



The Shepherd's Voice

July
2026

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Services:

Sunday

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

I am service is live
streamed to Facebook at:
[facebook.com/
goodshepherdhayesvillenc/](https://facebook.com/goodshepherdhayesvillenc/)

Coffee Hour in the Parish
Hall following I am
Sunday service

Tuesday

5:00pm Soaking Prayer

Wednesday

12:00pm Holy Eucharist w/
Healing Prayer

1:00 pm Lectionary
Bible Study

The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove,
Rector



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The Still Place Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser

Our Spaghetti Lunch fundraiser on May 31st for The Still Place was a tasty success, with current contributions totaling over \$5,500.00, after expenses!!!

Thank you so much to all of those who worked in the kitchen, those who set-up & cleaned up the Parish Hall, for those who attended and for the generous donations.

God Bless you,
Turner Guidry



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The Still Place

Submitted by Laurie Wright

"Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

These brief, poignant, and eloquent words of the psalmist are among the most well-known and quoted biblical passages of all time. And the meaning of the words "still '(ness) and "know" (ing) are as personal and variable as each speaker. However, to the creators of The Still Place, the name they chose and the goals they work to achieve incorporate multiple meanings and values to families who suffer the heartbreak of losing a child or holding on to one with a serious illness. In a week spent together as a family, they can know the joy of letting go, relaxing, being quiet, finding refuge and connection in sharing grief and in surrendering their burdens to God. Stillness is a time and a place of peace, while knowing is an opportunity for opening up and growing.

Good Shepherd was honored on Sunday, May 31st, to host a spaghetti luncheon to help fund this wonderful charity so close to home. The Still Place, in a serene and wooded mountain area of Hayesville, offers a week of rest, relaxation, activity, and enjoyment to individuals and families experiencing life-altering illness or loss of a child. The retreats are at no cost to the family and include all lodging, meals, and activities, such as art, nature exploration, adventures in our beautiful mountain environment, and supportive small discussion groups which encourage and acknowledge the emotional hardships of the family or caregiver.

Lori McClure, the Executive Director of The Still Place, encourages volunteers who might be interested in sharing a small bit of quality time with this organization. There is a need for talent, funding, maintenance, cooking and food preparation, excursions, or anything else you can offer to this non-funded organization. It is very much like the spaghetti luncheon itself: without Ron Dutton's mother's recipe, our busy organizers and perspiring cooks, the creative decorators and table-setters, the unthanked and overlooked dishwashers, the smiling servers, and conversation-prayer-and song-starters, we would be just an empty hall. The Still Place Too needs you! To apply, call: 828-209-8021.



"Summer Classics.....Beethoven to Broadway"

Kathy Rarey, Communications Ministry

Our parish family and many friends from the community enjoyed a splendid concert of classical and Broadway music performed by local and regional musicians on Saturday, June 6, in our Nave. Beethoven to Broadway featured woodwinds, keyboard, strings and vocals. The entire program was orchestrated by our own choir master Teresa LeMaire. Multitalented herself, Teresa invited many of her colleagues around the state and locally to fill the sanctuary with beautiful music. Parishioner Phil Cox was the leader of the team who planned the evening's events that ended with a champagne reception and music provided by the group Sax Appeal, featuring our own Harry Baughn, Teresa and friends. Phil got many nice compliments after the event, including one by longtime parishioner Mary Anne Koos, who said how much she enjoyed the evening and asked Phil to please "do this again next year." "Many thanks to all the volunteers who made this happen", said Phil.





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Parish Life Event

On **June 25th** , Parish Life hosted a **Pizza and Bingo Night**



Parish Life would like to thank all the ministry heads that donated some amazing prizes for our Pizza and Bingo night. We had an awesome time. Keith did a tremendous job of being our MC. Looking forward to doing it again. BINGO, our night was a huge success!



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Take Note:

Yoga and Women Walking are on Summer Break. The **Thursday Chair Yoga class** will be **cancelled for June and July** *except by special arrangement* with Rachel Baughn or Lorraine Brown. The Tuesday yoga class will continue as usual.

