

# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 25, 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 – 11:00 a.m.**

<b>Prelude</b>	"Wake, Awake for Night is Flying"	J. G. Walther
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**Processional** *All things bright and beautiful* Hymnal 405

**Salutation** Book of Common Prayer p. 355

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

## 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.*

**Glory to God** *Hymnal S280*

## Collect of the Day

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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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**

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    *Thanks be to God.*

## **Psalm 67**

***Deus misereatur***

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## **The Second Lesson**

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn**            *Come, Holy Spirit (v. 1-2)*

Hymnal 510

**Holy Gospel**

John 14:23-29

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

*People*            *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do

not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Hymn**      *Come, Holy Spirit (v. 3-4)*      Hymnal 510

**Homily** The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove

**Nicene Creed** Book of Common Prayer p. 358

Prayers of the People: Form 3 Book of Common Prayer p. 387

# Peace

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

## Announcements

## Holy Communion

**Offertory**    “Come and Hear”    Joseph M. Martin

**Doxology (v. 3)** *Hymnal 380*

*As a sign of faith in the resurrection, the people are bid to stand for the Eucharist prayer during the Easter season.*

# Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B Book of Common Prayer p. 367

*The people remain standing.*

*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.*

*The Celebrant proceeds*

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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**

*Hymnal S125*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

**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**

**Communion** *Like the murmur of the dove’s song*

Hymnal 513

## Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

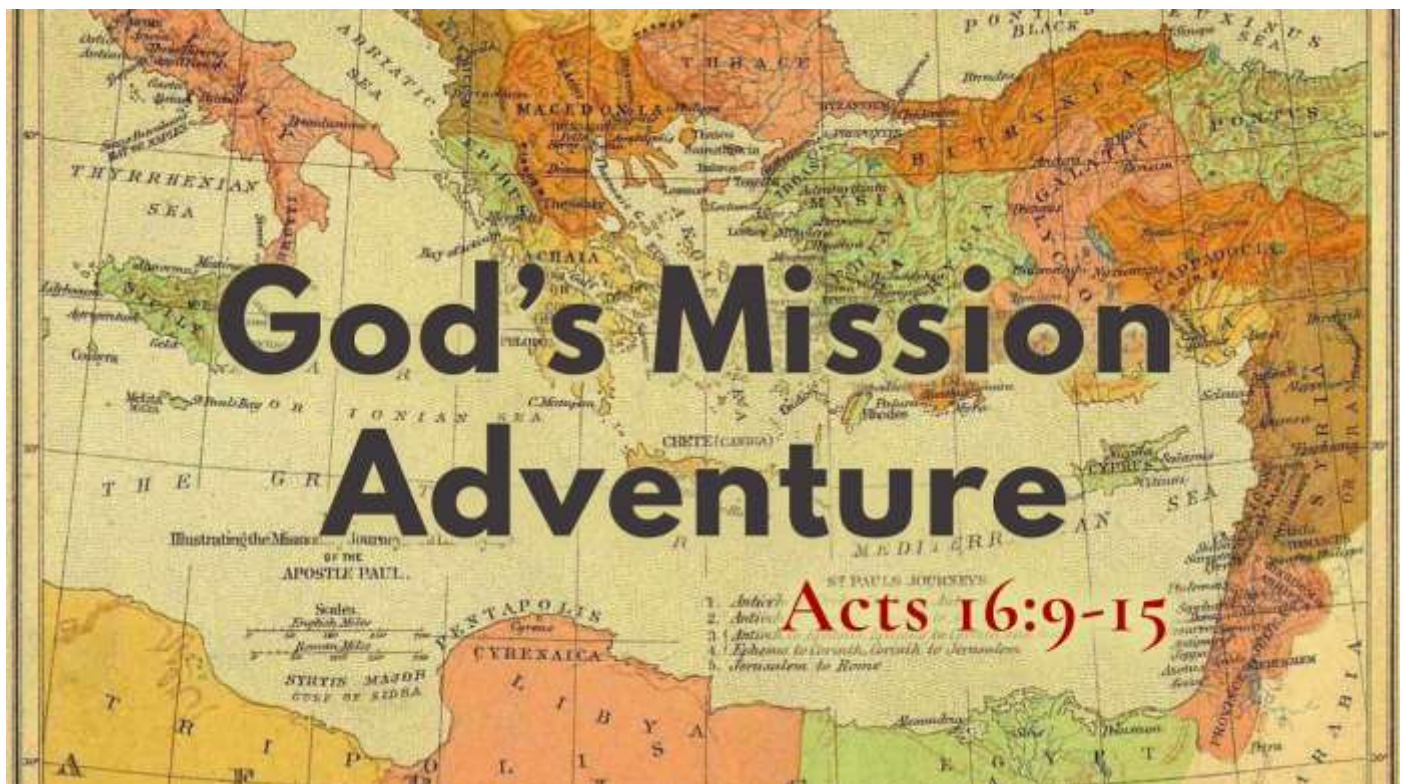
## Blessing

**Recessional**    *All creatures of our God and King (v. 1,4,5,7)*    Hymnal 400

## Dismissal

**Postlude**    March from 'Scipio'

**Prayer is available at the altar rail**



**Those Who Serve:**

**9:00 am:**

**EMs:** Deanna DuBose; **Lector:** Amy Nicolson;

**Intercessor:** Mary Anne Koos; **Usher:** Jose Arias;

**Altar Guild:** **NOT FILLED!**; **VPOD:** Pam Roman; **Ingles cards:** Paul Swanson

**11:00 am:**

**EMs:** Jim Reynolds; **Lector:** Cindy Nodine;

**Intercessor:** Mike Campbell; **Usher:** David Field;

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

**Altar Linens:** Betsi Wilson;

**Flower Guild:** Kaye TeRonde; **VPOD:** Jeff King;

**Videographer:** Jay Miller; **Ingles cards:** Jeff King;

**Greeter:** Hattie Sheehy

# Hymnal 405

*All things bright and beautiful*



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



- 1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
- 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.  
