



Good Shepherd Episcopal Church The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 27, 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
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
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, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Readings

(See 11:00am service)

The First Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

The Psalm

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

The Second Lesson

Philippians 2:1-13

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

Celebrant
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Celebrant
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove

The Nicene Creed
Prayers of the People
Confession of Sin
Peace

Book of Common Prayer p. 326

Book of Common Prayer p. 328

Book of Common Prayer p. 331

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

Post Communion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer p. 339

Blessing

Dismissal

Prayer is available at the altar.

Those Who Serve:

9:00am

EMs: Beth Hitchcock, Amy Nicolson; **Lector:** Gail Criss;

Intercessor: Gail Criss; **Usher:** Paul Swanson; **Altar Guild:** Mary Rose Figura;

VPOD: Aline Conley; **Ingles cards:** Barb Field; **Flower Guild:** Helga Reaves



Flowers today are given in thanksgiving for the life of Dudley Hall.

Calendar

Monday
September 28

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

Tuesday
September 29

	Meals for Friends
10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
5:00 pm	Soaking Prayer
6:00 pm	BOTF

Wednesday
September 30

9:00 am	Exercise (Parish Hall)
11:30 am	Private Group (Undercroft)
12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
1:00 pm	Lectionary Bible Study (Library)

Thursday
October 1

Friday
October 2

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

Saturday
October 3

9:00 am	Private event – Parish Hall & Kitchen reserved
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Sunday
October 4

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

Holy Eucharist – 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Chromatic Fugue

Johann Pachelbel

Processional

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Hymnal 477

Unison or harmony

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his
 4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for
 *5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and

1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth
 2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us
 3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -
 4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly
 5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel

1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - jice.
 2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.
 5 host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - - more.

Words: William Kethe (d. 1608?); para. of Psalm 100. Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).



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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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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 17-1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are

almost ready to stone me.” The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

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

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (*Chanted in unison*)

Attendite, popule

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
 and what our forefathers have told us, *
 we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
 the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
 and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
 in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
 he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
 and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
 and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
 and the waters gushed out like rivers.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

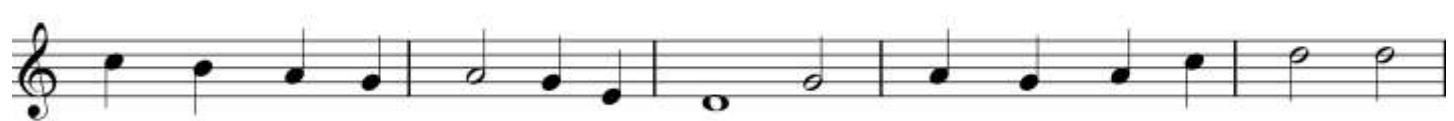
Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
<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

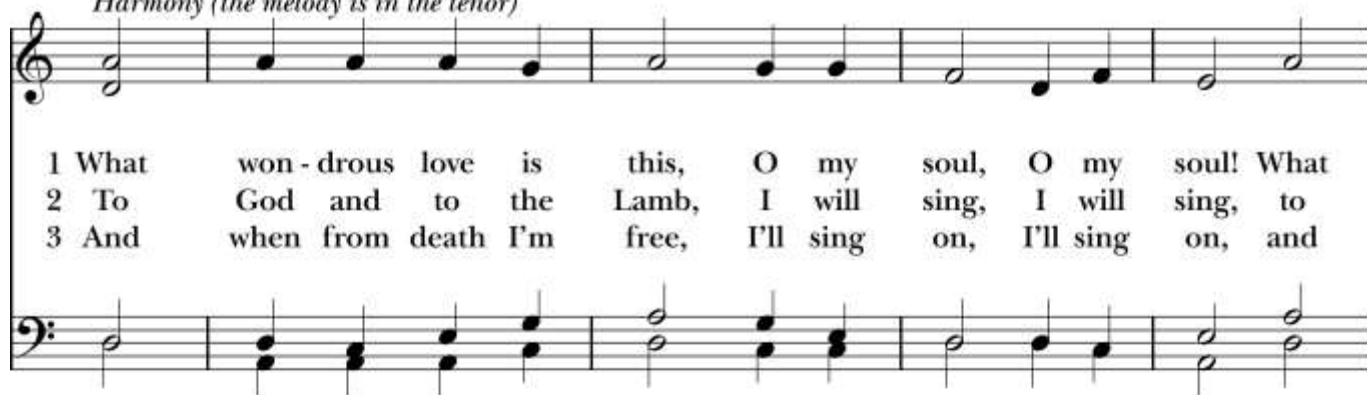


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is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

