

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

JULY 26, 2026 AT 10:15 AM

THE NINTH 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

Adagio from Sonata in F Minor, Op 65 No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

Each movement of Felix Mendelssohn's organ sonatas can be used in different contexts of worship services. Today, this movement serves as a meditative reflection for us as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

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 O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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

1 Kings 3:5-12

Lector A reading from the First Book of Kings.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 119:129-136

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

Mirabilia

129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those
who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.



134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon
your servant *
and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:26-39

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

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn	God moves in a mysterious way	Hymnal 677
	London New	
	Stanzas 1, 5, and 6	

The Gospel **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

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

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Justin Gabbard

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 Anthem

O Lord, Forgive

Bach/Coker

Jessica Bowen, soprano; Jennifer Seiger, alto

O Lord, forgive our foolish sins.

For You alone can atone

Our sin which brought Christ's death.

There is no righteousness in us.

Therefore, Christ, our Lord, paid our debt

And won salvation. Hallelujah!

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,

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

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.

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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 Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray Hymnal 315
Song 1

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

God of grace and God of glory
Cwm Rhondda

Hymnal 594

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

Little Prelude in G Major

Bach

“Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore.”

Serving Today

Ushers	Drew Elliot and Jason Hingerton
Verger	Carly Fuller
Acolytes	Frankie Scanlon, William Scanlon, Allison Elliot, and Isabel Elliot
Lectors	Jennifer Tlusty and Maggie Stoddard
Intercessor & Chalcist	Jennifer Tlusty
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	Rich Netherby and Sam DeShong

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by the Blankenship Family in loving memory of Donald Blankenship Sr., Elisabeth Price, and William Welch Jr.

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 Church of the Good Shepherd, Rocky Mount; St. Andrew's, Rocky Mount; and St. Mark's, Roxboro.

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

Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd Online



Announcements for Sunday, July 26

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

Fellowship Time hosted by ONE Wake

Let's 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.

This Week's Calendar

Date	Event
Mon, July 27	• 9 AM Morning Prayer • 6 PM Vestry Meeting in PLC Room 303
Tues, July 28	• 9 AM Morning Prayer • 10:30 AM Bible Study in Ennis Suite • 5:30 PM Bible Study at Van and Gigi Giersch's Home
Wed, July 29	• 9 AM - o Morning Prayer - o Kaffeeklatsch (fellowship group) at Café Carolina • 12 PM Noonday Eucharist
Thurs, July 30	• 8:30 AM Books & Bagels Book Group at Chanticleer Café & Bakery (6490 Tryon Road, Cary 27518) • 9 AM Morning Prayer
Fri, July 31	• 9 AM Morning Prayer
Sat, August 1	No Events Scheduled

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

Thank you for the strong response in purchasing backpacks and supplies to benefit the Episcopal Farmworkers Ministries. For those that signed up, if you haven't already, please remember to leave your backpack filled with school supplies 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!

Youth Programs and Worship Survey

The Church of the Good Shepherd is participating in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina's "Let the Children Come" program to design new intergenerational worship and prayer practices for children, youth, and people of all ages to develop their discipleship. As part of Phase One, our program team is conducting a survey on children's (ages 0-18) programs and worship. We appreciate responses from **all parishioners**, whether or not you have children ages 0-18. **Please find a link to the survey in this week's newsletter.**

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