

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 21, 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: Pastoral Prelude from “Diptych”

Dobrinka Tabakova

Last week, we heard the second movement from Dobrinka Tabakova’s “Diptych.” The “Pastoral Prelude” is the opening movement and uses open fifths in the left hand paired with a solo melody in the right hand to create a “pastoral” atmosphere.

Processional: Hymnal 596, Judge eternal, throned in splendor Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens

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 278, Canticle 20, 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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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. They then depart for Godly Play, returning for the Eucharist.

The First Lesson

Amos 8:4-7

Lector A reading from the Prophet Amos.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel
great, and practice deceit with false
balances,

buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Laudate, pueri

Psalm 113

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



1 Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *
praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the LORD be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

The Second Lesson

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Lector A reading from the first letter to Timothy.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Hymnal 538, God of mercy, God of grace

Lucerna Laudoniae

The Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position

away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Allison

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, remembering especially Smith Lingerfelt.

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: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

arr. Moses Hogan

Chancel Choir

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus. Lord, I want to be more holy. Lord, I want to be a Christian.

-Traditional Spiritual

Presentation Hymn: Come and see what God is doing

Cwm Rhondda

Come and see what God is doing through the Spirit's power and grace;

Round the world the Word is going, Giving light to every place.

'Tis a day expected long, Theme of old prophetic song.

Theme of old prophetic song.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

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

Sanctus: Hymnal S 128, Holy, holy, holy

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. 362

Celebrant ...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 363

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

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S 154, 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 488, Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Slane

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 Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some have entertained angels without knowing it. 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 549, Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult

St. Andrew

The Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Voluntary: Little Prelude in E Minor, BWV 555

Johann Sebastian Bach

“Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea...” This prelude is rich and majestic, but also creates a sense of longing, in this context perhaps a longing to hear the voice of Jesus.

Please join us immediately following this service for fellowship, snacks, and beverages. Today’s fellowship time is hosted by Grace Sved, Lynn Hoke, and Mike and Debbie Hostetter.

Serving Today

Ushers Kathryn DeShong and Frank Fee
Verger David Roten
Acolytes Callin Fee, George Hill, Ryan Fee, and Juliet Gilbert
Lectors Susan Lewellen and Ed Gavin
Chalicer and Intercessor Ian Finley
Altar Guild Jan Harris, Jill Sessoms, Christie Barbee, Stephanie Bias,
Anne Doster, Peter Miller, Phyllis Vail, and Carolyn Wilson
Flower Guild Molly Propst
Livestream & Sound Noom Baggett and Sam DeShong

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory by Lynda Terrell-Rea in thanksgiving for Ashley and Jack Grady and in loving memory of A.T. and Lue Terrell.

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; The Rev. Sallie Simpson; Patricia Harris; Susie Rahal; Tamara Gregory; Larry Phearse and Family; Bob Kirchgessner; Randy Roberts; Diane and Gary Gabbard; Maria; Carol Cato; Regina Haggerty; Peter Smith; Nicholas Smith; Perry; David Lovelace; Leslie Myszka; Michael Koslow; Meg Dreifuss; The Placa-Madsen Family; The Riddle-Roberts Family; The Bass Family; The Lingerfelt 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.

And we pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially Smith Lingerfelt.

We give thanks for the marriage of Kathryn Leigh Hendrickson and Andrew Derik Cockram.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for
Christ Church, Walnut Cove, and Emmanuel, Warrenton

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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