# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## OCTOBER 25, 2026 AT 10:15 AM

### THE TWENTY-SECOND 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 b y 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** Sarabande from Partita in B-flat Major, BWV 825 Johann Sebastian Bach

This meditative sarabande begins today's service. "I know my own, my own know me; you not the world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. Amen."

**Processional Hymn** Built on a rock See below

Kirken den er et Gammelt Hus




**The Opening Acclamation** *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), p. 355

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

*People* **And blessed be God's 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 278

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.*

*Celebrant* Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Godly Play**

*Children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to the steps for a brief introduction to the day's liturgy or lessons. Then they may depart for Godly Play. Godly Play is a wonderful Montessori-inspired learning method for children that uses storytelling, wonder, and play to help them explore their faith.*

**The First Lesson** **Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18**

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Leviticus.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Response** **Psalm 1**

***Beatus vir qui non abiit***

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



1 Happy are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

**The Second Lesson** **1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

*Lector* A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn** God of mercy, God of grace Hymnal 538
Lucerna Laudoniae

**The Gospel** **Matthew 22:34-46**

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** Kristoff Ayala-Strachan

**The Nicene Creed** BCP, p. 358

**The Prayers of the People from our 2026 Community Prayer Chain**

*Leader* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for an end to war and prejudice, and for leaders of peace in Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine, Haiti, Israel, and Palestine, and all places where people live in fear without a safe place to call home, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For our nation and for all our leaders - the President, Congress, Raleigh City Council, and the Wake County Commissioners - that they may be moved with kindness and compassion to invest in affordable housing for all, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, and for all who defend public safety, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For the care of God's creation: the earth and the waters, and for all living creatures with whom we share this life, that we may be wise and faithful stewards of the goodness of God's creation, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For our schools, teachers, and students—from kindergarten through college—and for all those discerning a call to ministry, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For those without safe or secure shelter, and for all who wander from hotel to hotel struggling to find stability, that they may be dry, safe, fed, and treasured as God's own, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: for children and all those battling cancer, for those living with chronic conditions, disability, or addiction; and for all who seek job opportunities, relief from loneliness, or a calm path through divorce, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and light perpetual shine upon them, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* In thanksgiving for wonderful family and friends, for doctors, caregivers, and those who support us, for Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh Mennonite Church, St. John's MCC, and all our partner communities, let us give thanks to the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Leader* Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

**The Confession of Sin** BCP, p. 360

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* **Most merciful God,**
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,**
**word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;**
**that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,**
**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*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** Grant Us Thy Peace Felix Mendelssohn

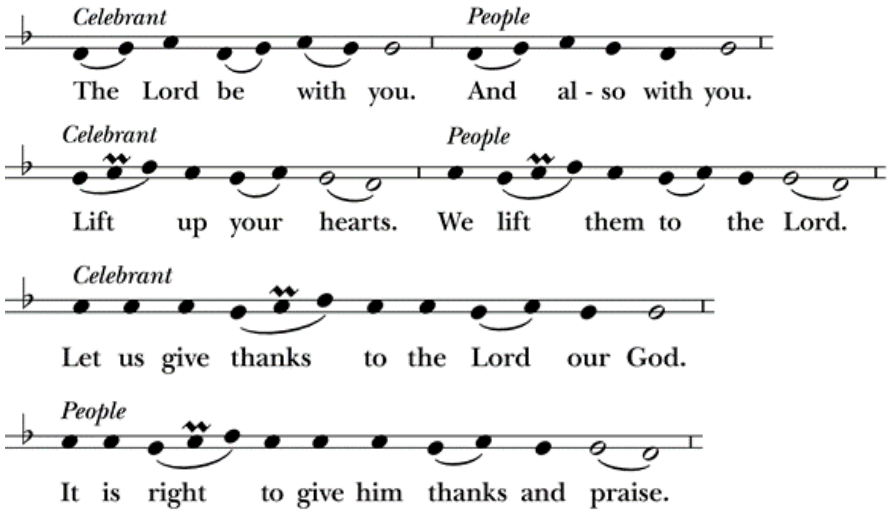
Chancel Choir

*Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord, Thou source of every blessing!*
*Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word, all things in Thee possessing.*
*In Thee is our hope and safety.*

**Presentation Hymn** Doxology with Alleluias Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him, above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A** BCP, p. 361




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*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

*Celebrant* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus** Holy, holy, holy, Lord Hymnal S 129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself,
and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death,
you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son,
to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.
He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself,
in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body,
which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink
it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died.**
**Christ is risen.**
**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption,
O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the
Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new
and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully
receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy,
and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints
into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

**Fraction Anthem** Christ our Passover Hymnal S 160

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.**

Regardless of the denomination of your baptism, all are invited to communion in the Episcopal Church. You may receive on the chancel floor or at the altar rail, which ever place makes sense to you on a given Sunday. If you would prefer to receive communion at your seat, please tell an usher. To receive the wine, you may sip from the cup or dip the wafer into the chalice of wine. You may also receive the sacrament by taking the bread only. You may also come forward to receive a blessing by placing your hands across your chest.