Women Walking on the dam will not resume until the Myers Chapel Bridge is completed. However, anyone is welcome to join Rachel and Lois Anne Wentzel at 10am at the VFW memorial to walk to Spikebuck Indian mound and back for an equivalent distance.



The Clay County Dental Clinic

By: Rachel Baughn, Communications Ministry

For the past several weeks we've been promoting the Blueberry Festival and reminding folks that this is the primary fundraiser to benefit the GSEC Dental Fund for children without insurance in Clay and Towns Counties. You may be wondering, what Dental Clinic? What Dental Fund? And how is Good Shepherd involved?

To learn more about the clinic and Good Shepherd's role, I spoke with Clarissa Rogers, Director of the Clay County Health Department, and with Dr. Jim Redmond, a Good Shepherd member and one of the dentists who helped design the new facility. In Clarissa Rogers' words:

“My tenure began many years after the establishment of the Clay County Dental Clinic, so much of the clinic's early history is a testament to the vision and dedication of those who came before me. The Dental Program was initiated under the leadership of former Health Director Janice Patterson. The idea began after a mother contacted Janice following her child's school dental assessment. The child needed dental treatment, but the mother explained that finding a provider who accepted Medicaid was extremely difficult. Recognizing a significant unmet need within the community, Janice set out to find a solution.

“Early collaboration efforts involved the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and the Cherokee County Health Department. EBCI provided space for dental services in exchange for assistance in serving children within their population. As the program continued to grow, an opportunity arose to apply for funding through the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust. At the same time, Murphy Medical Center provided office space in Peachtree as an in-kind contribution. Funding from the Kate B. Reynolds grant allowed the clinic to renovate the facility and purchase the equipment needed to establish and expand services.

“The clinic continued to grow over the years and, in 2015, was relocated to its current home within the Clay County Health Department. Since that time, the Dental Program has continued to expand, providing essential oral health services to residents throughout the community.”

The clinic continues to grow in its services and facilities. Housed within the lower level of the Health Department building, this impressive space contains five stations and one surgical room. I asked who the clinic serves and how they get referred.

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“We serve individuals of all ages. While some patients are referred to our office by local healthcare providers, no referral is required to establish care within our clinic. Our dental program is funded through revenue generated from billed services, as well as Medicaid Cost Settlement funds.

“Access to dental care remains a significant need within our community. Oral health is closely connected to overall health and is associated with many chronic medical conditions. Unfortunately, there are limited dental practices in the area that accept Medicaid, making our services especially important for many individuals and families. In recent years, we have worked diligently to expand access to care by recruiting additional dentists and dental hygienists to better meet the growing needs of our population.” In fact, they will soon have a dentist in house every week day.

Besides the fact that Dr. Redmond was an integral part of that expansion, Good Shepherd became involved when the church reached out to ask how we could support children in our community. Redmond says they focused on the families who fell into the “donut hole,” unable to afford major or emergency dental work. The Good Shepherd Dental Fund was born to meet that need from seed money from a generous anonymous donor. Requests for help are directed to the church office or to Patti Brownlee, the Fund's current contact person.

Rogers assured me that the clinic has other grants and programs they can draw upon to help adults, but the clinic is most grateful for the help Good Shepherd has provided to children needing dental care. She admitted that Medicaid Expansion has helped to reduce the number of uninsured children this year, but the fund is still needed when a family is faced with emergency or major dental work beyond their ability to pay.

“Good Shepherd has been an invaluable partner for children in our community. Through their support, uninsured and underinsured children have been able to receive essential dental services that might otherwise have been out of reach. For many families, access to needed dental care would not have been possible without their assistance. We are deeply grateful for Good Shepherd's continued support of our Dental Program and the positive impact they have made in the lives of the patients we serve.”





You're Invited!

**Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
495 Herbert Hills Drive
Hayesville, NC 28904**

Sunday, July 19, 2026 12:00 - 1:00 P.M.

3rd ANNUAL BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

Friends and family welcome!