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,  
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). Music: *Royal Oak*, melody from *The Dancing Master*, 1686; adapt. and harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958), desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Used by arrangement with G. Schirmer, Inc. Descant, Copyright © 1979, G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

# Hymnal 510

## *Come, Holy Spirit*

1 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;  
2 See how we tri - fle here be - low, fond of these earth - ly toys;  
3 In vain we tune our for - mal songs, in vain we strive to rise:  
4 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;

kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.  
our souls, how heav - i - ly they go, to reach e - ter - nal joys.  
ho - san - nas lan - guish on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.  
come, shed a - broad a Sa - vior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Saint Agnes*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

# Hymnal 513

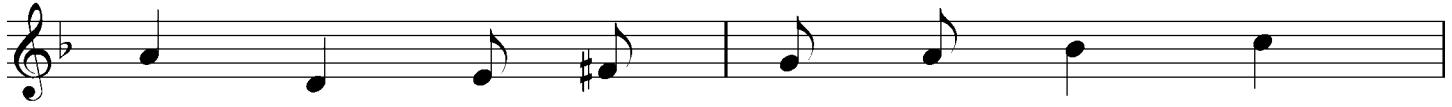
*Like the murmur of the dove's song*



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the  
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the  
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the  
branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -  
cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger  
sem - bled, to her midst as gift and  
wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.  
sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.  
pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

*Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.*

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# Hymnal 400

## *All creatures of our God and King*



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
 \*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -  
 \*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to  
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our  
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your  
 \*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal  
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing  
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -  
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and  
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that  
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back  
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,  
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:  
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:  
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:  
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

### *Refrain*



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



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

*The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.*

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

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

### **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.

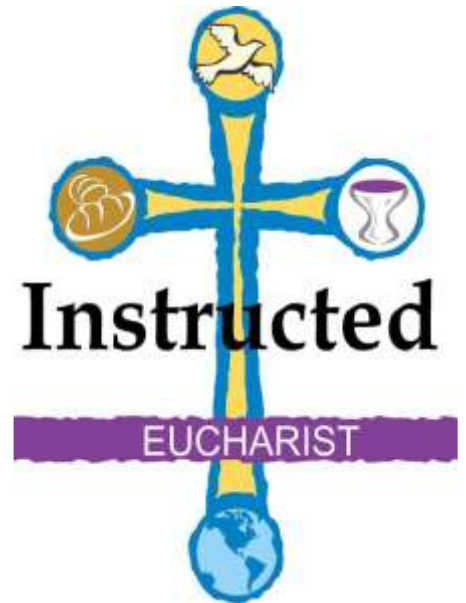


## Instructed Eucharist

**Sunday June 22 and 29 @ 1:00 PM, in the Nave**

Eucharist, the celebration of the Lord's Supper, is the principal act of worship in our Episcopal tradition.

