

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 31, 2025 AT 10:15 AM

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!
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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 with Baptisms

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: Allemande from Partita in D Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

Johann Sebastian Bach wrote six partitas, each movement based on a Baroque dance form. This Allemande is stately and melodic, and not as simple as it might seem. The text of the Processional Hymn reflects, "When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs: may Jesus Christ be praised!"

Processional Hymn: Hymnal 427, When morning gilds the skies

Laudes Domini

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 299

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

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Kids

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

The First Lesson

Sirach 10:12-18

Lector A reading from the Book of Sirach.

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the
Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.

For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out
abominations.

Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of
calamities, and destroys them completely.

The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,
and enthrones the lowly in their place.

The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,
and plants the humble in their place.

The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,
and destroys them to the foundations of the
earth.

He removes some of them and destroys them,
and erases the memory of them from the
earth.

Pride was not created for human beings,
or violent anger for those born of women.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Beatus vir

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his
commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of
compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting
remembrance.

Psalm 112

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;

they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Lector A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Hymnal 383, Fairest Lord Jesus

St. Elizabeth

The Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Allison

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

BCP, p. 301

The Baptismal Candidates are

Rowan Benjamin Harris and Braxton Lee Harris

Children of Meredith and Spencer Harris

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

(God)Parents **I present Rowan Benjamin Harris and Braxton Lee Harris to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

The Celebrant addressing the parents and godparents

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

(God)Parents **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

(God)Parents **I will, with God's help.**

The Celebrant addressing the parents and godparents

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

The Celebrant addressing the congregation

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Rowan and Braxton in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with Rowan and Braxton who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP, p. 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the
Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and
was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

BCP, p. 305

Let us now pray for Rowan and Braxton who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

<i>Intercessor</i>	Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Intercessor</i>	Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Intercessor</i>	Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Intercessor</i>	Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Intercessor</i>	Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Intercessor</i>	Send them into the world in witness to your love.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Intercessor</i>	Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

BCP, p. 306

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

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Celebrant Rowan, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Rowan, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen.**

Rowan receives the Light of Christ.

Rowan receives a First Bible from

*The Church of the Good Shepherd Family Ministries and a
First Book of Prayers from Daughters of the King.*

Celebrant Braxton, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Braxton, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen.**

Braxton receives the Light of Christ.

Braxton receives a First Bible from

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Celebrant

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

Amen.

Celebrant

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Collect for Labor Day

BCP, p. 261

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: O Christ, Surround Me

David Sims

Chancel Choir

God be the love to search and keep me; God be the prayer to move my voice;

God be the strength to now uphold me. O Christ, surround me.

Bind to myself the name of Holy, great cloud of witnesses enfold;

Prophets, apostles, angels witness. O Christ, surround me.

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight, flashing of lightning, strength of wind,

Depth of the sea to soil of planet. O Christ, surround me.

Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way,

From beneath, above and all ways, O Christ, surround me.

Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice,

Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me.

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 B

BCP, p. 367

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 Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 367

Celebrant ...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: Hymnal S 114, Holy, holy, holy Lord

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. 368

Celebrant ...Therefore, according to his command O Father,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection
We await his coming in glory;**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 369

Celebrant ...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

The Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S 155, Christ our Passover

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Invitation and Communion

All are invited to come forward during the sharing of Holy Communion.

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by drinking from the common cup? *Please come to the left side (lectern side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs in the sacristy.*

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by intinction (having a minister dip the host in wine and place it in your hand)? *Please come to the right side (pulpit side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs by the baptismal font.*

Where can I go to receive only the bread? *Please come to either location and tell the server “only bread.”*

Where can I go to receive gluten-free bread? *Please come to either location and ask for gluten free.*

Where can I go to receive a blessing? *Please come to either location and cross your arms over your chest.*

How can I ask for communion to be brought to me? *Please ask an usher to receive by intinction in your seat.*

Communion Anthem: O Rest in the Lord, from “Elijah”

Felix Mendelssohn

Audrey Walstrom Gabbard, mezzo soprano

*O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy hearts desires.
Commit thy way unto Him; and trust in him; and fret not thyself because of evil doers.*

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. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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: Hymnal 614, Christ is the King! O friends upraise

Christus Rex

The Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Closing Voluntary: Voluntary: Little Prelude in F Major

Bach

Another “little” prelude from Bach’s set of “little preludes and fugues”, this one features lilting rhythms and three clear sections (ABA form). In this context, it also serves as a reflection on the final stanza of the Closing Hymn: “Let Love’s unconquerable might your scattered companies unite in service to the Lord of light: so shall God’s will on earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks begun, and the whole Church at last be one.”

Please join us immediately following this service for fellowship, snacks, and beverages.

Serving Today

Ushers Frank Fee and Megan Hill
Vergers David Roten
Acolytes Callin Fee, George Hill, and Ryan Fee
Lectors Phyllis Vail and Rich Leonard
Chalicer and Intercessor Brother Paul Henry, OSF
Altar Guild Jan Harris, Jill Sessoms, Christie Barbee, Stephanie Bias,
Anne Doster, Peter Miller, Phyllis Vail, and Carolyn Wilson
Flower Guild Amanda Penny
Livestream & Sound Craig DeShong and Sam DeShong

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory by Richard L. Stroder and Dwayne L. Draughon
in loving memory of John C. Stroder and Lattie and Carol J. Draughon
and in honor of Barbara L. Stroder.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List

Roy Wright; Catherine and Bob Williams; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor;
Martha Bailey; Peggy Hawks; Janie Ward-Newton; William Short; Paul Hoch;
JoAnn Kistler Lattimore and Charles Lattimore; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Janet Watrous;
Jerry Smith; Margaret Park; Lynda Terrell-Rea; Susie Rahal; Tamara Gregory;
Larry Phearse and Family; Bob Kirchgessner; Randy Roberts; Bob Wood; Patricia Harris;
Diane and Gary Gabbard; Michael Riddle; Andrea; Katie Beaudoin;
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Carol Cato; Regina Haggerty; Peter Smith; Nicholas Smith; The Moyer Family;
Ann and Afif Antoun and Family; The Burns Family; The Placa-Madsen Family;
the people of Israel and Palestine; the people of Ukraine and Russia;
victims of gun violence; and those affected by drought, heat, floods, storms, and fires.
In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Mary's, Speed, and Trinity, Statesville.
In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of South India (United).

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