

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

JULY 12, 2026 AT 10:15 AM

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

We are a welcoming, inclusive and affirming parish in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. We seek to meet and serve Christ in all people and to glorify God in our words and our actions.

ARE YOU VISITING TODAY?

Know that you are most welcome, and we pray that you will return to worship with us again soon! Please do us the honor of filling out a Visitor Card, either by scanning the QR code to the right OR by filling out a physical card located in the pew rack in front of you. If you fill out a physical card, please place it in the alms basin during the offertory or hand it to an usher or to a member of the clergy as you leave today. Thank you!



Holy Eucharist: Rite II

This service bulletin is designed for use with the red or black Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the blue Hymnal 1982, both of which are located in the pew rack in front of you.

Voluntary

Allegro from Sonatina in F Major

Muzio Clementi

Muzio Clementi lived in a time of great musical change and excitement - he was a contemporary of Mozart, Haydn, and Beethoven, as well as Schubert and Schumann, living well into the Romantic period of European classical music. His sonatinas (little sonatas) have been building blocks of every pianist's repertoire. This spirited movement creates a joyful start to today's service.

Processional Hymn

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word
Gott sei Dank

Hymnal 530

The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

Canticle 20

Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

Hymnal S 280

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| 1 | Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth. | 6 | For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, |
| 2 | Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. | 7 | you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. |
| 3 | Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, | | |
| 4 | you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us; | | |
| 5 | you are seated at the right hand
of the Father; receive our prayer. | | |

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Invitation to Children's Chapel and Godly Play

Children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to depart for Children's Chapel and Godly Play, returning for the Eucharist.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 55:10-13

Lector A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 65:9-14

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)

Te decet hymnus

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows
and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground
and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.



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13 May the fields of the wilderness
be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:1-11

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn	Blessed Jesus, at thy word Liebster Jesu	Hymnal 440
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The Gospel **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon	The Reverend Justin Gabbard
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The Nicene Creed	BCP, p. 358
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The Prayers of the People, Form VI	BCP, p. 392
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Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;
People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;
People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our Bishops; for Imogen, Justin, Hershey, and Devin, our clergy; for all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor We pray for all who have died,
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

Intercessor We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Quia Respexit from *Magnificat*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Jessica Bowen, soprano; Martin Brinkley, oboe

Sung in Latin; English translation:

Because He has regarded the lowly state of his servant...

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP, p. 369

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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus Holy, holy, holy Lord Hymnal S 129

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 Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 371 in the Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant ... Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All **We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob;
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes
to see your hand at work in the world about us.
Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace
only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.
Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one
body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP, p. 364

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

Invitation and Communion

BCP, p. 364

All are welcome to Holy Communion at God's table.

The ushers will direct you to the altar rail. Kneeling is optional. If you would prefer to receive communion at your seat, please tell an usher.

- To receive a gluten-free host, simply ask the deacon or priest.
- To receive the wine, feel free to sip from the chalice when it is offered to you or to intinct the host, carefully dipping your host into the wine.
- To receive a blessing, simply place your hands across your chest.

Communion Hymn

Let us break bread together on our knees
 Let Us Break Bread

Hymnal 325

Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **Because we who are many are one body in Christ. We share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

The Blessing

Celebrant May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling
Hyfrydol

Hymnal 657

The Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Voluntary

Trumpet Tune in D Major

David Johnson

This triumphant tune by American composer David Johnson is a fitting end to today's service.

"Finish then thy new creation..."

Serving Today

Ushers Ashton Blankenship and Don Blankenship

Verger David Roten

Acolytes Quincy Swindell, Lieghton Livengood,
Mason Livengood, and Ella Bray Sharp

Lectors Grace Sved and Phyllis Vail

Intercessor & Chalcist Bethany Pergerson

Altar Guild Julie Lowe, Bit Hardy, Wendy Lapish, Kris and Sue Lavalla,
Jennifer Seiger, and Marguerite Sullivan

Flower Guild Brother Paul Henry, OSF

Livestream & Sound Craig DeShong and Sam DeShong

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Molly Propst in loving memory of her husband, Jim; and her daughter, Nikki Bourland; and by Robert, Kaitlyn, and Ian Bush in loving memory of Diane Bush, loving wife and mother.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List

