

**Good Shepherd Episcopal Church**  
**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Sunday, May 18, 2025



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

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**Holy Eucharist – 11:00 a.m.**

**Prelude**                      Fantasy in A Minor    JS Bach  
**Processional**    *O Master, let me walk with Thee*    Hymnal 660  
**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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and

reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The First Lesson**

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised

God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 148**

### ***Laudate Dominum***

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;

- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;  
12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.  
13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.  
14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

## **The Second Lesson**

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the

Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People                      Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn**      *In Christ there is no East or West (v. 1-2)*      Hymnal 529

**Holy Gospel** John 13:31-35

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

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People                      Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Hymn**      *In Christ there is no East or West (v. 3)*      Hymnal 529

**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**      Make me a Channel of Your Peace      Temple/Hayes

**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**      *I come with joy*

Hymnal 304

### **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** *God of grace and Lord of glory*

Hymnal 594

**Dismissal**

**Postlude** Trumpet Tune in D

William Boyce

**Prayer is available at the altar**

**Those Who Serve:**

**9:00 am:**

**EMs:** Amy Nicolson, Elizabeth Rybicki; **Lector:** Kanute Rarey;  
**Intercessor:** Michael Wright; **Usher:** Deanna DuBose;  
**Altar Guild:** Gail Criss; **VPOD:** Patti Brownlee; **Ingles cards:** Dave  
Field

**11:00 am:**

**EMs:** Jane Boritz, Janet Beall; **Lector:** Jan Freeman;  
**Intercessor:** Sandy Freeman; **Usher:** Jean Gora; **Altar Guild:** Pat  
Halloran, Beth Hitchcock, Mary Stewart King; **Altar Linens:** Mary  
Stewart King;  
**Flower Guild:** Jeff King, Betsi Wilson; **VPOD:** Betsi Wilson;  
**Videographer:** Mike Gora; **Ingles Cards:** Jan Freeman;  
**Greeter:** Jose Arias

# Hymnal 660

*O Master, let me walk with Thee*

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,  
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918). Music: *Maryton*, Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898).

# Hymnal 529

*In Christ there is no East or West*

*Unison or harmony*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in  
 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

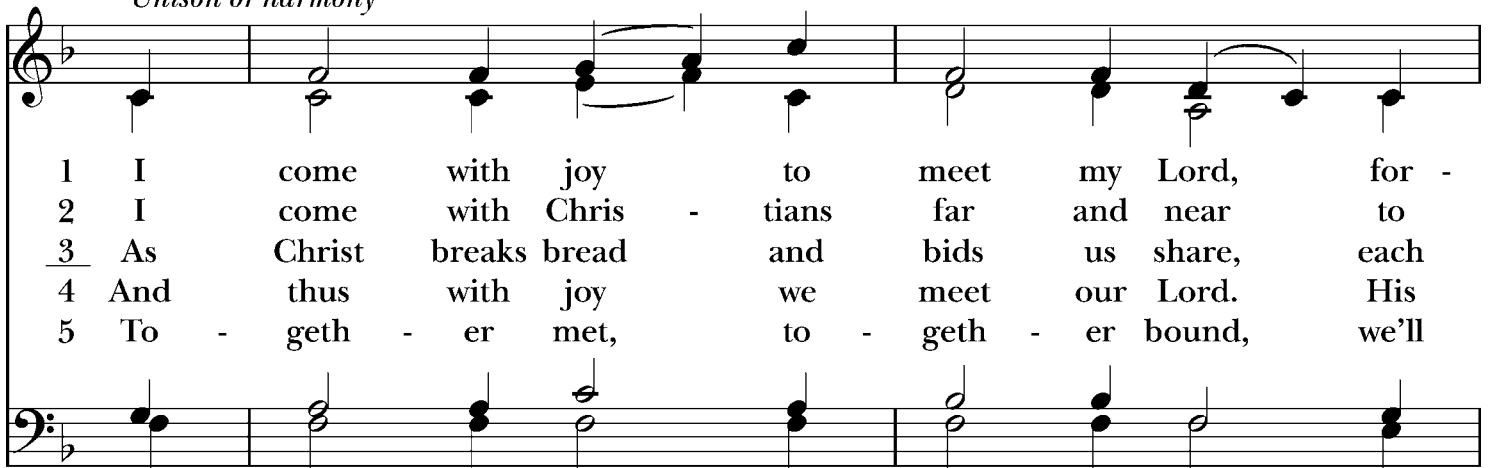
him no South or North, but one great fel - low -  
 e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
 him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