BLUEBERRY PANCAKES

Sausage

Applesauce

Beverage

Suggested donation \$ 10.00

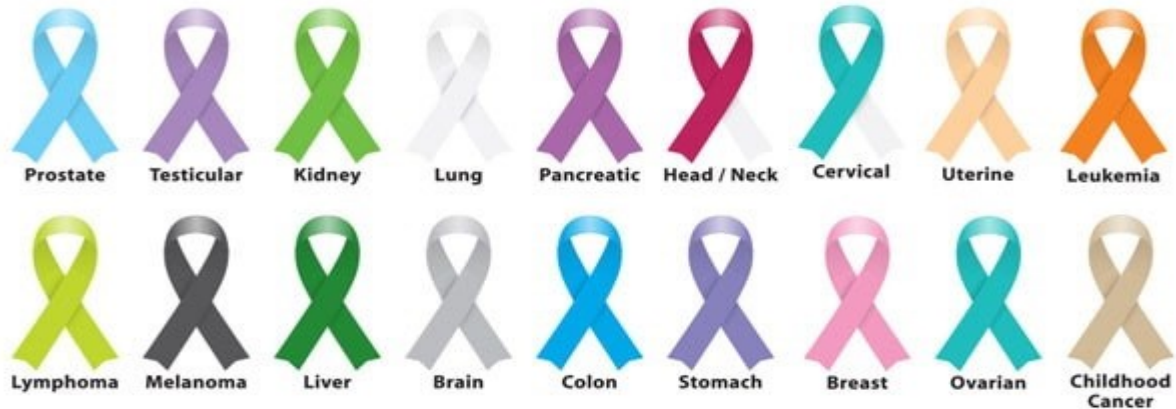
GOOD SHEPHERD ANYTHING BLUEBERRY BAKE SALE

LIVE MUSIC

Turner (Guidry) Classics

Greetings
ISLAND

Cancer Support Group—June 16



On Tuesday, **July 21st** we are hosting our **Cancer Support Group** in the Parish Hall at **5:30pm**. We are hoping to offer support to those on the journey of dealing with, surviving, and/or caring for someone with cancer.

Bring something to share in thoughts, ideas, and of course some food. Contact Jose Arias by email if you can't attend in person but would like to be part of the meeting by zoom: jose_m_arias@hotmail.com



Good Shepherd Cursillo Community Third Sundays in the Parish Hall

Looking for Friendly Spiritual Conversation, Guidance,
Support, and Enrichment?

The Cursillo Community Welcomes You.

Please feel welcome to join us each Third Sunday of the
month during our Cursillo-sponsored Coffee Hour.

Look for the tables on the far side of the Parish Hall.





The Gospels in Shorts Sundays after Church

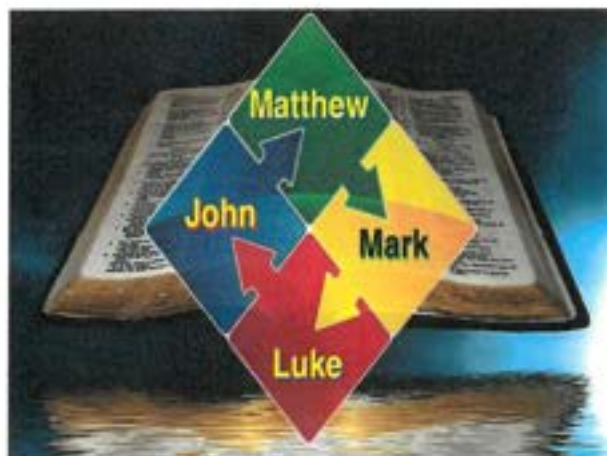
The four canonical Gospels share common material but differ in important ways in their telling the life and ministry of Jesus. In this course we will examine in brief each of the Gospels with an eye toward comparing and contrasting the likely contexts in which the Gospels were written, their intended audiences, and editor's intentions, their sources, their theology and themes, their common material and their unique contributions to the story of God with us.

July 5 - The Gospel
according to Mark

July 12 - The Gospel
according to Matthew

August 2 - The Gospel
according to Luke

August 9 - The Gospel
according to John



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Members of The Order of the Daughters of the King® are women and girls between the ages of seven and one hundred and seven who desire a closer walk with the Lord. We are Christian women, both lay and ordained, who are strengthened through the discipline of a Rule of Life, and supported through the companionship of our sisters. We are all at different stages of our Christian journey – some have just begun and some have been on this path for a long time. But no matter where we are on our sacred journeys, our primary goal is the same – to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others.