Catherine and Bob Williams; JoAnn Kistler; Roy Wright; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor; Martha Bailey; Janie Ward-Newton; William Short; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Margaret Park; The Rev. Sallie Simpson; Patricia Harris; Larry Phearse and Family; Mike Newton-Ward; Rock Kershaw; NY Mike Smith; Tamara Gregory; Nancy and Gregory Clemmons; Elise Abernathy; Lynda Terrell-Rea; Tom; David Yates; Glenna Musante and The Gregory Family; Susan and Jane Jackson and Family; The Fyfe and Simon Families; The Pursley Family; The Cooke Family; The Rahal and Anderson Families; The Smith and Acton Families; The Spagnoli Family; The Dillard Family; Meredith Sparrow and Family; the people of the Middle East; the people of Ukraine and Russia; victims of gun violence; and those affected by drought, heat, floods, storms, and fires.

And we pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

And we pray for those who mourn, including the family and friends of, the Rev. Janet Watrous, Mary Best, A.B. Swindell, Peggy Hawks, Charles Latimer, Nolan Simon, Karen Pursley, Deborah Cooke, Susie Rahal, Jerry Smith and Gerard Spagnoli.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Thomas', Reidsville; and The Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Ridgeway.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd Online



Announcements for Sunday, July 12

Today

In addition to today's services of Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:15 AM

8:30 AM - 12 Noon

Nursery Care Available (infant-5 yo)

9 AM

Kids Sunday School (5 yo-5th grade)

11:30 AM

- Daughters of the King Meeting in PLC Room 303
- Fellowship Time hosted by the Men of the Choir
- Mission Trip Team Meeting in the EYC Room

This Week's Calendar

Date	Event
Mon, July 13	• 9 AM Morning Prayer
Tues, July 14	• 9 AM Morning Prayer • 10:30 AM Bible Study in Ennis Suite • 4 PM Outreach Committee Meeting • 5:30 PM Bible Study at Van and Gigi Giersch's Home
Wed, July 15	• 9 AM - o Morning Prayer - o Kaffeeklatsch (fellowship group) at Café Carolina • 12 PM Noonday Eucharist
Thurs, July 16	• 8:30 AM Books & Bagels Book Group at Chanticleer Café & Bakery (6490 Tryon Road, Cary 27518) • 9 AM Morning Prayer
Fri, July 17	• 9 AM Morning Prayer
Sat, July 18	• 4 PM Family Ministry Pool Party

Let's Build a Community Prayer Chain

As we celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary, let's begin with prayer by joining together to build a community prayer chain! Everyone from Good Shepherd, Raleigh Mennonite Church, and St John's MCC is invited to contribute prayers (both intercessions and thanksgivings) to the prayer chain over the summer.

As the prayer chain grows, it will be displayed on all floors of the Parish Life Center. The prayer chain is a symbol of connection and shared faith among the three groups worshipping at Good Shepherd. At the end of the summer, the chain prayers will be blessed and offered to God during Sunday services on **Rally Day, Sunday, September 13th!** Throughout the summer:

1. Pick up a colored strip of paper in your worship space or PLC foyer.
2. Jot down a prayer--for yourself, for your loved ones, for our community, for our nation. Don't feel limited to one prayer! Contribute as many prayers as you'd like, using one strip of paper for each prayer.
3. Leave your prayer(s) in the basket on the round table in the PLC foyer.

EFWM Backpack Drive

This summer we have been asked to join the Outreach teams at Christ Church and St. Michael's Episcopal to collect "back to school" backpacks and supplies for the children at the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry in Dunn. They need a total of 110 backpacks for traditional calendar students by August 3rd. We have committed to 40 backpacks filled with supplies. We will have copies of the supply lists along with signup sheets available at the front volunteer desk. You can shop as you have normally in previous years and drop off a backpack in the lobby of our Parish Life Center by **Sunday, August 2nd**. The blessing of the backpacks will be held during the 10:15 am service on that day. Thank you in advance!

Family Ministry Pool Party

On **Saturday, July 18th**, all CGS families (and friends) are invited to the beautiful Five Points home of Jack and Nan Boyne for an evening of swimming and fellowship at their private pool and patio. The festivities will last from 4-6 PM. Snacks, drinks, popsicles, and an extremely kid-friendly dinner will be provided.

This gathering is also great opportunity for both longtime and newer CGS families to get better acquainted. If you are planning to attend, please see the link in the newsletter to RSVP.

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