

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 27, 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!
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: Prelude in G Major, Op. 37, No. 2/i

Felix Mendelssohn

Matt Brittain, organ

Felix Mendelssohn wrote a set of three preludes and fugues for the organ. This tranquil prelude in G Major is the second in the set and a staple of the organ repertoire.

It is also in a closely related key to the Processional Hymn.

Processional Hymn: Hymnal 47, On this day, the first of days

Gott sei Dank

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 for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

Song of Praise: Hymnal S 279, Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

- 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.

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. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Kids, Blessing of the Backpacks, and Invitation to Godly Play

Children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to the steps for a brief introduction to the day's liturgy or lessons. They then depart for Godly Play, returning for the Eucharist. Also today, we are blessing backpacks collected for Episcopal Farmworker Ministry in Dunn, NC.

The First Lesson

Genesis 18:20-32

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the

wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 138

Confitebor tibi

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

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.



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

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Hymnal 698, Eternal Spirit of the living Christ

Flentge

The Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

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

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Hershey Mallette Stephens

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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our Bishops; for Imogen, Justin, Nancy, and Hershey, 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: Schmucke dich, o liebe Seele, Op. 122, No. 5

Johannes Brahms

German composer Johannes Brahms wrote very little for the organ, but his chorale preludes are beautiful.

This one is based on hymn 339, and you can turn there in the hymnal to read the text as you listen.

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

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh 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 Hymn: Hymnal 674, "Forgive our sins as we forgive"

Detroit

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 559, Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Dulce carmen

The Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Voluntary: Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

This joyful piece is, as the title suggests, in the "classic" style - melody in the right hand, rhythmic figurations and harmonies that are reminiscent of the classical period, and well-defined sections.

We extend a warm welcome and our thanks to Matt Brittain, our guest organist today.

Please join us immediately following this service for fellowship, snacks, and beverages. Today's fellowship time is hosted by a MYSTERY HOST -- join us for the GREAT REVEAL!

Serving Today

Ushers Leslie and Mac Gilbert
Verger Ed Gavin
Acolytes Brett MacDonald and Caryl Fuller
Lectors Jennifer Tlusty and Phyllis Vail
Chalicer and Intercessor Jennifer Tlusty
Flower Guild Amanda Penny
Livestream & Sound Noom Baggett and Sam DeShong

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory 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

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; Josephine Currin; Tamara Gregory;
Betty Metheny; Larry Phearse and Family; Bob Kirchgessner; Josephine Placa; Randy Roberts;
David Stroud; Bob Wood; John Anthony Allen; Patricia Harris; Lynn Wiss; Katie Beaudoin;
Rebecca Lamb; Dawn Downs; Jamey; Jesse Murray; Diane and Gary Gabbard;
Mike Newton-Ward; Carolyn Lowery; Ann and Afif Antoun and Family; The Chestnut Family;
the people of Israel, Palestine, and Lebanon; the people of Ukraine and Russia;
victims of gun violence; and those affected by drought, heat, floods, storms, and fires.

We pray for all who are traveling, especially our parish missionaries who are currently
working in Western North Carolina

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 Papua New Guinea.

Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd Online

Use the QR code to the right to give online. Open your phone's camera,
point the camera at the square, and tap the screen.



The Church of the Good Shepherd -- Announcements for Sunday, July 27th

Please see the parish newsletter for all of the latest news!

Today

In addition to today's services at 8 and 10:15 AM:

- ☐ **8:30-12 Noon**
 - ☐ Nursery Care available for children up to 4 yo
- ☐ **At 9 AM**
 - ☐ Sunday School for Kids (4-12 yo)
- ☐ **During the 10:15 Service**
 - ☐ Children's Chapel & Godly Play
- ☐ **At 11:30 AM**
 - ☐ Fellowship with snacks & beverages

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If you would like information about

- transferring your membership from another parish
- joining the church
- being married
- being baptized

please **contact Parish Administrator David Baggett** (david.baggett@cgs-raleigh.org or at **919.831.2018**).

Please Make Note... Bible Study with Rev. Nancy resumes on **Tuesday, August 5th**.

CGS Seniors and St. Ambrose Silver Angels Unite!

On **Wednesday, August 13th** our seniors will host a luncheon - inviting our sisters & brothers from St. Ambrose Silver Angels to join us. We hope all of our seniors will come to the Wednesday Noon Eucharist and join us in Shepherd's Hall for a time of fellowship and lunch. If you can attend, **please RSVP to the parish office at 919-831-2000 no later than Friday, August 8th**. Thank you!

A Friendly Reminder... Have you moved? Changed your phone number or email address? If so, please be sure to **contact Parish Administrator David Baggett** (david.baggett@cgs-raleigh.org or **919.831.2018**). Thank you!

Do You Know a Child Who Loves to Sing?

