THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

OCTOBER 18, 2026 AT 10:15 AM

THE TWENTY-FIRST 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 Corrente from Partita in B-flat Major, BWV 825 Johann Sebastian Bach

This fun dance is in triple meter. Both hands have independent rhythms.
"Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice…"

Processional Hymn Tell out, my soul Hymnal 438

Woodlands

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 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 Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who 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 **Isaiah 45:1-7**

Lector A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him--
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you and level the
mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your
name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you,
though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of
the sun
and from the west, that there is no one
besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response **Psalm 96:1-9**

Cantate Domino

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation
from day to day.
3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
†9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

The Second Lesson **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

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

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Hymnal 544

Duke Street

Stanzas 1 and 5

The Gospel **Matthew 22:15-22**

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Rev. Imogen Rhodenheiser

Presentation Hymn Love divine, all loves excelling Hymnal 657

Hyfrydol

During the hymn, the people are invited to bring forward their pledge cards.

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

Celebrant 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 Cantate Domino — Hans Leo Hassler

Chancel Choir

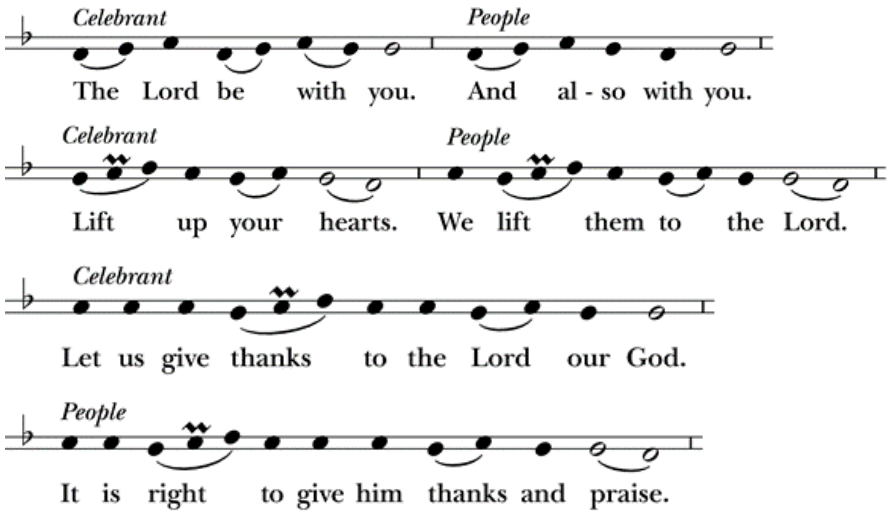
Sung in Latin; English translation:

O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name: be telling of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his honour unto the heathen, and his wonders unto all peoples.
-Psalm 96: 1-3

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.

Celebrant 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.

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 O for a closer walk with God Hymnal 684
Caithness

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 The Church's one foundation Hymnal 525
Aurelia

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 Allegro from Sonata in D Major, Op. 65 No. 5 Felix Mendelssohn

"O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee."

All are invited and all are welcome to our Commitment Sunday STEWardship luncheon to celebrate the conclusion of the Annual Giving Campaign immediately following this service! We will all enjoy lunch downstairs at Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen.

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by
Betty Dietz, Paisley Dietz Ward and Burton Dietz, Jr. in loving memory of Burton H. Dietz, Sr.
and by Carolyn Wilson and Todd Poston in honor of Betsy and Larry Wilson.

Serving Today

Ushers	Kay Stallings and Sarah Boney
Verger	Dave Roten
Acolytes	Isabel and Allison Elliot
Lectors	Grace Sved and Jason Hingerton
Intercessor & Chalicist	Brother Paul Henry, OSF
Altar Guild	Pattie Lamb, Becky Anderson, Whitney Cain, Peg Dorer, Brenda Fentress, and Ginger Harris
Livestream & Sound	Craig Deshong and Sam DeShong
Flower Guild	Amanda Penny

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; NY Mike Smith; Tamara Gregory; Lynda Terrell-Rea; Elise Abernathy; Marsha Sample; Susan Doty; Kari Molvar Kim; Jemma Kim; Sue Johnson; Nicholas Smith; Peter Smith; Bob Williams; AnnaLissa Farrell; Lynn Wiss; Jefferson Bulluck; 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 St. Stephen's, Winston-Salem; St. Timothy's, Winston-Salem; and Penick Village.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Canada.

Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd Online

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: What We Carry

9:30 AM
Choir Warmup

11:30 AM
Commitment Sunday STEWardship Luncheon

12 PM
Senior Choristers Rehearsal
Godly Play Training

5:30 PM
EYC

6:30 PM
Out and About

Announcements for Sunday, October 18

Godly Play Training
We will host a Godly Play training session with CGS and RMC volunteers **today from 12-3 PM** in Room 303 and the Godly Play room. If anyone is interested in being a volunteer with the program or learning more about it, please contact Elizabeth Gant.

Out and About Potluck Supper
OUT & ABOUT is a longstanding Good Shepherd supper group affirming our LGBTQ families & friends. Our next supper is **Sunday, October 18th at 6 PM** hosted by James Deal and Joe Horton at 209 Darbytown Place in Cary.

Costa Rica Pilgrimage Presentation
Are you interested in joining the EYC Pilgrimage to Costa Rica next July as a youth participant or adult chaperone? Join us in the Youth Room for an information session **next Sunday, October 25th at 11:45 AM**. Contact Rev. Justin Gabbard with questions.

Stained Glass Windows Tour
Join us for a tour of our Nave's beautiful stained glass windows **next Sunday, October 25th at 11:45 AM**.

Greater Triangle Area Crop Hunger Walk
CGS will participate again this year in the Greater Triangle Area Crop Hunger Walk. The overall Goal is $60,000 with 25 percent going to local hunger relief in the Triangle and the remaining amount going to world wide food initiatives. How can you participate? Donate to the walk by visiting our team website. The walk will be held **next Sunday, October 25, 2026** starting at First Baptist Church. Take a nice 1 mile or 3 mile walk around downtown, depending on your comfort level. Registration is at 2 PM with the walk beginning at 3PM. Contact The Outreach Team with additional questions.

Feast of All Saints
We hope you will join us on **Sunday, November 1st** as we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. In addition to remembering aloud those who have passed, the choir will be singing movements from Malcom Archer's "Requiem". Please also see the form link in this week's newsletter if you would like to add the name of a recently deceased loved one to the All Saints' prayer list.

Newcomers Class: Meet Your Ministry Leaders
The Newcomers Class series will conclude on **Sunday, November 1st** after worship with a Meet and Great with parish staff, lay leaders, and ministry captains. This is a great way to learn how to get more involved in outreach, fellowship, or any of Good Shepherd's other amazing ministries and programs.

Consecration of New Altar
Bishop Sam will be coming to bless the new altar on **Tuesday November 3rd at 12:30 PM**, and we would love for you to join him if you are available! We will have a larger, public celebration at Bishop Sam's Visitation on **April 4, 2027**. If you are in town, we would love for you to be able to share in this special liturgy, especially after all the hard work and support you have given to make this new altar - from conception to installation - possible.

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