

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

JULY 19, 2026 AT 10:15 AM

THE EIGHTH 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

See Hymn 587.

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Processional Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise
St. Denio

Hymnal 423

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 279

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| 1 | Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth. | 6 | For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, |
| 2 | Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. | 7 | you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. |
| 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. | | |

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Invitation to Children's Chapel and Godly Play

Children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to depart for Children's Chapel and Godly Play, returning for the Eucharist.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 44:6-8

Lector A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Inclina, Domine

11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you
that I may fear your Name.
12 I will thank you, O Lord my God,
with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.
13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me
from the nethermost Pit.
14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.

Psalm 86:11-17

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



15 But you, O Lord, are gracious
and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.
†17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those
who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord,
have helped me and comforted me.

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

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Help us, O Lord, to learn
St. Ethelwald

Hymnal 628

The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Reverend 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 Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our Bishops; for Imogen, Justin, Hershey, and Devin, 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

The Song of the Tree of Life

Vaughan Williams

Erin O'Hara and Lisa Jennings, sopranos

Unto him that overcometh shall be given of the tree of life which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

On either side of the river groweth the tree of life, the leaves of the tree are for thy healing.

In the midst of that fair city flows the river of water of life clear as crystal.

Who so will, let him take of the water of life freely. Who so drinketh of this water shall never thirst.

Take thou the leaves of the tree of life. So shalt thou enter in through the gates of the city.

Presentation Hymn

As those of old their first fruits brought

Hymnal 705, stanza 3

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee

To serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.

O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son,

Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S 124

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. 371 in the Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant ... Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All **We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob;
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes
to see your hand at work in the world about us.
Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace
only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.
Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one
body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus
Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the
Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship,
from generation to generation.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP, p. 364

Fraction Anthem Lamb of God Hymnal S 161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

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Invitation and Communion BCP, p. 364

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

The ushers will direct you to the altar rail. Kneeling is optional. If you would prefer to
receive communion at your seat, please tell an usher.

- To receive a gluten-free host, simply 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

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Lobe den Herren

Hymnal 390

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

Praise to the Lord

Johann Gottfried Walther

See Hymn 390.

Serving Today

Ushers	John and Karen Gazda Boyne
Verger	Carly Fuller
Acolytes	Arianna Zomorodi and Benjamin Zomorodi
Lectors	Lauren Jean and Gregg Knepley
Intercessor & Chalcist	Brother Paul Henry, OSF
Altar Guild	Pattie Lamb, Becky Anderson, Whitney Cain, Peg Dorer, Brenda Fentress, and Ginger Harris
Flower Guild	Judi Mathis
Livestream & Sound	Craig DeShong and Sam DeShong

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by the Cheshire Family
in loving memory of Buddy and Sis Cheshire.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List

Catherine and Bob Williams; JoAnn Kistler; Roy Wright; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders;
Pete Taylor; Martha Bailey; Janie Ward-Newton; William Short; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill;
Margaret Park; The Rev. Sallie Simpson; Patricia Harris; Larry Phearse and Family;
Mike Newton-Ward; Rock Kershaw; NY Mike Smith; Tamara Gregory;
Nancy and Gregory Clemmons; Elise Abernathy; Lynda Terrell-Rea; Tom; David Yates;
Glenna Musante and The Gregory Family; Susan and Jane Jackson and Family;
The Fyfe and Simon Families; The Pursley Family; The Cooke Family;
The Rahal and Anderson Families; The Smith and Acton Families; The Spagnoli Family;
The Dillard Family; Meredith Sparrow 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 have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

And we pray for those who mourn, including the family and friends of,
the Rev. Janet Watrous, Mary Best, A.B. Swindell, Peggy Hawks, Charles Latimer, Nolan Simon,
Karen Pursley, Deborah Cooke, Susie Rahal, Jerry Smith and Gerard Spagnoli.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for All Saints', Roanoke Rapids;
and The Church of the Messiah, Rockingham.

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

Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd Online



Announcements for Sunday, July 19

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

Kids Sunday School (5 yo-5th grade)

11:30 AM

Fellowship Time hosted by the Vestry

Let's Build a Community Prayer Chain

Everyone from Good Shepherd, Raleigh Mennonite Church, and St John's MCC is invited to contribute prayers (both intercessions and thanksgivings) to the prayer chain over the summer.

As the prayer chain grows, it will be displayed on all floors of the Parish Life Center. The prayer chain is a symbol of connection and shared faith among the three groups worshipping at Good Shepherd. At the end of the summer, the chain prayers will be blessed and offered to God during Sunday services on **Rally Day, Sunday, September 13th!** Throughout the summer:

1. Pick up a colored strip of paper in your worship space or PLC foyer.
2. Jot down a prayer--for yourself, for your loved ones, for our community, for our nation. Don't feel limited to one prayer! Contribute as many prayers as you'd like, using one strip of paper for each prayer.
3. Leave your prayer(s) in the basket on the round table in the PLC foyer.

EFWM Backpack Drive

This summer we have been asked to join the Outreach teams at Christ Church and St. Michael's Episcopal to collect "back to school" backpacks and supplies for the children at the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry in Dunn. They need a total of 110 backpacks for traditional calendar students by August 3rd. We have committed to 40 backpacks filled with supplies. We will have copies of the supply lists along with signup sheets available at the front volunteer desk. You can shop as you have normally in previous years and drop off a backpack in the lobby of our Parish Life Center by **Sunday, August 2nd**. The blessing of the backpacks will be held during the 10:15 am service on that day. Thank you in advance!

Chorister Registration

The Chorister Program at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd provides musical education, community building, and faith formation through singing in choirs. Singers in grades K-12 have the opportunity to sing their faith and learn about the tradition of sacred choral music, which is musically enriching, challenging, and satisfying. This is one of the few opportunities for fostering intergenerational relationships in the community, as the choristers will regularly have opportunities to sing with the Chancel Choir. Choristers also learn that their voices are a gift from God and their love of singing will stay with them for the rest of their lives. Singing in a choir at church is also a wonderful way to share time and talents. And it's fun, too! **Registration for the 2026-2027 choir season is open now!** Register on the church website and contact Kirsten Homdrom with any questions.

This Week's Calendar

Date	Event
Mon, July 20	• 9 AM Morning Prayer
Tues, July 21	• 9 AM Morning Prayer • 10:30 AM Bible Study in Ennis Suite • 11 AM Springmoor Eucharist • 5:30 PM Bible Study at Van and Gigi Giersch's Home
Wed, July 22	• 9 AM o Morning Prayer o Kaffeeklatsch (fellowship group) at Café Carolina • 12 PM Noonday Eucharist • 5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting
Thurs, July 23	• 8:30 AM Books & Bagels Book Group at Chanticleer Café & Bakery (6490 Tryon Road, Cary 27518) • 9 AM Morning Prayer
Fri, July 24	• 9 AM Morning Prayer • 10 AM Exploring the Spiritual Journey
Sat, July 25	No Events Scheduled

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