The Church of the Good Shepherd is launching a chorister program this fall for children in grades K-12. Be on the lookout for more information about this wonderful opportunity to praise God through music!

Contact: Kirsten Homdrom (Kirsten.homdrom@cgs-raleigh.org)

Calendar at a Glance

July 2025	
28	Vestry Meeting at 6 PM in Room 303
30	Holy Eucharist at 12 PM in the Church
August 2025	
<i>Kid's Sunday School and Children's Chapel and Godly Play will be on break during August.</i>	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Formation Learn about Morning Prayer at 9 AM in the Ennis Suite • Beyond Our Doors Neighborhood Lunch at 11:30 AM • Bible Amnesty at 11:45 AM in the Ennis Suite • Kids' Pool Party 4-6 PM at Jack & Nan Boyne's home
4-7	Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM in the chapel
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon in the church • Pastoral Care Team Meeting 1-3 PM in the Ennis Suite
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Formation Learn about Morning Prayer at 9 AM in the Ennis Suite • Green Team Meeting at 9 AM in the Parlor • Bible Amnesty at 11:45 AM in the Ennis Suite
11-14	Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM in the chapel
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon in the church • Shepherd's/Silver Angel's Lunch at 12:45 PM in Shepherd's Hall
14	Men's Fellowship Lunch at 12 Noon
17	Green Read Book Discussion Group at 11:45 AM in the Ennis Suite
19	Springmoor Eucharist at 11 AM
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon in the church • Finance Committee Meeting at 5:30 PM via Zoom
22	Wedding Rehearsal at 4 PM
23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ciavolino-Seaton Wedding at 4 PM • EYC Pool Party 5:30-7:30 PM at Nan & Jack Boyne's home
25	Vestry Meeting at 6 PM in Room 303
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon in the church • Outreach Committee Meeting at 1 PM in

Ask, Pray, Read -- Encounters with Faith During August

This August brings a variety of opportunities for you to question, read, and pray with others. We warmly encourage you to try something new, make new connections, and meet God real and alive in a new way.

- **Bible Amnesty – August 3 & 10**

Good Shepherd's Newcomers Committee is offering a new series called Bible Amnesty. We have invited a select panel of our resident Bible scholars to answer all the questions about Holy Scripture that you've always been too afraid to ask. Bible Amnesty will be held in the **Ennis Suite at 11:30 AM on August 3 and 10**. This event is designed for newcomers, but all are welcome to attend. If you would like to submit a question in advance, place a card in the question box located in the hallway leading into the sanctuary. These cards can be signed or submitted anonymously. You can also email questions to **Rev. Justin (justin.gabbard@cgs-raleigh.org)**. Stupid questions are not only permitted, they're encouraged!

- **Morning Prayer – August 3 & 10 and Weekday Mornings August 4-7 & 11-14**

Join us this August as we revive the ancient rhythm of Morning Prayer—scripture, psalms, and quiet reflection offered to God at the start of the day. Our diocesan intern, Brett, will be leading Morning Prayer at **8:30 AM in the chapel, Monday through Thursday, August 4–7 and August 11–14**. All are welcome to come and pray. No experience needed. Interested in learning more? Brett will also offer two Sunday morning classes at 9 AM:

- August 3rd, exploring the history of the daily office and its roots in the Rule of St. Benedict.
- August 10th, a hands-on training for anyone interested in learning to officiate Morning Prayer.

Contact: Brett MacDonald (brett.macdonald@cgs-raleigh.org)

- **August Pop-Up Book Group: *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer**

Kimmerer is a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor of Environmental Biology, and the founder and director of the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment. Her book, *Braiding Sweetgrass*, has become an international bestseller. If you've read it already, you know why. If (like Imogen) you haven't read it yet, perhaps this is your chance. "Robin Wall Kimmerer encourages readers to consider the ways that our lives and language weave through the natural world... to illustrate the culture of gratitude in which we all should live." (Publishers Weekly). **Come join Rev. Imogen on Sunday, August 17th in the Ennis Suite at 11:45 to discuss this book.**

Getting Ready to Rally! Sunday, September 7th!

Rally Day is our parish-wide celebration to kick off our new church program year! This year's Rally Day Festival will feature fun, food, and fellowship (and more!) for everyone in the parish. Don't miss it!

Here's how you can help...

1. **Plan now to be there!**
2. **Make a financial contribution to help offset costs.** If you'd like to contribute, please send your check to the Parish Office. (Please send your check, payable to The Church of the Good Shepherd, to David Baggett's attention and note Rally Day on the memo line of your check).
3. **Join the team!** Lots of folks are needed to make the event a success. If you'd like to help, please fill out this form or **contact Michael Riddle (michaelriddle01@gmail.com)**

If you have any questions about Rally Day, please don't hesitate to **contact David Baggett (david.baggett@cgs-raleigh.org OR 919.831.2018)**. Thanks very much for your support!



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