

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

AUGUST 23, 2026 AT 10:15 AM

THE THIRTEENTH 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

Andy Lang, organ

Processional Hymn

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Hymnal 522

Austria

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 279

- 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 Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory 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 Back to School Blessing

Children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to the steps for a brief introduction to the day's liturgy or lessons.

Back to School Blessing

Anyone starting a new school year is invited to come forward for a blessing.

Book bags, backpacks, and briefcases are welcome, too!

The First Lesson

Isaiah 51:1-6

Lector A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response (*read responsively by half verse*)

Psalm 138

Confitebor tibi

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Second Lesson

Romans 12:1-8

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

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

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

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Mr. Kristoff Ayala-Strachan

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP, p. 392

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

Presentation Hymn

As those of old their first fruits brought

Hymnal 705, stanza 3

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee
To serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.
O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

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 124

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,

People **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

Fraction Anthem Lamb of God Hymnal S 161

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.

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 Dear Lord and Father of mankind Hymnal 653
 Repton

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

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Hymnal 344

Sicilian Mariners

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

Thank you to Andy Lang for being our guest organist today!

Please join us immediately following this service for Fellowship Time with snacks and beverages hosted by the Green Team. Contact: Beth Hahn

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Van and Gigi Giersch in thanksgiving for their 65th wedding anniversary and in loving memory of their brothers, Dick Giersch and Elbert Jackson, and their parents, Otto and Betty Giersch and Elbert and Gladys Jackson.

Serving Today

Ushers Peg Dorer and Rob Stone
Verger Evan Meade
Acolytes Arianna Zomorodi, Benjamin Zomorodi,
Lucia Sumanaseni, and Libby Boyne
Lectors Jason Hingerton and Maggie Stoddard
Intercessor & Chalcist Rob Robinson
Altar Guild Jan Harris, Jill Sessoms, Christie Barbee,
Stephanie Bias, Anne Doster, Peter Miller,
Phyllis Vail, and Carolyn Wilson
Flower Guild Margaret Nordt
Livestream & Sound Noom Baggett and Sam DeShong

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; Bill White; NY Mike Smith; Tamara Gregory;
Lynda Terrell-Rea; Meredith Sparrow and Family; The Fyfe and Simon Families;
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, the Rev. Janet Watrous,
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
Emmanuel, Southern Pines and Chapel of the Transfiguration, Southern Pines.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa.

Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd Online



Announcements for Sunday, August 23

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)

11:30 AM

- Fellowship Time sponsored by the Green Team; Contact: Beth Hahn
- August Book Study – PLC Room 323

Welcome Rev. Polly Robb

The Rev. Polly Robb will be joining us as our new part-time **Associate Rector for Family Ministry and Spiritual Life** starting on September 1st. Polly's gifts for ministry and leadership combined with her experience as a rector and school principal seem ideally suited to the needs and opportunities we are currently experiencing here at Good Shepherd. In the areas of formation, pastoral support of children and parents, preaching, and teaching, we stand to be richly blessed by Polly's priesthood and presence.

Rally Day

Save the Date! Rally Day will be on September 13th immediately following the 10:15 Service.

August Book Study

Brett MacDonald class on Peter Enns' book *The Bible Tells Me So* continues **today after the 10:15 service** and will continue through the end of the month in the Adult Formation Room (PLC 323).

From the Diocese

The Diocese of North Carolina is embarking on a process of discernment and celebration that will result in the election and consecration of the 13th Bishop of North Carolina. This work involves the WHOLE body of Christ, not just the clergy, and YOU are invited to apply to participate as a member of the Search Committee or the Transition Committee. The application window opened August 3rd and **will close this Tuesday, August 25th**. For more information about these two committees and to apply, go to episdionc.org and click the blue button "BISHOP SEARCH" in the upper right corner.

EYC Parent's Meeting

The Fall Parents Meeting for the Episcopal Youth Community will be **Sunday, August 30 from 5:30-7:30 PM**. All youth and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend. During this meeting we will discuss the fall calendar, the 2027 Summer Pilgrimage, and other future plans. Dinner will be provided.

Help Wanted! Meals on Wheels

Good Shepherd presently delivers to 5 Meals on Wheels routes twice per month. We would love to be able to increase our number of PERMANENT routes, but we really ALSO need people willing to be SUBSTITUTES when one of our drivers needs to be off ... it happens! Delivering a route takes around 2-2.5 hours from 10 AM till 12 PM on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month. Please see/contact Jan Harris (919-815-2556) for more info!!

This Week's Calendar

Date	Event
Mon, August 24	• 9 AM Morning Prayer • 6 PM Vestry Meeting in PLC Room 303
Tues, August 25	9 AM Morning Prayer
Wed, August 27	• 9 AM - o Morning Prayer - o Kaffeeklatsch (fellowship group) at Café Carolina (2130 Clark Ave, Raleigh 27605) • 12 PM Noonday Eucharist
Thur, August 28	• 8:30 AM Books & Bagels Book Group at Starbucks (3800 Lake Boone Trail, Raleigh, NC 27607) • 9 AM Morning Prayer
Fri, August 29	9 AM Morning Prayer
Sat, August 30	10 AM Kid's Playdate at Mordecai Mini Park

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