

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 10, 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 Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer p.323

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Summary of the Law
The Gloria

Book of Common Prayer p.324
Book of Common Prayer p.324

Collect of the Day

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 11:00 service)

The First Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

The Psalm

Psalm 66:7-18

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

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

Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer p. 326

Prayers of the People

Book of Common Prayer p. 328

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

Dismissal

Prayer is available at the altar.

Those Who Serve:

9:00am

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

Intercessor: Kanute Rarey; **Usher:** Kathy Wright; **Altar Guild:** Gail Criss;

VPOD: Jane Boritz; **Ingles cards:** Elizabeth Rybicki; **Flower Guild:** Aline Conley

Holy Eucharist - 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

arr. Paul Manz

Processional

God of grace and God of glory

Hymnal 594

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
days, for the liv - ing of these days.
goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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Salutation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Collect for Purity

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The Gloria

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 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has

overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

Psalm 66:7-18

Jubilate Deo (Chanted)

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
 and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and water; *
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
 and will pay you my vows, *
 which I promised with my lips
 and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
 with the smoke of rams; *
 I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
 and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
 and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
 the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
 he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
 nor withheld his love from me.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
 If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
 and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: Beecher, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

Sanctus

Hymnal S125

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Lord's Prayer

Blue Songbook 75

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;
 2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
 3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,
 *5 Christ, thou art our glo - rious King, Son of God en - throned in splen - dor;

1 all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;
 2 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
 3 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
 4 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee;
 5 but de - liv - er - ance to bring thou all hon - ors didst sur - ren - der,

1 in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
 2 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 3 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
 4 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.
 5 and wast of a vir - gin born hum - bly on that bless - ed morn.

6 Thou didst take the sting from death,
 Son of God, as Savior given;
 on the cross thy dying breath
 opened wide the realm of heaven.
 In the glory of that land
 thou art set at God's right hand.

7 As our judge thou wilt appear.
 Savior, who hast died to win us,
 help thy servants, drawing near.
 Lord, renew our hearts within us.
 Grant that with thy saints we may
 dwell in everlasting day.

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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

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Words and Music by
Peter Scholtes

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VERSE

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



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



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.



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



know__ we are Chris - tians by our love._____

Dismissal

Postlude

God of Grace and Glory

arr. Gordon Young

Prayer is available at the altar.

Those Who Serve:

11:00 am

EMs: Tom Griffiths, Jim Reynolds; **Lector:** Sanford Freeman; **Usher:** Jose Arias;

Altar Guild: Georgia Bethel, Carolyn Cline-Griffiths, Tawanna Dutton;

Altar Linens: Carolyn Cline-Griffiths; **Nursery:** Kathy Marcel, Hattie Sheehy;

VPOD: David Cady; **Ingles cards:** Jan Freeman; **Videographer:** Jay Miller;

Flower Guild: Aline Conley; **Greeter:** Ed & Sharon Faircloth

Christian Education

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

Parish Life and Church Community

Help wanted! We need Eucharistic ministers. At Good Shepherd, we have two EMs at each worship service. Both EMs serve as chalice bearers at communion, but their roles in other parts of the service are different. The minister who serves as EM1 (the first one listed in the bulletin) also reads the first lesson while the minister who serves as EM2 also serves as the acolyte. Our current EM2's have been working overtime recently. Please prayerfully consider whether you are being called to serve in one of these ministries and feel free to talk with Father Bill or any of our current Eucharistic Ministers for more information. Those of us who serve as EMs consider this a very special and Holy ministry. You will receive very ample training and encouragement before you are scheduled. Call the church office to sign up and we will get you started. Thank you!

Calling all Grazers: Please sign up in the information hallway for the next three months session (June, July & August). The weather has improved and it is getting lighter every day so no excuses. Enjoy a home cooked meal and lively conversation with other parishioners. Any questions, please see Nora Broszeit.