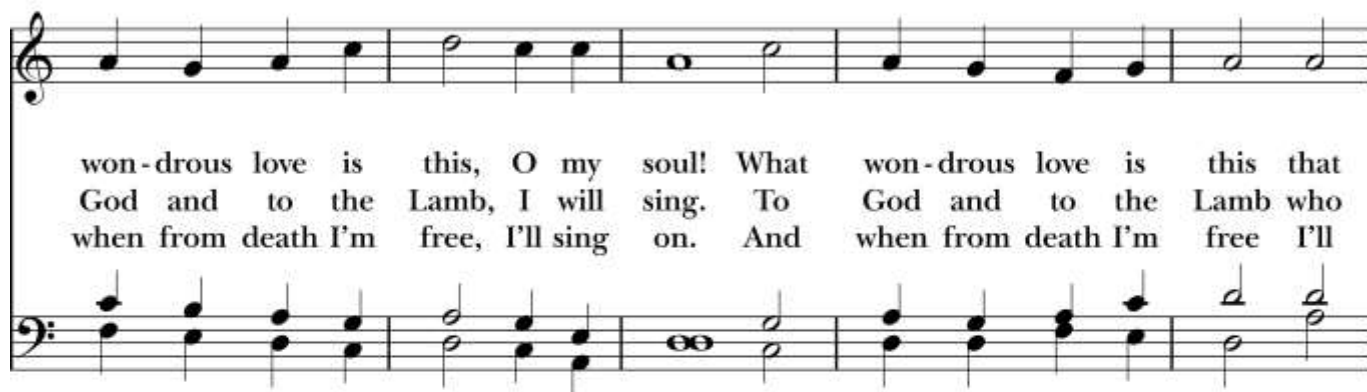


soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

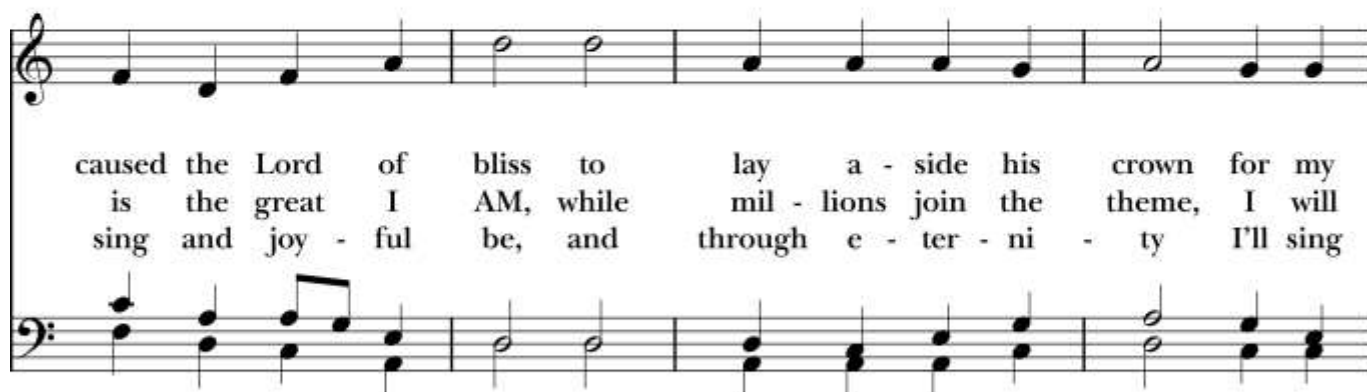
Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)



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

Matthew 21:23-32

Celebrant	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People	<i>Glory to you, Lord Christ.</i>

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Celebrant	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	<i>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</i>

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 III Book of Common Prayer p. 387

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.
People	<i>And also with you.</i>

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring JS Bach. Arranged T. Smith and D. Hustad
Sharon Kyser, piano
Mary Carol Campbell, organ

Doxology (v. 3) Hymnal 380

Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A Book of Common Prayer p. 361

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

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 S-125

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

Book of Common Prayer p. 364

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

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 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold,
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame;

the mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
from sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
to catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
O God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: *Vater unser im Himmelreich*, melody from *Geistliche Lieder aufs neu ge bessert und gemehrt*, 1539; adapt. Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612).

