund")	
Investment funds at Edward Jones	
Operating Funds Money Market (30)	\$122,626
B&G Scholarship Money Market (60)	\$125,978
Camp Henry (62)	\$3,978
Capital Reserve Money Market (61)	\$44,224
HVAC Reserve (59) Closed	\$00000
Rector Sabbatical Money Market (54)	\$4,985
Mountain of Faith Endowment Fund	\$219,513

Celebrate Good Times!!!

Birthdays in June

Amy Nicolson	June 1
Stacey Waldroup	June 1
Morgan Pierson	June 3
James Ackerly	June 4
Sue Kelley	June 8
Daxon Bruggers	June 9
Hattie Sheehy	June 11
Lili Kolar	June 15
Bob Forbes	June 16
O.V. Lewis	June 16
Kenny Waldroup	June 16
George Heilner	June 19
Jared Edwards	June 20
Sharon Sanderson	June 21
Anne Wolfe	June 23
Olive Bethel	June 24
Marlo Joyce	June 24
Dr. Tom Wilkerson	June 24
Amanda Farmer	June 26
Denise Zagrocki	June 27
Marjorie Hornsby	June 28
Rev. Turner Guidry	June 28
Stacey Overlin	June 28
Carole Stringer	June 30

Anniversaries in June

Bud & Clarice Edmondson	June 4
Jose & Mili Arias	June 7
Stacey & Julie Overlin	June 9
Mack & Jan Ratchford	June 10
Kathy & Michal Wright	June 12
Tom & Angela Wilkerson	June 13
Fred & Mary Stewart King, Jr.	June 17
Chuck & Patti Underwood	June 19
Tom Griffiths &	June 22
Carolyn Cline-Griffiths	
Barry & Sandy Benson	June 23
Steve & Patricia Champ	June 27



Directory Updates:

Please note the following changes in your directory.

Anne Hourdequin-
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Please email Amanda in the church office with any birthday or anniversary updates:

gsepicsopal@brmemc.net

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Lectionary Readings for *June*

Seventh Sunday of Easter

[Acts 16:16-34](#)

[Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21](#)

[John 17:20-26](#)

[Psalm 97](#)

Day of Pentecost

[Acts 2:1-21](#)

[Romans 8:14-17](#)

[John 14:8-17, \(25-27\)](#)

[Psalm 104:25-35, 37](#)

First Sunday after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

[Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31](#)

[Romans 5:1-5](#)

[John 16:12-15](#)

[Psalm 8](#)

Second Sunday after Pentecost

[1 Kings 19:1-4, \(5-7\), 8-15a](#)

[Psalm 42 and 43](#)

[Galatians 3:23-29](#)

[Luke 8:26-39](#)

Third Sunday after Pentecost

[2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14](#)

[Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20](#)

[Galatians 5:1,13-25](#)

[Luke 9:51-62](#)



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