Understanding its structure, component elements, and some of its history and intentions can add depth of meaning and new or renewed spiritual engagement. Eucharist can mean so much more when through a slow and intentional examination you come to see and understand what is being done and why. All are welcome to this experience of instructed Eucharist.



### Parish Life and Church Community

**Coffee Hour-** Please join us after our 11am service Sunday morning for a time of fellowship!

**Grazers-** A sign-up sheet for the June through August session of Grazers has been posted in the hallway. Please sign up by May 28th if you'd like to join this great group of parishioners who meet monthly in each other's homes for fun and fellowship. It's a wonderful way to get to know others in the parish. If you have questions, please contact Tawanna Dutton.

**The Stamping (card making) Class** is back by popular demand! It will take place **Thursday, June 5th from 12:30 - 4:00pm** in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$15 for 6 handmade cards and all supplies will be furnished. Capacity for 15. Please sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall hallway or RSVP to Kaye TeRonde at [kteronde@gmail.com](mailto:kteronde@gmail.com) or Jan

Freeman at [jansfreeman@gmail.com](mailto:jansfreeman@gmail.com). Come join us for an afternoon of creativity and fellowship. We plan to offer 2 more classes later this year.

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***Dear Good Shepherd Parishioners:***

We will soon be shepherding our Music/Choir Director, Keith Christensen, and Pianist/Accompanist, Carol Smucker, into retirement.

As is custom at Good Shepherd, we will celebrate their time and talents at a gathering after the 11am service on **June 8**. We would also like to include a monetary gift for them, to be shared equally, in gratefulness for sharing their beautiful gifts with this congregation. If you would like to contribute, there are Retirement Gift envelopes in the pew racks for cash or you may write a check made out to Good Shepherd. Please mark your checks "*Retirement Gift*". Your contribution may be put in the offering plate or taken to the church office.

***We want to make this a BIG, special day,  
so we need Roast and Toast Volunteers!!!***

Please signup to assist in celebrating Keith and Carol. We need volunteers for setup on June 7th, as well as cleanup on June 8th. We also are asking for your amazing side dishes to go with pulled pork and ham that the church is providing. Don't forget if you've got some stories you'd like to share about our beloved Keith and Carol, please have them ready.

Sign-up sheets for the Roast and Toast are in the Parish Hallway.

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**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 **May 27, 2025** are:

Town: Jan Freeman

City: Aline Conley

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, Gayle Cox, Ann Wolf, Wally Figura, Ella Angelillo, Philip Bannister, Kathy Wright, Frank Burdo, Helen NaiSmith, Teresa and David Gribble, Phil Klenke, Mary Strange, Cooper Godfrey, OV Lewis, Karyl (Carol) Davis, Jason Guidry, Shiloh Farmer, Jon Czarnecki, Warren Clayman, Jeremy Edwards, Barb Redmond, Charles Vosey, Mary Stewart King, Glenn Marcel, Carole Stringer*

### **Good Shepherd Ministries-**

This week we pray for *the Parish Life Ministry* at Good Shepherd.

## Calendar

### Monday

**May 26**

**MEMORIAL DAY- OFFICE CLOSED**

9:00 am	Exercise Class
10:00 am	Women Walking, Women Talking @ Chatuge Dam
10:00 am	Prayer Shawl

### Tuesday

**May 27**

10:00 am	Yoga
6:00 pm	Brotherhood of the Fire
6:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
7:00 pm	Soaking Prayer

### Wednesday

**May 28**

9:00 am	Exercise
12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist w/Healing Prayer
1:00 pm	Lectionary
6:30 pm	Choir Practice

### Thursday

**May 29**

10:00 am	Yoga
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### Friday

**May 30**

9:00 am	Exercise Class
11:00 am	Memorial Service- Estelle Rice

### Saturday

**May 31**

No Activities Scheduled

### Sunday

**June 1**

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

## **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

Keith Christensen, Music Director

Mary Carol Campbell, Organist

Dr. Carol Smucker, Choir Accompanist

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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