We meet in the Undercroft on the 2nd Thursday of each month. However, we will not be meeting in July. Our next meeting will be held on August 13, 2026. If you are interested or have any questions, please see Sharon Kyser or any of the Daughters.





Attention: writers or "wannabe" writers



The Arts & Spirituality Ministry is pleased to announce an upcoming writing group to be led by Jean Gora.

The **"Mining Our Memories Writing Group"** will meet in the library on **Thursdays, 10:30am-12pm for 8 weeks, July 16 - September 3**. The group will be **limited to 10 participants**.

The purpose of the group is to articulate and share memories and written form, not to prepare a manuscript for publication.

Each week, the group will select a "prompt" for the following week. Group members will write whatever they want in response to the prompt. At the next meeting, each person will have 6 minutes to read what he she has written. Once everyone has finished, the group will choose a prompt for the next session. Participants agree to treat what others say as confidential. The prompt for the first group meeting is "How I Got My Name".

A sign-up sheet is in the hallway or you may contact Jean Gora at 828-389-1590 or jean@middlebass.org.



Name: _____

Date: _____

Summer



Word Search



The summer sun is shining, and the beach is calling! Hidden in the puzzle below are all the words that remind us of this sunny season. Can you find them? They might be hiding forward, backward, up, down, or even diagonally! Some words might share letters or crisscross with each other. Circle each word as you find it and cross it off the list. Dive in and have fun!

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- BARBECUE
- BEACH
- BONFIRE
- CAMPING
- COOL BREEZE
- FIREWORKS
- FISHING
- FLIP-FLOPS
- HAMMOCK
- HIKING
- ICE CREAM
- LIFEGUARD
- OCEAN
- PALM TREE
- PICNIC
- POOLSIDE
- POPSICLE

SURFING



SUNBURN

SWIMSUIT

SUNGLASSES



VACATION

SUNSCREEN



WATERMELON

SUNSHINE



ROLLER COASTER

SANDALS

SANDCASTLE

SEASHELL

SNORKELING



July

The Joy Of The Lord

Day 1: Nehemiah 8:10

Day 2: Zephaniah 3:17

Day 3: Philippians 4:4

Day 4: Acts 2:28

Day 5: Psalms 71:23

Day 6: 1 Peter 1:8-9

Day 7: Isaiah 55:12

Day 8: Romans 12:12

Day 9: John 15:11

Day 10: Proverbs 16:20

Day 11: Psalms 126:5-6

Day 12: Galatians 5:22-23

Day 13: 3 John 1:4

Day 14: Romans 14:17

Day 15: Psalms 30:5

Day 16: John 16:22

Day 17: Isaiah 61:10

Day 18: Luke 15:7

Day 19: 2 Corinthians 6:10

Day 20: Psalms 16:11

Day 21: Habakkuk 3:17-19

Day 22: Psalms 118:24

Day 23: James 1:2-3

Day 24: John 17:13

Day 25: Psalms 32:11

Day 26: Jeremiah 15:16

Day 27: Psalms 94:19

Day 28: 1 Chronicles 16:27

Day 29: John 16:24

Day 30: Isaiah 12:3

Day 31: Psalms 4:7

joy



[joi] • noun

*gladness not based
on circumstance*

[1 peter 1:8-9]



July

motto of
the month:

reserve



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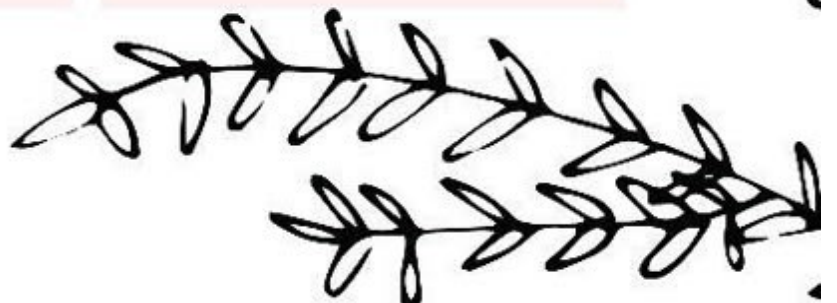
- + saving money
- + rest
- + staying home
- + planning: make/update savings plan
- + journaling: weekly about optimizing time, money, energy, & other resources

