



Good Shepherd Episcopal Church The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 4, 2026

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

Holy Eucharist – 9:00 a.m.

Salutation

Book of Common Prayer p. 323

Celebrant

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

People

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

Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer p. 323

The Gloria

Book of Common Prayer p. 324

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son 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

Isaiah 5:1-7

The Psalm

Psalm 80:7-14

The Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

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

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

Homily

The Rev. Beverly Lewis

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

Post Communion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer p. 339

Blessing

Dismissal

Prayer is available at the altar.

Those Who Serve:

9:00am

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

Intercessor: Sanford Freeman; **Usher:** Kathy Wright; **Altar Guild:** Beth Hitchcock;

VPOD: Jane Boritz; **Ingles cards:** Jan Freeman; **Flower Guild:** Joy Fox

Calendar

Monday
October 5

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

Tuesday
October 6

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

Wednesday
October 7

9:00 am	Exercise (Parish Hall)
11:30 am	Private Group (Undercroft)
	NO Holy Eucharist / Lectionary Bible Study

Thursday
October 8

11:30 am	Daughters of the King (Undercroft)
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Friday
October 9

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

Saturday
October 10

11:00 am	Memorial Service- Brenna Richardson
3:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals

Sunday
October 11

	20 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

Meditaton on "Gordon"

arr: Gerald Peterson

Processional

Hail, thou once despis'd Jesus

Hymnal 495

1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
 *4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy

le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
 to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,

thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic

Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our

we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710; harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935).

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,

judge between me
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
 why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
 what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
 and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
 and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
 it shall not be pruned or hoed,
 and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
 that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
 is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
 are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
 but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
 but heard a cry!

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

Psalm 80:7-14 (*Chanted in unison*)

Qui regis Israel

- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
 you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; *
 it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
 and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
 and its branches to the River.

- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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



1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine
 *3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide; his bound - less
 *4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chan - geth

strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and it shall be thy
 eyes and seek his face; life with its way be - fore us lies, —
 mer - cy will pro - vide; trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove —
 not, and thou art dear; on - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see that

joy — and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life and Christ its love.
 Christ — is all in all to thee.

Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875). Music: *Rushford*, Henry G. Ley (1887-1962).

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Book of Common Prayer p. 361

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

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

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

Sanctus

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

Communion *Let thy Blood in mercy poured*

Hymnal 313

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound
4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give
and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now
tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

Refrain
of thy bound - less love the to - ken.
Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
of thy match - less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925). Music: *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. after *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

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 *Lo! what a cloud of witnesses*

Hymnal 545

The musical score is written for a five-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with five staves. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with line numbers 1 through 5 indicating the parts. The music features a mix of whole, half, and quarter notes, with some rests. The final system ends with a double bar line.

1 Lo! what a cloud of wit - ness - es en -
2 Let us, with zeal like theirs in - spired, strive
3 Be - hold a Wit - ness no - bler still, who
4 He, for the joy be - fore him set, and
5 Thith - er, for - get - ting things be - hind, press

1 com - pass us a - round! They, once like us with
2 in the Chris - tian race; and, freed from ev - ery
3 trod af - flic - tion's path: Je - sus, the au - thor,
4 moved by pit - ying love, en - dured the cross, de -
5 we to God's right hand; there, with the Sa - vior

1 suf - fering tried, are now with glo - ry crowned.
2 weight of sin, their ho - ly foot - steps trace.
3 fi - nish - er, re - ward - er of our faith.
4 spised the shame, and now he reigns a - bove.
5 and his saints, tri - um - phant - ly to stand.

Words: *Translations and Paraphrases*, 1745, alt.; para. of Hebrews 12: 1-3. Music: *St. Fulbert*, Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876).

Dismissal

Postlude Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee.

arr. Edward Broughton

Prayer is available at the altar.

Those Who Serve:

11:00 am

EMs: Jim Reynolds, Cindy Nodine; **Lector:** Laurie Wright; **Usher:** Tom Griffiths;

Altar Guild: Jan Chatterton, Gail Criss; **Intercessor:** Mike Campbell;

Altar Linens: Kathy Marcel; **Nursery:** Liz Rybicki, Barb Field;

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

Flower Guild: Joy Fox; **Greeter:** Helen Douylliez

Christian Education

Lectionary Bible Study - This group works through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. This Bible Study **will resume on Wednesday, October 21st** at 1:00pm. Please contact Fr. Bill for more information.

Parish Life and Church Community

All Good Shepherd Pets and their Devoted Caretakers are invited to join in a Celebration of St. Francis with a Service of the **Blessing of the Animals, Saturday, October 10th, at 3:00 pm**, in the Good Shepherd parking lot.

The Balcazar, Blanks, and Herbert families will celebrate the **Holy Baptism of Harrison Roger Balcazar on October 18, 2026**, at the 11:00 service. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. All are invited. Harry is the son of Annie and Mario Balcazar, the brother of Frank, the grandson of Lynne Blanks and great-grandson of Suzi Herbert.

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.

In-gathering Sunday is scheduled for **November 1**. We ask that you have your pledge and time and talent cards returned to the church by that day so that we can gather them up on the altar as an offering to the Lord. We will celebrate our in-gathering with **one service of Holy Eucharist at 10 AM and a brunch to follow**. The Vestry is providing the main course of smoked pork and chicken. Please **sign up** to bring some of your **favorite side dishes** and **volunteer to assist** for our special event. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

November 1 is All Saints Day and we will remember all our faithful departed with a reading of names. If you have loved ones you wish remembered, please see and add their names to the **sign-up sheet** in the hallway.

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 **October 6, 2026** are:

<u>Town:</u>	Aline Conley
<u>City:</u>	Jan Freeman
<u>Tusquittee:</u>	Dave & Barb Field

In Our Prayers

Those in Need of Comfort and Healing:

Pat Fox, Denise Fox, Pat Halloran, Chosh Dacey, Helen NaiSmith, Linda Wingo, Pat Hicks, BJ and Bob Schweikert, Bev Larson, Chris Mulholland, Patti Underwood, Ed and Sue Kelley, Jeanne Harper, Nora and Richard Broszeit, Ann Wolf, 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, Kim Brabon, Jennifer Hiller, Deb Sellers, Kim Whitehearst, Ranger Granthum, Hunter Roberts, Pat and Graham Dixon, John Notchie, Kevin Conley, Glenn Marcel, Matt Cramer, Andrew Hooper

Good Shepherd Ministries:

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



Rooted in Faith, Growing in Generosity

This morning you all have been offered a packet of mustard seeds. This is to remind you as we begin our stewardship campaign, themed "Rooted in Faith, Growing in Generosity" that *the faith of a mustard seed can move mountains* – or do great things! So just think what Good Shepherd can do with our great faith in a loving Lord. Plant the seeds and watch them grow or as a reminder that our individual generosity, rooted in the faith of a generous God, can grow into great things!

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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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