THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

NOVEMBER 8, 2026 AT 10:15 AM

THE TWENTY-FOURTH 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 b y 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 Minuets I and II from Partita in B-flat Major Johann Sebastian Bach

These short minuets provide a reflective start to today's service.

Processional Hymn Immortal, invisible, God only wise Hymnal 423

St. Denio

The Opening Acclamation *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), p. 355

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

People **And blessed be God's 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 278

1 Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

2 Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

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.

6 For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,

7 you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant *Let us pray.*

Celebrant O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The Collect of the Kids and Godly Play

Children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to the steps for a brief introduction to the day's liturgy or lessons. Then they may depart for Godly Play. Godly Play is a wonderful Montessori-inspired learning method for children that uses storytelling, wonder, and play to help them explore their faith.

The First Lesson **Wisdom 6:12-16**

Lector A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response **Psalm 70**

Deus, in adjutorium

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure
in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!"
and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice
and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation
say for ever, "Great is the Lord!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

The Second Lesson **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Lector A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn Once he came in blessing Hymnal 53

Gotes Sohn ist kommen

The Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

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

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

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Rev. Justin Gabbard

The Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People from our 2026 Community Prayer Chain

Leader With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for an end to war and prejudice, and for leaders of peace in Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine, Haiti, Israel, and Palestine, and all places where people live in fear without a safe place to call home, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For our nation and for all our leaders - the President, Congress, Raleigh City Council, and the Wake County Commissioners - that they may be moved with kindness and compassion to invest in affordable housing for all, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, and for all who defend public safety, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the care of God’s creation: the earth and the waters, and for all living creatures with whom we share this life, that we may be wise and faithful stewards of the goodness of God's creation, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For our schools, teachers, and students—from kindergarten through college—and for all those discerning a call to ministry, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For those without safe or secure shelter, and for all who wander from hotel to hotel struggling to find stability, that they may be dry, safe, fed, and treasured as God's own, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: for children and all those battling cancer, for those living with chronic conditions, disability, or addiction; and for all who seek job opportunities, relief from loneliness, or a calm path through divorce, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and light perpetual shine upon them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader In thanksgiving for wonderful family and friends, for doctors, caregivers, and those who support us, for Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh Mennonite Church, St. John's MCC, and all our partner communities, let us give thanks to the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Leader Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin BCP, p. 360

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,
word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

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 Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring Bach

Chancel Choir

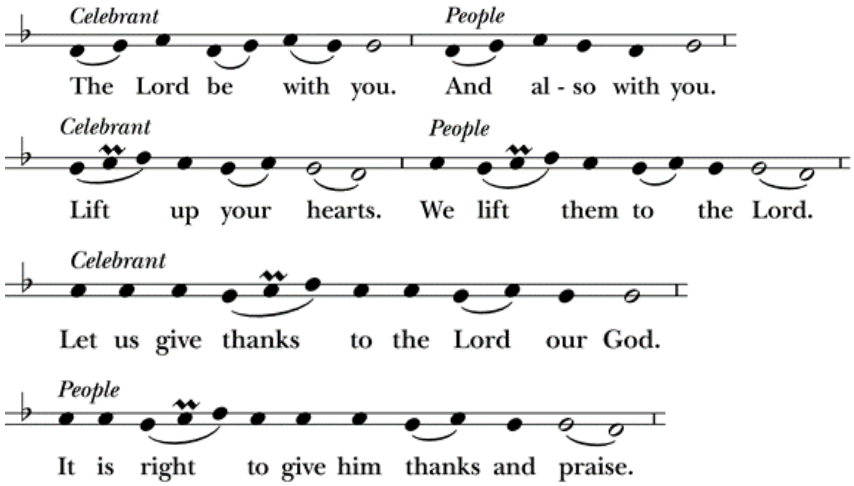
Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life impassioned.
Striving still to Truth unknown, soaring, dying, round Thy throne.

Through the way where Hope is guiding, Hark, what peaceful music rings,
Where the flock in Thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead Thine own, in the love of joys unknown.

Presentation Hymn Doxology with Alleluias Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him, above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A BCP, p. 361



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Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Celebrant 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 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. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Celebrant All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP, p. 364

Fraction Anthem Christ our Passover Hymnal S 160

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation and Communion BCP, p. 364

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

Regardless of the denomination of your baptism, all are invited to communion in the Episcopal Church. You may receive on the chancel floor or at the altar rail, which ever place makes sense to you on a given Sunday. If you would prefer to receive communion at your seat, please tell an usher. To receive the wine, you may sip from the cup or dip the wafer into the chalice of wine. You may also receive the sacrament by taking the bread only. You may also come forward to receive a blessing by placing your hands across your chest.

Communion Hymn Let us break bread together on our knees Hymnal 325
Let Us Break Bread

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

Closing Hymn O for a thousand tongues to sing Hymnal 493
Azmon

The Dismissal BCP, p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary Prelude in G Major, BWV 541 Bach

"Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven."

