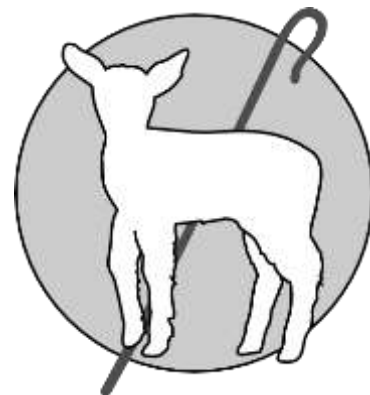


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 31, 2025

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

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalm 81:1, 10-16 (See 11:00 service)

The Second Lesson Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Holy Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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 and Dismissal

Prayer is available at the altar.

Those Who Serve

9:00am:

EMs: Amy Nicolson, Deanna DuBose; **Lector:** Michael Wright; **Intercessor:** Kathy Rarey;

Usher: Gil Nicolson; **Altar Guild:** Gail Criss; **VPOD:** Pam Roman;

Ingles cards: Elizabeth Rybicki

Holy Eucharist – 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

I Love to Tell the Story

arr. Dale Wood

Processional

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Hymnal 205

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Salutation

Celebrant

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People

Glory to God for ever and 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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.
Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?
They did not say, "Where is the LORD
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through,
where no one lives?"
I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.
But when you entered you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an abomination.
The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?"
Those who handle the law did not know me;

the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after things that do not profit.
Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD,
and I accuse your children's children.
Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.
Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?
But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.
Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
says the LORD,
for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns
that can hold no water.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
10 I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."
11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.
12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.
13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!

- 14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

Unison



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing, To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)

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 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

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soul, for my soul, to lay a-side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835. Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. acc. Carlton R. Young, (b. 1926).

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

*Celebrant
People*

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

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Hymn What wondrous love is this (v 3) Hymnal 439

Homily The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove

Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer p. 358

Prayers of the People: Form 6 Book of Common Prayer p. 392

Confession Book of Common Prayer p. 393

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory *Ave Verum* W. A. Mozart
 Quartet: Suzy Christensen, Rachel Baughn, David Cady, Mike Campbell

Doxology (v. 3) Hymnal 380

Great Thanksgiving Enriching Our Worship I

The people remain standing

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<i>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</i>

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with creation as we sing:

Sanctus

Hymnal S125

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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

poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Joseph, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Lord’s Prayer (spoken)

Fraction

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me

is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
 is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
 all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be

makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
 port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
 mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____

He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
 There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers

sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
 ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
 go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger

mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.____
 o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.____
 or a guest, but like a child at home.____

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23. Music: *Resignation*, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

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

Recessional

They will know we are Christians by our love

Blue Songbook

Words and Music by
Peter Scholtes

VERSE

♩ = 56

Em D/E Em D/E Em D/E Em D/E Em

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord; We are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand; We will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side; We will
 4. All — praise to the Fa - ther, from — whom all things come; And all

5 Am D⁷/A Em D/E Em Am

one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all
 walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand. And to - geth - er we'll
 work with each oth - er, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each man's
 praise to Christ Je - sus, His — on - ly — Son. And all praise to the

CHORUS

10 D⁷/A Em D/E Em C

u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored. And they'll know we are
 spread the news that God is in our land.
 dig - ni - ty and save — each man's pride.
 Spir - it, who — makes — us — one.

14 Em Am

Chris - tians by our love, by our love, yes they'll

17 Em Am D⁷/A Em

know — we are Chris - tians by our love. —

Dismissal

Postlude

The Trumpet of Resounding Praise

Franklin Ritter

Prayer is available at the altar.

Those Who Serve

11:00am:

EMs: Sharon Kyser, Jane Boritz; **Lector:** Ron Dutton; **Intercessor:** Barb Field;
Usher: Kim Brabon; **Altar Guild:** Jan Freeman, Kathy Marcel, Betsi Wilson;
Altar Linens: Carolyn Cline-Griffiths; **Nursery:** Liz Rybicki, Judy Bourne;
Flower Guild: Rachel Baughn; **VPOD:** Phil Cox; **Videographer:** Jay Miller;
Ingles cards: Dave & Barb Field; **Greeter:** Hattie Sheehy

Christian Education

Wednesday- Lectionary Bible Study

We meet on Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the Undercroft. This group works through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. Please contact Fr. Bill for more information.

Spiritual Journaling, a spiritual practice that incorporates Gratitude, Paying Attention, and Reflection is a powerful tool for self-development & awareness and spiritual growth. There are many different journaling methods, and when starting out, it can be unclear where to begin, or what technique to use. If you're interested in journaling, you are invited to join in a time to learn from one another and share our journaling experiences. Our class will be held from 10-11:30am in the Library **each Thursday in September:** 4, 11, 18, 25. Please, contact Carol Smucker with questions/interest: 706-994-8104 or carolsmucker@hotmail.com

Parish Life and Church Community

Coffee Hour- Please join us after our 9 & 11am services Sunday morning for a time of fellowship!

