

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 7, 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:** “Andante in D Major”

Felix Mendelssohn

Tanner Winchester, organ

This calm and meditative piece by Felix Mendelssohn is a delight to the ears and a piece that evokes an atmosphere conducive for prayer.

**Introit:** Day by day

Harold W. Friedell

Chancel Choir

*Day by day, Dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:  
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

**Processional Hymn:** Hymnal 423, Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio

**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, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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**

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to all Israel the words which the LORD commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## The Response

### *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

1 Happy the man who has not walked in the wicked's counsel, \*  
nor in the way of offenders has stood,  
nor in the session of scoffers has sat.

2 But the Lord's teaching is his desire, \*  
and His teaching he murmurs day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by streams of water,  
that bears its fruit in its season, and its leaf  
does not wither - \*  
and in all that he does he prospers.

4 Not so the wicked, \*  
but like chaff that the wind drives away.

## Psalm 1

Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)



5 Therefore the wicked will not stand up in judgment, \*  
nor offenders in the band of the righteous.

6 For the LORD embraces the way of the righteous, \*  
and the way of the wicked is lost.

## The Second Lesson

## Philemon 1-21

*Lector* A reading from Paul's letter to Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn:** Hymnal 577, God is love, and where true love is

Ubi caritas (Murray)

**The Gospel**

**Luke 14:25-33**

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

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser

**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 Michael Riddle.

*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**



*Celebrant* ...who for ever 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. 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 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 321, My God, thy table now is spread

Rockingham

## **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 473, Lift high the cross

Crucifer

**The Dismissal**

BCP, p. 366

**Voluntary:** "La Rejouissance"

G.F. Handel

Like Felix Mendelssohn, George Frideric Handel was a German composer who was heartily embraced by the British public during his lifetime. Perhaps best known for his oratorio "Messiah", he wrote many works for voices, solo instruments, and ensembles of all sizes.

**Please join us for lunch, fun, and fellowship at our annual Rally Day Festival immediately following this service. Everyone is invited, and all are welcome!**

### **Serving Today**

Ushers Jack Boyne and Harold Ramsey  
Verger Ed Gavin  
Acolytes Frankie Scanlon, Arianna Zomorodi, and Benjamin Zomorodi  
Lectors Todd Poston and Phyllis Vail  
Chalicer and Intercessor Julie Lowe  
Altar Guild Julie Lowe, Bit Hardy, Wendy Lapish, Kris & Sue Lavalla,  
Jennifer Seiger, and Marguerite Sullivan  
Livestream & Sound Mike Burkhart and Sam DeShong

### **Today's Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory by Ed, Chas and Hunter Sharp in loving memory of Jan Sharp and by Pattie and Rebecca Lamb in loving memory of Bob Lamb.

### **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; Tamara Gregory;  
Larry Phearse and Family; Bob Kirchgessner; Randy Roberts; Bob Wood; Patricia Harris;  
Diane and Gary Gabbard; Andrea; Katie Beaudoin; Ann and Afif Antoun and Family;  
Mr. Dolando; Jerry; Molly Propst; Smith Lingerfelt; Maria; The Rev. Sallie Simpson;  
Carol Cato; Regina Haggerty; Peter Smith; Nicholas Smith; Perry;  
The Moyer Family; The Placa-Madsen Family; The Riddle-Roberts Family;  
the people of Israel and Palestine; the people of Ukraine and Russia;  
the people of Afghanistan affected by the recent earthquake; 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 Michael Riddle.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for  
Calvary, Tarboro; St. Luke's, Tarboro; and St. Michael's, Tarboro.

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

### **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, September 7th

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
- 10:15 AM**
  - Children's Chapel & Godly Play
- 11:30 AM -1:30 PM**
  - Rally Day Festival!

### All Are Welcome Here!

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).

**KICK OFF OUR PROGRAM YEAR**

# RALLY DAY

**AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

**SUNDAY SEPT 7** **11:30AM UNTIL 1:30PM** **BRING FRIENDS!**

**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

BOUNCY CASTLE - GAMES - DUNKING BOOTH  
COOKIE CONTEST - FOOD & DRINK - ICE CREAM  
PRE-OWNED BOOK SALE - FACE PAINTING  
INFO BOOTHS - LIVE MUSIC & MORE!

**GETTING EXCITED ABOUT THE RALLY DAY FESTIVAL?**

LEARN MORE & VOLUNTEER HERE:

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE BEYOND OUR DOORS LITTLE FREE PANTRY**

Join us on Sunday, September 7th, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
Rally Day is our parish-wide celebration to kick off our new church program year!

