THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

NOVEMBER 15, 2026 AT 10:15 AM

THE TWENTY-FIFTH 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 Deep River Adolphus Hailstork

"Deep river, my home is over Jordan; deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground. . ."

Introit Jubilate Deo Michael Praetorius

Good Shepherd Choir

Sung in Latin; English translation: Rejoice in God, Alleluia!

Processional Hymn Awake, my soul, and with the sun Hymnal 11

Morning Hymn

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 Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

Lector A reading from the Book of Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
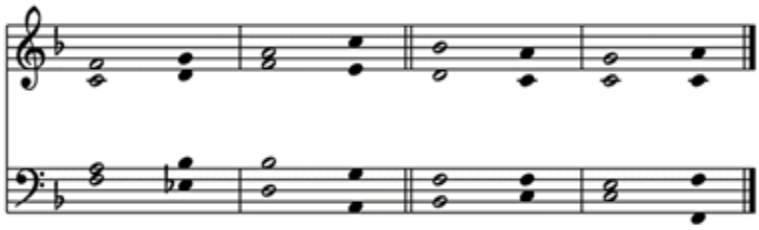
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants
of the earth.

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

The Response **Psalm 90 1-8, 12**

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

Domine, refugium



1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
4 For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of
your wrathful indignation.
8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins
in the light of your countenance.
†12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

The Second Lesson **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

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

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn I want to walk as a child of the light Hymnal 490

Houston

The Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Rev. Polly Robb

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 Down in the River to Pray Jace Wittig

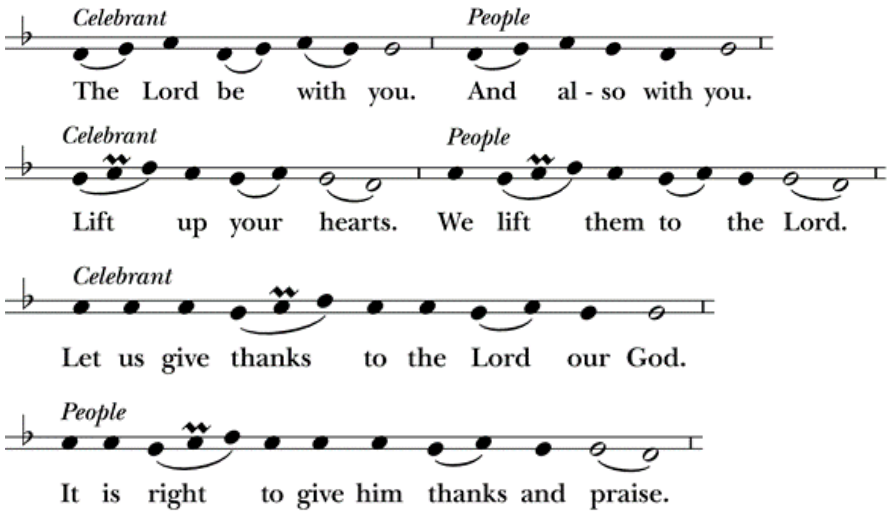
Chancel Choir

As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way,
and who should wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.
O sisters, let's go down, come on down, down in the river to pray.
O brothers, let's go down, come on down, down in the river to pray.
O fathers, let's go down, come on down, down in the river to pray.
O mothers, let's go down, don't cha wanna go down? Down in the river to pray.

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.

Celebrant 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 Jesus, I have promised Hymnal 655
Nyland

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 Come, labor on Hymnal 541
Ora Labora

The Dismissal BCP, p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary Hornpipe in D John S. Dixon

This joyful piece in D major has a theme that recurs through the piece, interspersed with contrasting sections.

Please join us immediately following this service for Fellowship Time with snacks and beverages hosted by the hosted by Children's Ministries; Contact: Elizabeth Gant

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Kathy Acton in loving memory of Jerry Smith, Edward Kent Welch and John Allan "Sandy" Acton.

Serving Today

Ushers	Jack Boyne and John Boyne
Verger	Ed Gavin
Acolytes	Libby Boyne, Juliet Gilbert, and Isabel Elliot
Lectors	Maggie Stoddard and Ian Finley
Intercessor & Chalicist	Jennifer Tlusty
Altar Guild	Pattie Lamb, Becky Anderson, Whitney Cain, Peg Dorer, Brenda Fentress, and Ginger Harris
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; Lynn Wiss; Michael; Perry; Peter Smith; Nicholas Smith; Dwaine Driver; Peter McClain and 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 Guy Vitaglione, Gerard Spagnoli, Jerry Smith, Susie Rahal, Deborah Cooke, Karen Pursley, Nolan Simon, Charles Latimer, A.B. Swindell, Valerie Buckner, Rock Kershaw, Martha Bailey, Nancy Lou Phillips, and Janie Ward-Newton.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Center at Duke University and the Episcopal Campus Ministries of the Raleigh and Greensboro Colleges and Universities.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

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: Shakespeare and the Bible

9:30 AM
Choir Warmup

11:30 AM
Fellowship Time hosted by Out and About

11:45 AM
Cook-In for White Flag in the Church Kitchen

12 PM
Senior Choristers Rehearsal

5:30 PM
EYC Meeting: Cocoa Sale Prep.

Announcements for Sunday, November 15

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.

Adult Formation Class: Shakespeare and Scripture
Shakespeare's plays are deeply informed by Christian ideals, often in surprising and magical ways. Join Ian Finley **today through November 22nd at 9 AM in the Adult Formation room** to explore the divine inspiration and peerless poetry of Shakespeare & Scripture.

Needed: More Cooks in the Kitchen
We are having a cook-in **today after the 10:15 service in the church kitchen**, and you are invited to help. No experience or skill needed. Just show up, and you will be given an assignment as we work together to prepare dinners for White Flag.

Poinsettias
Christmas is right around the corner, and it is time once again to get your Poinsettia orders in! You can help decorate our beautiful altar again this year by purchasing a poinsettia. Each 6" plant is $20; order forms are available at the front desk and in the newsletter. **The deadline to order is TODAY.**

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Hot Cocoa Sale
The EYC's annual Hot Cocoa Sale will take place during the **Raleigh Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 21st**. This is our primary fall fundraiser for the youth program at Good Shepherd. The youth will be out front of the church selling homemade hot cocoa, coffee, donuts & Bojangles biscuits from 7 AM through the end of the parade (usually around noon). Come out to enjoy the parade and support the teenagers!

St. Nicholas Tree coming!
Our annual tradition of providing gifts for the children of the Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry continues. We have 81 names and wish lists this year so there will be plenty of opportunity for you to participate. The tree will be available in the **foyer of the PLC on November 22nd and 29th**, so please put those dates on your calendar. More information will be provided next week. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Tlusty.

Lessons and Carols
Please join us for our Lessons and Carols service **on Sunday, December 6th at 4 PM**. Experience the beauty of the Anglican Choral Tradition during this special service featuring the CGS Chancel Choir and Senior Choristers; Dr. Kirsten Homdrom, Conductor; and Dr. Matt Brittain, organ. The service will be followed by a family friendly reception with wassail, mulled wine, and other traditional holiday treats.

Christmas Pageant
We are again looking forward to our children's Christmas Pageant. It will be held during the 10:15 service on **Sunday, December 20th**. For all children who would like to participate, we will meet **December 6th, 13th, and 20th at 9:00 AM**. We will gather in the large Christian Education room on the 6th and begin role assignments.

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