

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 24, 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: Midsummer Nocturne

Aaron Copland

American composer Aaron Copland did not write very much music for piano, but you have probably heard some of his more famous pieces for orchestra. This miniature piece feels nostalgic and dream-like, and the middle section adds a touch of drama before going back to the original melody.

Processional Hymn: Hymnal 411, O bless the Lord, my soul!

St. Thomas

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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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.

Back to School Blessing

Anyone starting a new school year is invited to come forward for a blessing. Book bags, backpacks, and briefcases are welcome, too!

The First Lesson

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Lector A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many
generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.
If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy
day;

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Benedic, anima mea

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Second Lesson

Lector A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to

if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own
affairs;
then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the
earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor
Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Psalm 103:1-8

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



Hebrews 12:18-29

Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Hymnal 699, Jesus, Lover of my soul

Aberystwyth

The Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

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

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

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Justin Gabbard

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 Anthem: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

Chancel Choir

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life impassioned.
Striving still to Truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.*

*Through the way where Hope is guiding, Hark, what peaceful music rings,
Where the flock in thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead thine own, in the love of joys unknown.*

-Martin Jahn; tr. Robert Bridges

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 685, Rock of ages, cleft for me

Toplady

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 522, Glorious things of thee are spoken

Austria

The Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Voluntary: Little Prelude in C Major

Bach

This “little” prelude is joyful in nature, tying in with the text of today’s closing hymn: “Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God!” There is sixteenth-note figuration in both the manuals and pedals.

**Please join us immediately following this service for fellowship, snacks, and beverages.
Today’s fellowship time is hosted by The Flower Guild.**

Serving Today

Ushers Drew Elliot and Brother Paul Henry, OSF

Verger Caryl Fuller

Acolytes Leighton Livengood, Ella Grayce Cherry, Mason Livengood,
Allison Elliot, and Isabel Elliot

Lectors Jason Hingerton and Ian Finley

Chalicer and Intercessor Ian Finley

Flower Guild Lisa Jennings

Livestream & Sound Craig DeShong & Sam DeShong

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory by Van and Gigi Giersch in thanksgiving for our 64th wedding anniversary and in loving memory of our brothers, Dick Giersch and Elbert Jackson, and our parents, Otto & Betty Giersch and Elbert & Gladys Jackson.

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; Josephine Placa; Randy Roberts; Bob Wood; Patricia Harris; Diane and Gary Gabbard; Michael Riddle; Andrea; Katie Beaudoin; Ann and Afif Antoun and Family; Mr. Dolando; Jerry; Molly Propst; The Moyer Family; The Burns Family; The Placa-Madsen 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.

We give thanks for the marriage of Pauline Grace Ciavolino and Matthew Walker Seaton.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Emmanuel, Southern Pines, and Chapel of the Transfiguration, Southern Pines.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Church of the Province of South East Asia.

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, August 24th

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
- 11:30 AM**
 - Fellowship hosted by The Flower Guild.

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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).

Do You Know a Child Who Loves to Sing?

Registration Is Now Open!

The Church of the Good Shepherd is launching a chorister program this fall for children in grades K-12. **Registration is now open** on the parish website. Rehearsals begin the first week of September.

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

Composting Made Easy with ReCollective

The ReCollective's Community Compost program (<https://therecollective.co/communitycompost/>) has begun at The Church of the Good Shepherd! Composting is made simple, with a convenient drop-off right at church in the back parking lot. Join Good Shepherd and Raleigh Mennonite as we divert food waste and contribute to a healthier, more sustainable community. Memberships start at \$3.15 per week. Please sign up now to participate.

Questions? **Contact The ReCollective directly** at megan@therecollective.co

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!

Calendar at a Glance	
August 2025	
<i>Kid's Sunday School and Children's Chapel and Godly Play will be on break during August.</i>	
25	Vestry Meeting at 6 PM in Room 303
26	Bible Study with Rev. Nancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 AM in the Ennis Suite • 5:30 PM at 3110 Belvin Dr, Raleigh 27609
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon in the church • Outreach Committee Meeting at 1 PM in the Ennis Suite
September 2025	
Please note:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study with Rev. Nancy every Tuesday at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 	
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Office Closed in observance of Labor Day • Registration Cutoff for Family Weekend
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon in the church • Pastoral Care Meeting 1-3 PM in Room 403
6	Third Party Event in Shepherd's Hall
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Chapel & Godly Play resume at 10:15 AM • Rally Day Festival & Beyond Our Doors Community Lunch 11:30 AM -1:30 PM
11	Men's Fellowship Lunch at 12 Noon
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids Sunday School resumes at 9 AM • Adult Formation resumes at 9 AM • EYC resumes at 5:30 PM
16	Holy Eucharist at Springmoor at 11 AM
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon in the church • Finance Committee Meeting at 5:30 PM via Zoom
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"> • Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon in the church • Outreach Committee 1-2 PM in the Ennis Suite
28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment Sunday • STEWardship Lunch at 11:30 AM in Shepherd's Hall

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



You are 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**. Please read more about it in the parish newsletter and on the parish website. **Please register by September 1st**.
Contact: Rev. Justin (justin.gabbard@cgs-raleigh.org)

Hey! Our Rally Day Festival Needs You! Can You...

- Contribute homemade cookies for the Cookie Bake-Off & Sale? Funds raised from the Cookie Sale will go to support the parish's Little Free Pantry. **Please contact Christie Barbee (919.345.1494) or Jean Knepley (586.216.2369).**
- Donate books for the Used Book Sale? There is a bin in the Parish Life Center lobby waiting for your book donations! Funds raised from the Used Book Sale will go to support the parish's Little Free Pantry. **Please contact Susan Lewellen (703.407.7869).**
- Volunteer to help out? Please see the parish website or weekly newsletter for volunteer opportunities. **Please contact David Baggett (919.831.2018).**
- Make a financial contribution to help offset Rally Day costs? If you'd like to contribute, please
 - donate via Realm (please select Rally Day from the Fund pull-down menu)or
 - send your check to the Parish Office. Your check (made payable to The Church of the Good Shepherd, with Rally Day noted on the memo line) may be mailed to the Parish Office or placed in the alms basin on Sunday morning.



Thank you for your support! If you have questions, **please contact David Baggett (919.831.2018).**

What's the Rally Day Festival, You Ask?

When: Sunday, September 7th 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

What: Fun, Fun, Fun + Food + Fellowship—for all ages!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bouncy Castle | <input type="checkbox"/> Corn Hole |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch & Snacks | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow Cones |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Live Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Games |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cookie Bake Off & Sale * | <input type="checkbox"/> Used Book Sale * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Cream | <input type="checkbox"/> Door Prizes & Giveaways |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dunkin' Booth * | <input type="checkbox"/> And More! |

*** Funds raised from this activity will go to support our parish's Little Free Pantry!**

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