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Anne Doster
in loving memory of her husband, Richard Anthony Usanis.

Serving Today

Ushers	Leslie and Mac Gilbert
Verger	Caryl Fuller
Acolytes	Allison Elliot, Isabel Elliot, and Juliet Gilbert
Lectors	Grace Sved and Jason Hingerton
Intercessor & Chalicist	Molly Propst
Altar Guild	Julie Lowe, Bit Hardy, Wendy Lapish, Kris & Sue Lavalla, Jennifer Seiger, and Marguerite Sullivan
Livestream & Sound	Craig DeShong and Sam DeShong
Flower Guild	Anne Doster

Please join us immediately following this service for Fellowship Time with snacks and beverages hosted by the Men's Lunch Group; Contact: Jack Boyne

The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List

Catherine and Bob Williams; JoAnn Kistler; Roy Wright; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor; William Short; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Margaret Park; The Rev. Sallie Simpson; Patricia Harris; Larry Phearse and Family; Mike Newton-Ward; Bill White; Bob Williams; AnnaLissa Farrell; Lynn Wiss; Jefferson Bulluck; Michael; Perry; John Anthony Allen and Family; The Pursley Family; The Cooke Family; The Rahal and Anderson Families; The Smith and Acton Families; The Vitaglione 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 mourn, including the family and friends of Janie Ward-Newton, Nancy Lou Phillips, Martha Bailey Rock Kershaw, Valerie Buckner, Mary Best, A.B. Swindell, Peggy Hawks, Charles Latimer, Nolan Simon, Karen Pursley, Deborah Cooke, Susie Rahal, Jerry Smith, Gerard Spagnoli, and Guy Vitaglione.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for UNC-Charlotte/Central Piedmont/Johnson & Wales University Campus Ministry, Davidson College Campus Ministry, and Elon Campus Ministry/LEAF.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd Online

Announcements for Sunday, November 8

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
- Children's Sunday School
- Sunday Morning Bible Study
- Adult Formation: Shakespeare and Scripture

9:30 AM
Choir Warmup

11:30 AM
- Fellowship Time hosted by the Men's Lunch Group
- Daughters of the King Meeting in PLC Room 303
- White Flag Meal Team Meeting in PLC Room 323

12 PM
Senior Choristers Rehearsal

5:30PM
EYC

Are you missing serving Items from your kitchen??
Behind the reception desk are **MANY** trays, carrying containers, etc. from when you all have generously brought food for functions at CGS, and we know you would like to have them back! Please claim these items from the table in the PLC lobby **before you leave today**. Any remaining items afterwards will be lovingly rehomed or donated. Thank you!

Adult Formation Class: Shakespeare and Scripture
Two great works came out of the Elizabethan era in England: The King James Bible and the First Folio of William Shakespeare. And it turns out they share more than just grandeur and poetry. Shakespeare's plays are deeply informed by Christian ideals, often in surprising and magical ways. Join Ian Finley starting **today through November 22nd at 9 AM in the Adult Formation room** to explore the divine inspiration and peerless poetry of Shakespeare & Scripture.

Have a Heart for Hospitality
Last year, the Good Shepherd community fed and provided fellowship for our 5,000 White Flag guests. If you would like to learn more about the Meal Team's new plans or volunteer, please plan to join the organizational meeting **today, immediately following the 10:15 service** in Room 323 (Adult Formation Room) or email Esther Hall (estherhall@gmail.com). As always, many hands make light work, and this is an ideal volunteer opportunity for a one-and-done or a longer-term commitment. Everyone is welcome, and no cooking experience is necessary!

Come on Up to Shepherd's Hall for Dinner on Us!
Please join us for an evening of food and fun in Shepherd's Hall on **Thursday, Nov. 12**, to learn more about Good Shepherd and our history of Legacy Giving. Social time begins at 5:30 PM, followed by a delicious catered dinner and a short presentation on how we are creating lasting legacies with a new generation of parishioners. The dinner is free, the conversation will be enlightening, and the program will end by 8:00 PM, so don't wait, **RSVP by this evening** through the link in the newsletter so that we can provide a headcount to our caterer!

Invitation to Consider Vestry Service for 2027-2030
Please see this week's newsletter for an invitation to consider serving on the Vestry and/or nominating others. The nomination form is included within the article.

Parish Office Closed: Veterans Day
The Parish office will be closed **this Wednesday, November 11th** in observance of Veterans Day. We will still hold the 9 AM service of Morning Prayer, but all other services, rehearsals, meetings, and other events will not be held.

Newcomers Reception
Newcomers are also invited to attend a casual reception at the downtown home of Will and Christie Barbee at **4 PM on Saturday, November 14th.** This will be a great opportunity to get better acquainted with both longtime members and other newcomers.

Poinsettias
Christmas is right around the corner, and it is time once again to get your Poinsettia orders in! You can help decorate our beautiful altar again this year by purchasing a poinsettia. Each 6" plant is $20; order forms are available at the front desk and in the newsletter. **The deadline to order is next Sunday, November 15th.**

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