Second quarter Smoke Out: May 23rd is the second quarter smoke out and we will have smoked Butts (full) \$40.00, (1/2 Butt) \$20.00, Chicken (half) \$5.00. Pick up time is May 22nd for the butts and May 23rd for the chicken from 10:00a.m. to Noon. Call Wally at 770-330-8430. There will be a sign up sheet in the hallway.

The Still Place Benefit Fundraiser Lunch: Keep your fork at the ready! Good Shepherd is hosting a fundraiser lunch to benefit The Still Place on Sunday May 31st after the 11a.m. service. Please contact Deacon Turner Guidry for more information.

Summer Classics Concert...Beethoven to Broadway Our Good Shepherd Parish family is invited to a special summer concert featuring strings, woodwinds, keyboard and vocals performed by talented local and regional artists. **Summer Classics...Beethoven to Broadway will be held Saturday, June 6, from 6 to 730 PM in the church nave.** Here's your chance to invite friends to join us! Musicians include many local and regional artists. Our own Harry Baughn will emcee. Organizer Phil Cox said "we have remarkable talent at in the area that we look forward to

highlighting and sharing with our audience." Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased online at goodshepherdhayesville.org or by calling the church office at 828 389 3397, Monday thru Thursday 9am to 3pm. Seating is limited and tickets should be purchased in advance. A champagne reception in the Parish Hall will follow the performance. A sign up sheet for bringing lite fare is in the Information Hallway.

Deadline for Sunday Bulletin Announcements and Weekly Highlights-
Wednesday by 12pm

Deadline for Monthly Newsletter-
the 20th of the preceding 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 **May 12, 2026** are:

Town: Aline Conley

City: Linda Milt

Tusquittee: David & Teresa Gribble

In Our Prayers

Those in Need of Comfort and Healing:

Pat and Joy Fox, Denise Fox, Pat Halloran, Chosh Dacey, Helen NaiSmith, Deb Sellers, Sarah Kreiss, Linda Wingo, Pat Hicks, BJ and Bob Schweikert, Bev Larson, Chris Mulholland, Patti and Chuck Underwood, Ed and Sue Kelley, Jeanne Harper, Nora and Richard Broszeit, Ann Wolf, Philip Bannister, Frank Burdo, Teresa and David Gribble, Cooper Godfrey, OV Lewis, Adelaide Fullilove, Janice Lemaire, Anne Hourdequin, Sam and Mere Samsil, Jay and Mary Ann Miller, Bob Wilkerson, Gail Rose, Matt and Jennifer Cramer, Jack Hungerford, Lynne and Mark Walters, Kenny and Stacy Waldroup, Sally Conaway, Kim Brabon, Alexis Bernal, Mili and Jose Arias, Mary Lowell, Luke Bowe, Mike Campbell, Helga Reaves, Kanute Rarey, Ashley Murray, Mary Rose Figura, Wendy Mitchell, Kris West, Mike Campbell, Bryson Joyce, Brian Mitchell, Sallie Free, Beth Hitchcock

Good Shepherd Ministries:

This week we pray for *Prayer Shawl Ministry* at Good Shepherd.

Calendar

Monday

May 11

9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
10:00 am	Women Walking/Talking @ Chatuge Dam
10:00 am	Library Maintenance
10:30 am	Tai Chi (Parish Hall)
11:00 am	Private Group (Undercroft)

Tuesday

May 12

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

Wednesday

May 13

9:00 am	Exercise (Parish Hall)
10:30 am	Moving Meditation (Parish Hall)
11:30 am	Private Group (Undercroft)
12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
1:00 pm	Lectionary Bible Study (Library)

Thursday

May 14

6:45 am	Order of St. George (Parish Hall)
10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
11:30 am	Daughters of the King (Undercroft)
6:30 pm	Choir Practice

Friday

May 15

9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
10:00 am	Tai Chi (Parish Hall)

Saturday

May 16

Parish Life- Hike postponed

Sunday

May 17

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

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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