L E S S

- buying
- dining out
- anger
- reacting

practice:

efficiency & avoiding
situations the drain
your energy





Reclaim

VERB Merriam-Webster

- 1 a: to recall from wrong or improper conduct : REFORM
b: TAME, SUBDUE

- 2 a: to rescue from an undesirable state
also : to restore to a previous natural state

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Where are you?

Someone or some persons are missing. They are not where they are expected to be. They are not doing what is expected of them. There is a purpose unfulfilled. Early in the story of God's people, we find God looking for the man and woman he created. God had placed them in a garden with responsibility for its stewardship. And now they are missing, now not doing what they are meant to do. And God calls out, "Where are you?" To each of us, to us as a parish, to us as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement, and to all who call themselves followers of Christ, God calls out, "Where are you?" What do we say in reply?



In his book *Lessons in Leadership*, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, chief rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, interprets the early chapters of the book Genesis as a story of responsibility, of largely failed responsibility. You probably know the stories. Eve eats the apple and offers it to Adam who does as well. When God asks if they ate of the tree, Adam blames Eve and Eve blames the serpent. There is a failure of personal responsibility. A short time later, we read that Cain is jealous of his brother Abel. Cain is warned to fight off sin, but he kills his brother nonetheless. God asks Cain about Abel's whereabouts and Cain replies "Am I my brother's keeper?" Cain confesses to the murder, and so he takes personal responsibility, but he has failed in his moral responsibility for the welfare of his brother.

And then we get the story of Noah. Noah is living during a time of great violence and corruption. He is described as "righteous in his generation." It seems that while everyone else is off track, there still is one who is righteous. As directed, Noah builds an ark, gathers his family and animals and then shuts out the rest of the world. Noah is called righteous but that righteousness has no apparent effect on his neighbors. Nowhere is Noah shown pleading for others to prepare, to change their ways, to repent. And nowhere is Noah shown to grieve the tragedy. Noah did not show collective responsibility and so is known as "a rich man in a fur coat." You see, when it is cold one can think of oneself and put on a coat or one can light a fire and warm both oneself and others.

Rabbi Sacks writes that the first Hebrew is Abraham. He comes when God called, he rescues his nephew Lot when kidnaped, and he questions God for the well-being of people who are not his own. He shows personal, moral, and collective responsibility. He takes responsibility. He acts. He acts for the sake of Lot and he acts for the sake of those he does not even know. He shows us what is expected of all who are his descendants, all who are children of his God, and all who follow the most notable of his children, Jesus our Lord. "Where are you?"

We have set a vision for the parish that says as God's shepherds, we the people of this parish will engage with the world through the sharing of our blessings, and by that sharing would strive to make manifest the reign of Heaven on earth. It is a lofty vision and one that all are invited into pursuing. It is a vision that calls for personal, moral, and collective responsibility in using our time, talent, and treasure to meet the needs of this faith community and the needs of our neighbors and beyond.

What will we say when God asks "People of Good Shepherd-Hayesville, where are you?"
Grace upon grace be with you,

Fr. Bill+



Notes from our Financial Statements For May 2026

Income and Expenses from Realm

Bookkeeping software (Realm) re-configuration incomplete, but I discussed these figures with Susan and she was comfortable that this presents a good report of our financials as currently represented in Realm.