We are in need **volunteers for the nursery**. Please, contact Liz Rybicki @ 404-510-0246 if interested.

We will have a **Post Labor Day Clean-up** at **Ledford Chapel Boat Ramp** on **September 4th**, at 11:00 am. If interested in participating or you have questions, please call Fred King: 828-361-4718.

Attention hikers and Alpine Foodies- Join us on **September 6th** as we'll meet in the church parking lot at **10 am** to drive to **Ana Ruby Falls** outside of Helen. After our hike we'll go into Helen to enjoy some fellowship and lunch. If you have a senior National Park pass please bring it with you. Please sign up in the Parish Hallway.

There's just **1 week left** to get your order in! We will have order forms available in the Parish Hall during both Coffee Hours and you can order your very own festive, multi-colored, short sleeved, **tie-dyed t-shirt!** And just in time for the cooler weather...Hoodies!! The **zip front hoodies** are navy blue with our Good Shepherd logo printed on the front left. If you'd like either of these items, please complete an order form and return to Kathy Wright or Mary Ann Miller, who can also answer any questions you may have.

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 20th**. 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 20th. See Kevin Conley or Sanford Freeman if you have questions.

Interested in learning how to make a pretty handmade card? Come join our **Stamping Class** for a day of creativity and fellowship. No experience needed. Your class instructors, Kaye TeRonde and Jan Freeman will guide you through the steps to create a greeting card friends and family will cherish. All supplies provided. The next date is **Wednesday, September 24th** from **1p to 4p** in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$12 for 4 cards. Sign up on the hallway bulletin board if you plan to attend. For further information contact Kaye TeRonde at kteronde@gmail.com or Jan Freeman at jansfreeman@gmail.com.

Your input is needed! The **Arts & Spirituality Ministry** has plans to publish a booklet of "Reflections and Meditations on Advent" but we need more submissions. At this time, we have very few and the deadline for submissions is a month away. What traditions do your family have for the season of Advent? We invite you to share them with our parish family. Submissions must be received by September 22, 2025. Please, submit to Mary Ann Miller at mayrannmiller1002@gmail.com.

The "ber" months are here. It's time to **clean up the church grounds** and put things to rest for the winter. If you're available and would like to come help, we'll be gathering at the church on **September 27th at 9am**. Lunch will be provided and we ask that you

please sign-up if you plan to participate. Bring your gloves, clippers and anything you might need to get the job done! Please call Jeff with any questions: 423-744-4107.

Deadline for Sunday Bulletin Announcements and Weekly Highlights –
No later than Wednesday of each week at noon

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 2, 2025** are:

Town: Aline Conley

City: Larry & Brenda Scheneman

Tusquittee: Dave & Barb Field

In Our Prayers

Those in Need of Comfort and Healing: *Pat Fox, Pat Halloran, Chosh Dacey, Linda Wingo, Pat Hicks, BJ and Bob Schweikert, Bev Larson, Chris Mulholland, Patti and Chuck Underwood, Ed and Sue Kelley, Jeanne Harper, Nora and Rich Broszeit, Ann Wolf, Wally Figura, Ella Angelillo, Philip Bannister, Frank Burdo, Helen NaiSmith, Teresa and David Gribble, Mary Strange, Cooper Godfrey, OV Lewis, Shiloh Farmer, Sallie Free, Brenda Scheneman, Meagan Borro, Tom and Angela Wilkerson, Adelaide Fullilove, Shane Douylliez, Janice Lemaire, Jay Miller, Anne Hourdequin, Meghan Hoffer, Kelly Crawford, the Bateman family, Jim Toncos, Randy Emberg, Vicki Lake & the Garpetti family*

Good Shepherd Ministries – This week we pray for the *Community Youth Group Ministry* at Good Shepherd.

Calendar

Monday

September 1

9:00 am

Office Closed- Labor Day

Exercise Class

9:00 am

Women Walking, Women Talking @ Chatuge Dam

Tuesday

September 2

10:00 am

Yoga

6:00 pm

Brotherhood of the Fire

7:00 pm

Soaking Prayer

Wednesday

September 3

9:00 am

Exercise

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Thursday

September 4

6:45 am

Order of St. George

10:00 am

Yoga

10:00 am

Spiritual Journaling (Library)

11:00 am

Ledford Chapel Boat Ramp Clean-up

6:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal

Friday

September 5

9:00 am

Parish Office Closed

Exercise Class

Saturday

September 6

10:00 am

Parish Life- Ana Ruby Falls Hike

Sunday

September 7

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30 pm

Stewardship Brunch

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 Braine, Priest Associate
The Rev. Dcn. Turner Guidry (Ret.)
Mary Carol Campbell, Organist
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: David Gribble; Jr. Warden: Phil Cox
Class of 2025: Patti Brownlee, David Gribble, Pam Roman
Class of 2026: Phil Cox, Tawanna Dutton, Betsi Wilson
Class of 2027: Jose Arias, Aline Conley, Jeff King

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