

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

AUGUST 30, 2026 AT 10:15 AM

THE FOURTEENTH 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 *Praeludium* from Partita in B-flat Major, BWV 825 J.S. Bach
The opening movement from Bach's Partita in B-flat Major has a calmness and serenity to it, reminiscent of a peaceful morning.

Processional Hymn Morning has broken Hymnal 8
Bunessan

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

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| 1 Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth. | 6 For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, |
| 2 Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. | 7 you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. |
| 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. | |

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.

People **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

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Lector A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my
persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Therefore, thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what
is worthless,

you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you, says
the Lord.

I will deliver you out of the hand
of the wicked, and redeem you
from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Response

Judica me, Domine

1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord
and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.

Psalm 26:1-8

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

The Second Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

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

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

New every morning is the love

Hymnal 10

Kedron

The Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

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

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

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

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Wesley

Chancel Choir

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm 5: 8; Psalm 4: 9

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

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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

I have decided to follow Jesus

LEVAS II 136

Assam

The image displays a musical score for the hymn 'I have decided to follow Jesus'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system includes three verses of lyrics. The second system repeats the first verse. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
2. Tho' no one join me, still I will fol - low,
3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
Tho' no one join me, still I will fol - low,
The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus -
 Tho' no one join me, still I will fol - low -
 The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me -

No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!

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, whose love through humble service
 Blaenhafren

Hymnal 610

The Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

This closing piece for organ is in the same key as the Closing Hymn. "Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go..."

Please join us immediately following this service for Fellowship Time with snacks and beverages hosted by the EYC. Contact: Rev. Justin Gabbard

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God 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.

Serving Today

Ushers Jason Hingerton and Kathy Stefanou
 Verger Ed Gavin
 Acolytes Quincy Swindell, Ella Grayce Cherry,
 and Ella Bray Sharp
 Lectors Rich Leonard and Julie Lowe
 Intercessor & Chalcist William Hendrickson
 Altar Guild Pattie Lamb, Becky Anderson, Whitney Cain,
 Peg Dorer, Brenda Fentress, and Ginger Harris
 Flower Guild Katherine Klyman Acton
 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 Phearce and Family; Mike Newton-Ward; Rock Kershaw; Bill White; NY Mike Smith; Tamara Gregory; Lynda Terrell-Rea; Elise Abernathy; Marsha Sample; Susan Doty; Lynn Wiss; Kari Molvar Kim; Jemma Kim; Sue Johnson; 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 St. Mary's, Speed and Trinity, Statesville.

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

Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd Online



Announcements for Sunday, August 30

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 EYC; Contact: Rev. Justin Gabbard
- August Book Study – PLC Room 323

5:30 PM

EYC Parent's Meeting

August Book Study

Brett MacDonald class on Peter Enns' book *The Bible Tells Me So* wraps up **today after the 10:15 service** in the Adult Formation Room (PLC 323).

EYC Parent's Meeting

The Fall Parent's 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.

You Can Vote at September and October BOD Lunches

At the First Sunday BOD community lunch in September and October, a representative from You Can Vote will be present. You Can Vote is a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) nonprofit that educates and mobilizes North Carolinians to take civic action, know their rights, and successfully cast a ballot in each election. Please go to their website (youcanvote.org) or contact Shirley Sullivan (sgs.schip@gmail.com) for more information about the organization.

Music Ministries Update

Church of the Good Shepherd Music Ministries rehearsals are returning the week of **September 7th**. Please reach out to Kirsten Homdrom with any questions or interest in joining any of our wonderful ensembles. We are specifically looking to grow our Handbell Choir which plays in worship services seasonally. No prior ringing experience required!

Rally Day

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

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 31	• 9 AM Morning Prayer
Tues, September 1	• 9 AM Morning Prayer • 10:30 AM Bible Study in Ennis Suite • 5:30 PM Bible Study at Van and Gigi Giersch's Home (6433 Chapman Ct, Raleigh, NC 27612)
Wed, September 2	• 9 AM o Morning Prayer o Kaffeeklatsch (fellowship group) at Café Carolina (2130 Clark Ave, Raleigh 27605) • 12 PM Noonday Eucharist • 1 PM Pastoral Care Meeting
Thur, September 3	• 8:30 AM Books & Bagels Book Group at Starbucks (3800 Lake Boone Trail, Raleigh, NC 27607) • 9 AM Morning Prayer
Fri, September 4	• 9 AM Morning Prayer
Sat, September 5	No Events Scheduled

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THE REVEREND DEVIN MCGINNIS, DCN.

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James Deal
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