- Lunch! Hosted by Beyond Our Doors Ministry Team
- Bouncy castle
- All sorts of fun treats like Howling Cow® Ice Cream, snow cones, and more!
- The Dunkin' Booth is back! Who's gonna get soaked?
- New! Cookie Bake Off & Sale...and the winner is?
- Back by popular demand... Pre-Owned Book Sale!
- Face painting and Fairy Hair
- Music provided by the Hyde County Ramblers
- Corn Hole competition
- Door prizes and giveaways
- Fellowship, fun, and more!

### Adult Formation Resumes Next Sunday at 9 AM

- **“Come and See What God is Doing!” (Room 323)**

On September 14 and 21, you are invited to “Come and See What God is Doing” at Good Shepherd, around the Diocese of North Carolina, and throughout the wider Episcopal Church. On September 14th Rev. Imogen, along with class coordinator Lynn Hoke, will start off the fall with a spotlight on Godly inspiration in our midst. Join us to find out more about how God is at work among us individually and in our various parish groups and how our shared giving shapes and strengthens our life together.

- **Bible Study--The Gospel of Matthew (Room 303)**

Debbie Moyer will lead this class as they resume their study of Matthew.

### **Parents, Please Make Note!**

**Kid's Sunday School (4 yo-5<sup>th</sup> grade) resumes next Sunday at 9 AM.**

**EYC (for youth 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) resumes next Sunday at 5:30 PM.**

### Monthly Men's Fellowship Lunch – September 11<sup>th</sup>

Men's Fellowship Lunches take place on the **SECOND THURSDAY** of each month at **12 NOON** at High Park Grill (625 E. Whitaker Mill Road). Come enjoy lively fellowship and a reasonably priced meal--no reservation is required and everyone is welcome! **Contact: Jack Boyne (jackboyne54@gmail.com OR 919.832.3641)**

## Out and About Meets This Month – September 14<sup>th</sup>

- **When:** Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM
- **Hosts:** David Roten, Michael Springston, and Julie Lowe
- **Where:** 112 Cherry Birch Court, Holly Springs 27540
- **RSVP by text to Brother Paul @ 954-448-8931 before September 7th**

OUT & ABOUT is a longstanding Good Shepherd supper group affirming our GLBT families & friends. We gather monthly at a host's home for a potluck and fellowship. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** For more information or to RSVP, reach out to: Brother Paul Henry OSF by text at 954-448-8931.

## Can You Help? Cheshire House Lunches

Good Shepherd is signed up to feed the Cheshire House group (Episcopal Campus Ministry at NCSU) on a few Sundays this Fall Semester. We are responsible for providing a meal for 15-20 people, following their Sunday worship service. For more information and to sign up, please **contact Karen Boyne (karenboyne@hotmail.com)** 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!

## *Be Sure to Register This Week!*

### Don't Miss Good Shepherd's Family Weekend at the Beach!

You and your family are warmly invited to The Church of the Good Shepherd's annual Family Weekend at the Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores, **September 19-21**. **For more details and to register, please see the parish newsletter or the parish website. Contact: the Parish Office or Rev. Justin (justin.gabbard@cgs-raleigh.org)**

## Calendar at a Glance

### September 2025

#### Please note:

- **Bible Study with Rev. Nancy every Tuesday at**
  - 10:30 AM in the Ennis Suite
  - 5:30 PM at 3110 Belvin Dr, Raleigh 27609
- **Jr Choristers rehearse Tuesday afternoons, 4:30-5:20**
- **Sr Choristers rehearse Wednesday afternoons, 5-6**
- **Handbell Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings, 6-6:45**
- **Chancel Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings, 7-8:30**

10	Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon in the church
11	Men's Fellowship Lunch at 12 Noon
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kids Sunday School resumes at 9 AM</li> <li>• Adult Formation resumes at 9 AM in Room 323</li> <li>• Bible Study with Debbie Moyer at 9 AM in Room 403</li> <li>• Green Team Meeting at 9 AM in the Parlor</li> <li>• Daughters of the King Meeting at 11:30 AM in Room 403</li> <li>• EYC resumes at 5:30 PM</li> <li>• Out &amp; About Supper Group at 6 PM</li> </ul>
16	Holy Eucharist at Springmoor at 11 AM
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon in the church</li> <li>• Finance Committee Meeting at 5:30 PM via Zoom</li> </ul>
19-21	Family Weekend at The Trinity Center
19	Wedding Rehearsal at 4:30 PM
20	Hendrickson-Cockram Wedding at 4:30 PM
22	Vestry Meeting at 6 PM in Room 303
24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon in the church</li> <li>• Outreach Committee 1-2 PM in the Ennis Suite</li> </ul>
27	Funeral Service for Michael Riddle at 2 PM
28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commitment Sunday</li> <li>• STEWardship Lunch at 11:30 AM in Shepherd's Hall</li> </ul>



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**THE REV. HERSHEY MALLETTE STEPHENS**  
PRIEST-IN-RESIDENCE

## Vestry

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### CLASS OF 2026

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Michael Riddle†

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