**Communion Hymn** O Food to pilgrims given Hymnal 309
O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

**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** A mighty fortress is our God Hymnal 688
Ein feste Burg

**The Dismissal** BCP, p. 366

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary** Ein feste burg, BWV 720 Johann Sebastian Bach

**Please join us immediately following this service for Fellowship Time with snacks and beverages hosted by the 27608 Zip Code; Contact: Sarah Boney**

## Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by the Bailey Family in loving memory of Nelle Rousseau and James Ruffin Bailey and their son, James Ruffin Bailey, Jr.
and by Ellen and Paul McSorley in loving memory of their mothers, Catherine and Betty Jane.

## Serving Today

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| Ushers | Drew Elliot and Peg Dorer |
| Verger | Frankie Scanlon |
| Acolytes | Callin Fee, George Hill, and Ryan Fee |
| Lectors | Rich Leonard and Todd Poston |
| Intercessor & Chalicist | Bethany Pergerson |
| Altar Guild | Jan Harris, Jill Sessoms, Christie Barbee, Stephanie Bias, Anne Doster, Peter Miller, Phyllis Vail, and Carolyn Wilson |
| Livestream & Sound | Mike Burkhart and Sam DeShong |
| Flower Guild | Katherine Klyman Acton |

## The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List

Catherine and Bob Williams; JoAnn Kistler; Roy Wright; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor; William Short; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Margaret Park; The Rev. Sallie Simpson; Patricia Harris; Larry Phearse and Family; Mike Newton-Ward; Bill White; Bob Williams; AnnaLissa Farrell; Lynn Wiss; Jefferson Bulluck; John Anthony Allen and Family; 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 Janie Ward-Newton, Nancy Lou Phillips, Martha Bailey Rock Kershaw, Valerie Buckner, 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 Thompson Child and Family Focus, Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry, and Kanuga.

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

## Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd Online

**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**
- Children's Sunday School
- Sunday Morning Bible Study
- Adult Formation: What We Carry

**9:30 AM**
Choir Warmup

**11:30 AM**
Fellowship Time hosted by the 27608 Zip Codes

**11:45 AM**
Newcomer Class: Stained Glass Windows Tour

**12 PM**
Senior Choristers Rehearsal

**1 PM**
EYC NC State Fair Trip

## Announcements for Sunday, October 25

**Invitation to Consider Vestry Service for 2027-2030**
Please see this week's newsletter for an invitation to consider serving on the Vestry and/or nominating others. The nomination form is included within the article.

**Stained Glass Windows Tour**
Join us for a tour of our Nave's beautiful stained glass windows **after services today**.

**Greater Triangle Area Crop Hunger Walk**
CGS will participate again this year in the Greater Triangle Area Crop Hunger Walk. Please consider donating to the walk by visiting our team website. The walk is **today at 3 PM** starting at First Baptist Church. Registration is at 2 PM. Contact The Outreach Team with additional questions.

**Costa Rica Pilgrimage Presentation**
Are you interested in joining the EYC Pilgrimage to Costa Rica next July as a youth participant or adult chaperone? Join us in the Youth Room for an information session **next Sunday, November 1st at 11:45 AM**.

**Feast of All Saints**
We hope you will join us **next Sunday, November 1st** as we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. In addition to remembering aloud those who have passed, the choir will be singing movements from Malcom Archer's "Requiem". Please also see the form link in this week's newsletter if you would like to add the name of a recently deceased loved one to the All Saints' prayer list. **Please be aware that this is also the date of the City of Oaks Marathon. Several downtown streets around the church may be closed until 8:30 AM.**

**Newcomers Class: Meet Your Ministry Leaders**
The Newcomers Class series will conclude **next Sunday, November 1st** after worship with a Meet and Great with parish staff, lay leaders, and ministry captains. This is a great way to learn how to get more involved in outreach, fellowship, or any of Good Shepherd's other amazing ministries and programs.

**Consecration of New Altar**
Bishop Sam will come to bless the new altar **this Tuesday, November 3rd at 12:30 PM**. We would love for you to join if you are available! We will have a larger, public celebration at Bishop Sam's Visitation on **April 4, 2027**.

**The Jim Propst Memorial Oyster Roast**
Please join us on **Saturday, November 7th in Shepherd's Hall at 5 PM** for our annual oyster roast! There is a signup link in the newsletter to RSVP and to volunteer.

**EYC Winter Warmth Drive**
The Episcopal Youth Community is now accepting donations for their annual Winter Warmth Drive. Your donations of winter hats (dark colors preferred), gloves, scarves, socks, lip balm and small packages of tissues will be distributed to guests at Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen on Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2026. Collection bins will be placed in the PLC lobby by the reception desk **through Sunday, November 8**.

**Are you missing serving Items from your kitchen??**
Behind the reception desk are **MANY** trays, carrying containers, etc. from when you all have generously brought food for functions at CGS, and we know you would like to have them back! Please claim these items from the table in the PLC lobby by **Sunday, November 8th**. Any remaining items after this date will be lovingly rehomed or donated. Thank you!

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