

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

OCTOBER 4, 2026 AT 10:15 AM

THE NINETEENTH 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 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

Andy Lang, organ

Introit

Let Us Build a House
Good Shepherd Choir

Marty Haugen

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome in this place.*

The 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 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

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| 1 | Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth. | 5 | you are seated at the right hand
of the Father; receive our prayer. |
| 2 | Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. | 6 | For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, |
| 3 | Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, | 7 | you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. |
| 4 | you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us; | | |

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, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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

Isaiah 5:1-7

Lector A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Qui regis Israel

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.
8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.
9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.
10 The mountains
were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown
with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Psalm 80:7-14

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down
from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Be thou my vision
Slane

Hymnal 488

The Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

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

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Rev. Justin Gabbard

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

Celebrant 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

With a Voice of Singing
Chancel Choir; Andy Lang, organ

Martin Shaw

*With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name,
Make his praise to be glorious.*

Presentation Hymn

The Kingdom of God, stanza 4

Laudate Dominum

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal; In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call; And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give him thanks and praise."

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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 125

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 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Invitation and Communion

BCP, p. 364

All are welcome to Holy Communion at God's table.

You are invited to receive on the chancel floor or at the altar rail.

If you would prefer to receive communion at your seat, please tell an usher.

- To receive a gluten-free host, please receive at the altar and ask the deacon or priest.
- To receive the wine, feel free to sip from the chalice when it is offered to you or to intinct the host, carefully dipping your host into the wine.
- To receive a blessing, simply place your hands across your chest.

Communion Hymn

We the Lord's people

Hymnal 51

Decatur Place

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

All my hope on God is founded

Hymnal 665

Michael

The Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Voluntary

**Everyone is invited and all are welcome to our monthly Community Lunch immediately following this service! Lunch is hosted by Good Shepherd's Beyond Our Doors Ministry Team.
Contact: Gerard McNeill**

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Paul Henry in loving memory of his husband P.J. Gallo and in thanksgiving for Scarlett Gallo-Henry; by Larry and Jennifer Seiger in loving memory of Helen Cole, John Grum, Bradford Grum, Alfred and Izora Seiger and in thanksgiving for Ainsley and Avery Seiger; and by Frank and Peggy Fee in thanksgiving for the first wedding anniversary of Frank and Megan Fee.

Serving Today

Ushers Jason Hingerton and Joe Aldridge
Verger Frankie Scanlon
Acolytes Ella Grayce Cherry, Libby Boyne, Lucia Sumanaseni,
Ella Bray Sharpe, and William Scanlon
Lectors Rich Leonard and Harry Johnson
Intercessor & Chalcist Michael Springston
Altar Guild David Roten, Caryl Fuller, Br. Paul Henry, Ellen McSorley,
Caryn Meade, Molly Propst, and Lynn Wiss
Livestream & Sound Craig Deshong and Sam DeShong
Flower Guild Margaret Nordt

The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List

Catherine and Bob Williams; JoAnn Kistler; Roy Wright; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor; Janie Ward-Newton; William Short; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Margaret Park; The Rev. Sallie Simpson; Patricia Harris; Larry Phearse and Family; Mike Newton-Ward; Bill White; NY Mike Smith; Tamara Gregory; Lynda Terrell-Rea; Elise Abernathy; Marsha Sample; Susan Doty; Lynn Wiss; Kari Molvar Kim; Jemma Kim; Sue Johnson; Nicholas Smith; Peter Smith; Lou Phillips; Bob Williams; 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 Kershaw Family; The Bailey 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 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
St. Timothy's, Wilson and La Iglesia de la Guadalupe, Wilson.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

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

Beyond Our Doors Community Lunch

12 PM

Senior Choristers Rehearsal

1 PM

EYC High Ropes Teambuilding Workshop

Announcements for Sunday, October 4

★ ★ ★ Adult Formation Class: What We Carry

Remembering, making meaning, and carrying it forward.

Join us for three weeks starting **today** as our Deacon Devin McGinnis leads our Sunday morning Adult Formation class. "Life asks us to carry many things: people we love, memories, grief, change, disappointment, hope, and experiences that have shaped who we are. What We Carry is a three-session space to slow down, attend to what we are carrying, and explore how we might carry it forward."

★ ★ ★ Immigration Interfaith Vigil

If you are concerned about the way our nation is treating our immigrant neighbors, come to downtown Raleigh for *A Stand for Dignity* on **Sunday, October 11 from 2:00–4:00 PM**. People of many faiths will gather on the South Lawn of the North Carolina State Capitol to proclaim the vision of dignity, decency, and due process that we know is possible. Sponsored by Wake Interfaith Immigration Network, the program will include prayer, song, and shared witness and will provide you with ways to bring about the changes we seek.

Caring for God's Creation: Supporting Second Chance Pet Adoptions

Through **next Sunday, October 11th**, we are collecting supplies to benefit animals lovingly cared for by Second Chance Pet Adoptions while they wait for their forever homes. Find out what items are requested and, if you choose, shop through their Wish Lists and have the items shipped directly to Second Chance at <https://secondchancenc.org/donate-wish-lists/> If you prefer to drop items off at church, a **collection bin for your donations can be located in the Parish Life Center lobby**. These items will be dropped off at Second Chance the week of October 11th. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Please contact Shirley Sullivan with any questions.

★ ★ ★ Greater Triangle Area Crop Hunger Walk

CGS will participate again this year in the Greater Triangle Area Crop Hunger Walk. The overall Goal is \$60,000 with 25 percent going to local hunger relief in the Triangle and the remaining amount going to world wide food initiatives. How can you participate? Donate to the walk by visiting our team website. The walk will be held on **Sunday, October 25, 2026** starting at First Baptist Church. Take a nice 1 mile or 3 mile walk around downtown, depending on your comfort level. Registration is at 2 PM with the walk beginning at 3PM. Contact The Outreach Team with additional questions.

Two Reminders from the Green Team

Our next meeting is tomorrow at 4 PM on Zoom. Please see the newsletter for login info.

When batteries are tossed into regular recycling or trash, they pose a significant risk. During the recent Green Team tour of the local recycling center, we learned that workers face **weekly fires** caused by batteries improperly thrown away. This is a serious hazard for those handling our waste. By safely disposing of batteries, we protect workers and divert toxic materials from the landfill. **How to Get Involved:** Simply drop your used batteries in the designated plastic bucket located near the Green Team bulletin board, to the right of the entry to the **Parish Life Center lobby**. Batteries are then collected weekly and taken to the Wake Convenience Disposal Site on Deponie Drive for proper sorting and recycling.

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