# Hymnal 304

*I come with joy*

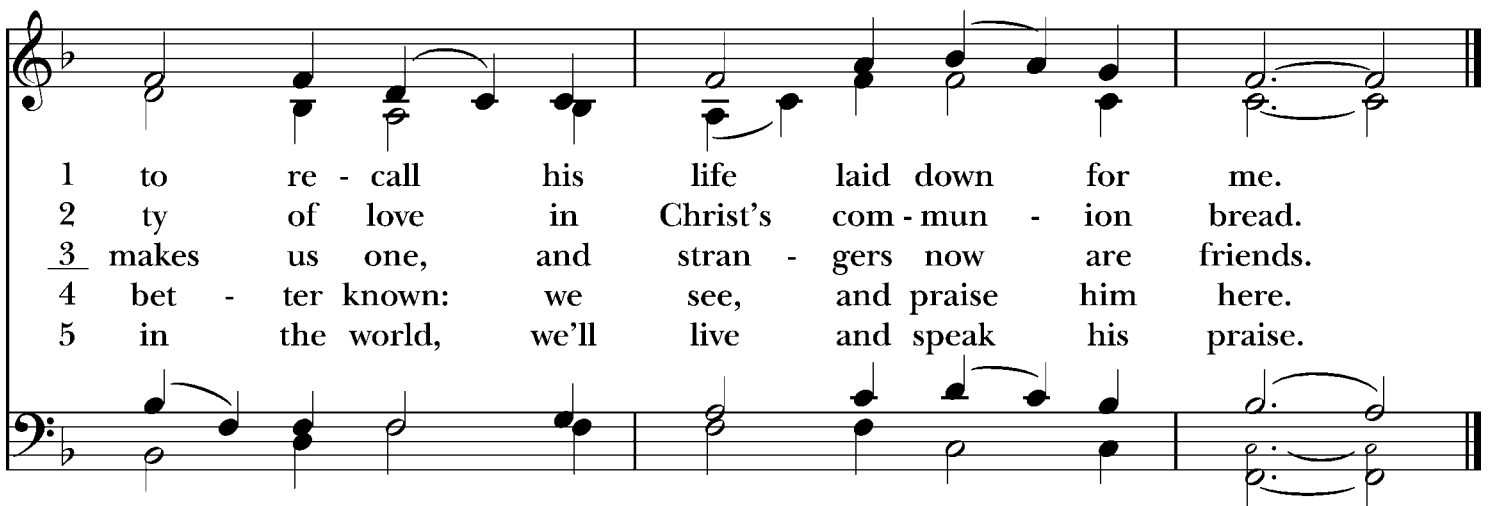
*Unison or harmony*



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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# Hymnal 594

*God of grace and Lord of glory*

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.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt. By permission of the author. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).

**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.

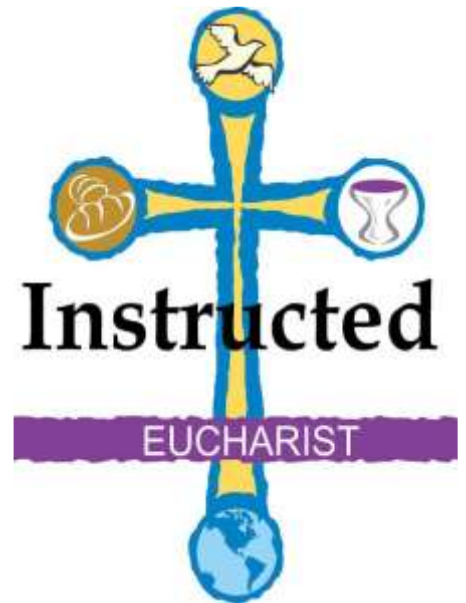


## Instructed Eucharist

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! Reminder: Today being the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, the Cursillo/3-day renewal folks will sponsor the coffee hour and reserve two tables for anyone who would like to participate in a Group Reunion. All are welcome (even if you have not attended a 3-day weekend)!

**Cancer Support Group-** On Tuesday, **May 20<sup>th</sup>** we are hosting our Cancer Support Group in the Parish Hall at **5pm**. 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](mailto:jose_m_arias@hotmail.com)

**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.

***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, sign-up in the Parish Hallway 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.

**Deadline for June 2025 Newsletter-**  
Thursday, 5/22/25

**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 20, 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, Patti and Chuck Underwood, Chris Mulholland, 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, Doris Etler, 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, Tim Ryan, Carole Stringer, Barb Redmond, Kathy Wright*

### **Good Shepherd Ministries-**

This week we pray for *the Good Shepherd's Women's Retreat.*

<b>Calendar</b>
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**Monday**

**May 19**

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

**Tuesday**

**May 20**

10:00 am	Yoga
5:00 pm	Cancer Support Group
6:00 pm	Brotherhood of the Fire
7:00 pm	Soaking Prayer

**Wednesday**

**May 21**

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

**Thursday**

**May 22**

	<b>Newsletter Articles Due!</b>
6:45 am	Order of St. George
10:00 am	Yoga

**Friday**

**May 23**

9:00 am	Exercise Class
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**Saturday**

**May 24**

No Activities Scheduled

**Sunday**

**May 25**

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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