Income for May	\$44,356
Expenses for May	-\$29,495
Net Income/(Loss) for April	\$14,861
Total Income year to date	\$166,222
Total Expenses from Checking for the Year	-\$176,400
Net Income/(Loss) for the Year	-\$10,178*

***There are insurance and pension expense discrepancies of \$5,888 that may add to the loss total for the year. Will update in July. Difference in budgeted amounts would be painting costs appx \$18,000 incurred that were not in the annual budget.**

Account Balances 05/30/2026

Operating funds Accounts

UCBI Operating Account (Checking)	\$ 31,434
UCBI Petty Cash	\$ 1,455
Operating Funds Money Market (30)	\$ 128,353

Restricted/Designated funds Accounts

B&G Scholarship Money Market (60)	\$ 131,631
Camp Henry Tuition Assistance (62)	\$ 4,164
Capital Reserve Money Market (61)	\$ 43,039
Rector Sabbatical Money Market (54)	\$ 5,210
All other Restricted/Designated Accounts Obligations	\$ 19,249

Endowment Accounts

Mountain of Faith Endowment Fund	\$277,925
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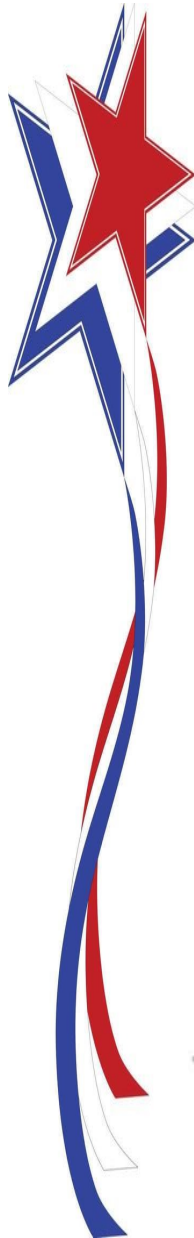
Celebrate Good Times!!!

Birthdays in July

- 07/01 Pam Roman
- 07/07 Joy Fox
- 07/07 Kathryn Hoyt
- 07/08 Sam Strider
- 07/10 Sandy Benson
- 07/10 Deanna DuBose
- 07/12 Georgia Bethel
- 07/12 Doug Stewart
- 07/14 Robin Halfon
- 07/15 Mason Pierson
- 07/16 Ines Klenke
- 07/17 Jake Ehrhart
- 07/17 Pat Halloran
- 07/17 Larry Scheneman
- 07/17 Roxann Wagner
- 07/19 Lottie Jones
- 07/21 Bob Schweikert
- 07/23 Marah Jones
- 07/23 Trish Reynolds
- 07/25 Harry Baughn
- 07/26 Barry Benson
- 07/26 Jean Gora
- 07/26 Michael Wright
- 07/27 Patti Underwood
- 07/28 Paul TeRonde
- 07/29 Randy Emberg

Anniversaries in July

- 07/05 Darry & Barbara Wood
- 07/05 Molly and John Cain
- 07/06 Randy & Lorraine Brown
- 07/07 Jay & Mary Ann Miller
- 07/13 Laurie & Jack Wright
- 07/16 Mike & Mary Carol Campbell
- 07/25 David & Teresa Gribble
- 07/25 Jake Bradshaw and Jason Edwards
- 07/27 Sanford & Jan Freeman
- 07/28 Matt & Krystyna Wilson



life with you

JUST KEEPS GETTING
BETTER & BETTER

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Directory Updates:

Please note the following changes in your directory.



Please email Amanda in the church office with any birthday or anniversary updates:

gsepicsopal@brmemc.net

Lectionary Readings for *July*

**6th Sunday after
Pentecost**

[Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67](#)
[Psalm 45: 11-18](#)
or [Song of Solomon 2:8-13](#)
[Romans 7:15-25a](#)
[Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30](#)

**7th Sunday after
Pentecost**

[Genesis 25:19-34](#)
[Psalm 119:105-112](#)
[Romans 8:1-11](#)
[Matthew 13:1-9,18-23](#)

**8th Sunday after
Pentecost**

[Genesis 28:10-19a](#)
[Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23](#)
[Romans 8:12-25](#)
[Matthew 13:24-30,36-43](#)

**9th Sunday after
Pentecost**

[Genesis 29:15-28](#)
[Psalm 105:1-11, 45b](#)
or [Psalm 128](#)
[Romans 8:26-39](#)
[Matthew 13:31-33,44-52](#)



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