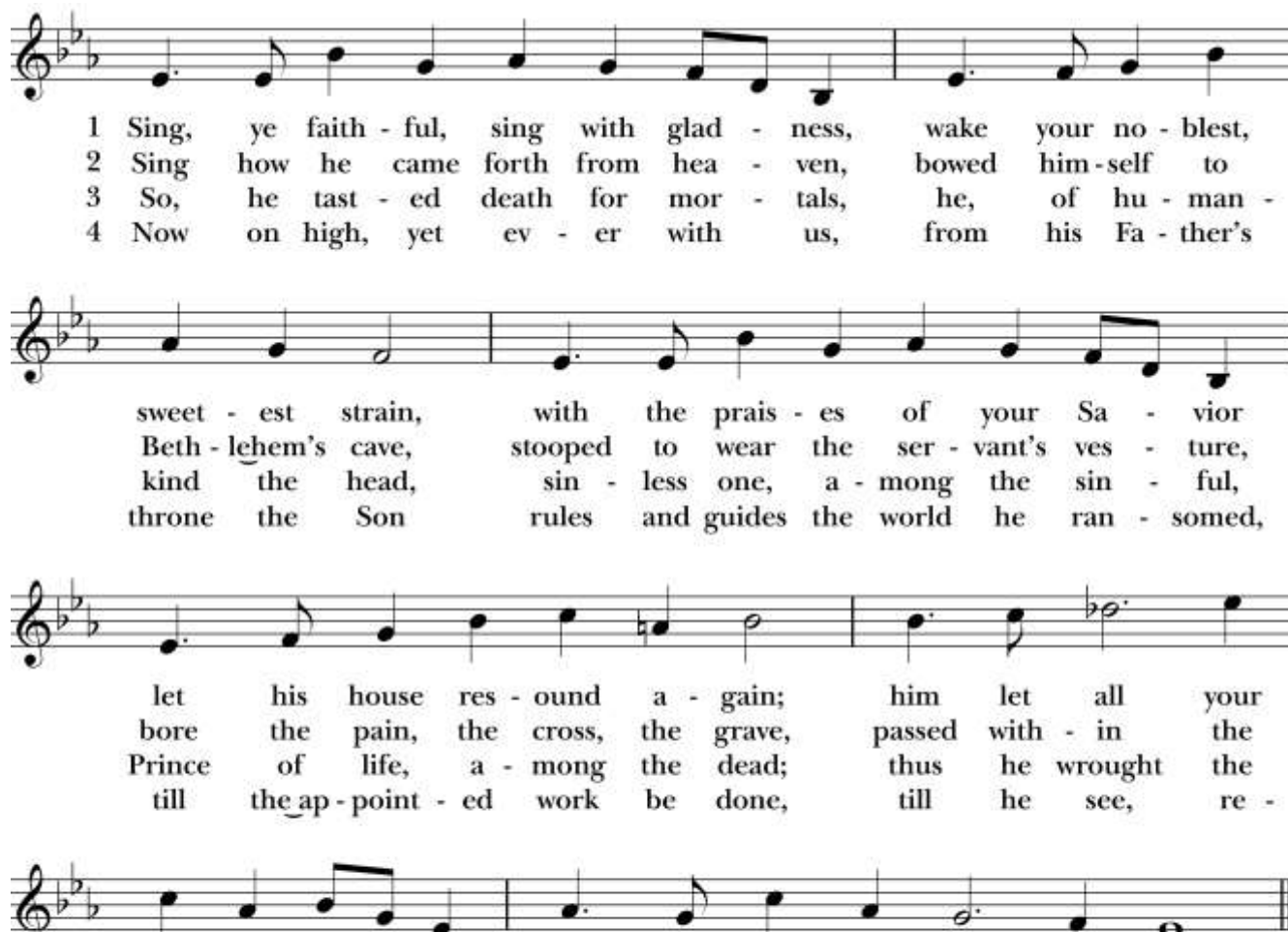
Post Communion Prayer

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 *Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness*

Hymnal 492



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's

sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,

let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -

mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Finnian*, Christopher Dearnley (b. 1930). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Dismissal

Postlude

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

arr. Mark Hayes

Prayer is available at the altar.

Those Who Serve:

11:00 am

EMs: Tom Griffiths, Ron Dutton; **Lector:** Carolyn Cline-Griffiths; **Usher:** Mike Gora;

Altar Guild: Jan Freeman, Kathy Marcel, Betsi Wilson; **Intercessor:** Laurel Adams;

Altar Linens: Betsi Wilson; **Nursery:** Jean Gora, Hattie Sheehy;

VPOD: David Cady; **Ingles cards:** Jeff King; **Videographer:** Harry Baughn;

Flower Guild: Helga Reaves; **Greeter:** Ed & Sharon Faircloth



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Christian Education

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

Parish Life and Church Community

For the Good Women of Good Shepherd: **An opening** has become available for the **Women's Retreat at Lake Logan, Sept. 29th - October 1st**. If you would like to attend, please tell Tawanna.

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.

Save the Date: We will have an **Advent Quiet Day** event on Saturday morning, **December 5th, 10-12 in the Parish Hall**. More details will follow, but for now, save the date.

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 29, 2026** are:

Town: Aline Conley

City: Jan Freeman

Tusquittee: Kevin Conley

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 (Jean-ee)Harper, Nora and Richard Broszeit (Bros-zite), Ann Wolf, Frank Burdo, Teresa and David Gribble, Cooper Godfrey, Adelaide Fullilove, Anne Hourdequin, Lynne Walters, Kenny Waldroup, Alexis Bernal, Jose and Mili Arias, Helga Reaves, Bryson Joyce, Janet Beall (Bell), Kim Brabon (Bray-bon), Jennifer Hiller, Deb Sellers, Ron Dutton, Kim Whitehearth, Hunter Roberts, John Notchie, Pat and Graham Dixon, Kevin Conley, Glenn Marcel, Matt Cramer, Andrew Hooper, Josh Richardson and the Richardson family

Good Shepherd Ministries:

This week we pray for the *Sextons ministry* at Good Shepherd.



JOIN US FOR A **CHURCH GROUNDS WORKDAY!**



LUNCH PROVIDED
DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

10.24.26 | 9 a.m Onwards
495 Herbert Hills Drive

TOOLS THAT WILL BE OF USE ARE:
RAKES, HAND DIGGER, CLIPPERS, WHEEL BARROWS & GLOVES.
CONTACT JEFF KING WITH QUESTIONS.

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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