

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 AT 10:15 AM

THE FIFTEENTH 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

Allemande from Partita in B-flat Major, BWV 825

J.S. Bach

The Allemande is a Baroque dance in 4/4 time. Each of Bach's Allemandes from his keyboard suites is unique - this one has darting sixteenth note figures as well as pedal tones in the bass. "Awake, my soul, and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run; shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise to pay thy morning sacrifice..."

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

People **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.

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Lector A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 119:33-40

Legem pone

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding,
and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path
of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes
from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.



38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Second Lesson

Romans 13:8-14

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

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Hymnal 593

Dickinson College

The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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, 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, Polly, 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

Teach me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

Chancel Choir

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;

And I shall keep it unto the end.

-Psalm 119: 33

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.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP, p. 369

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,

People **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.

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

**During communion today, Daughters of the King will be available
in the Bride's Room to pray with anyone desiring prayers.**

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 Fairest Lord Jesus Hymnal 383
St. Elizabeth

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

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee
Hymn to Joy

Hymnal 376

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

Gigue from Partita in B-flat Major, BWV 825

Bach

Like other Baroque dance movements in his keyboard suites, each of Bach's Giges is also unique. See if you can hear three distinct voices in this one! "All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays..."

**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 Ed, Chas, and Hunter Sharp in loving memory of Jan Sharp and by Pattie and Rebecca Lamb in loving memory of Bob Lamb.

Serving Today

Ushers Craig and Kathryn Deshong
Acolytes Caryl Fuller, Evan Meade, and Dan Harris
Lectors Harry Johnson and Grace Sved
Intercessor & Chaliceist Paul Henry
Altar Guild David Roten, Caryl Fuller, Br. Paul Henry,
 Ellen McSorley, Caryn Meade, Molly Propst,
 and Lynn Wiss
Flower Guild Anne Doster
Livestream & Sound Noom Baggett and Sam DeShong

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; 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; 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 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, 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
Calvary, Tarboro; St. Luke's, Tarboro; and St. Michael's, Tarboro.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd Online



Announcements for Sunday, September 6

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)

11:30 AM

- Beyond Our Doors Community Lunch;
Contact: Rev. Gerard McNeil

September and October BOD Lunches

At the First Sunday BOD community lunch today and in October, a representative from **You Can Vote** will be present. You Can Vote is a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) nonprofit that educates and mobilizes North Carolinians to take civic action, know their rights, and successfully cast a ballot in each election. Please visit their website (youcanvote.org) or contact Shirley Sullivan (sgs.schip@gmail.com) for more information about the organization.

Parish Office Closed for Labor Day

The Parish Office will be closed **tomorrow, September 7th** in observance of Labor Day, though we **will still have our 9 AM service of Morning Prayer**. We will reopen with normal hours on Tuesday, September 8th.

Sunday School Registration

With the start of our program year right around the corner, we would like to ask all parents/guardians to please use the form from Thursday's newsletter to **register all Sunday School age children**.

Sunday School will start on Sunday, September 20th. A reminder that this fall, we're excited to make a small but meaningful change to our Sunday School program by offering **two age-based classrooms**, allowing us to better meet children where they are in their faith and development:

Younger Classroom: Pre-K through 1st Grade AND **Older Classroom:** 2nd Grade through 5th Grade

Tuesday Morning Bible Study Updates

Tuesday morning Bible Study has returned from its summer break and we are thrilled that Rev. Polly Robb, our new Associate Rector for Family Ministry and Spiritual Life, will be leading us through the Gospel of John! **Please note** that though we are still meeting in the Ennis Suite, we have **shifted our starting time to 11 AM. Please join us!**

Music Ministries Update

Church of the Good Shepherd Music Ministries rehearsals are returning **this week!** Please reach out to Kirsten Homdrom with any questions or interest in joining any of our wonderful ensembles. We are specifically looking to grow our Handbell Choir which plays in worship services seasonally. No prior ringing experience required!

Rally Day

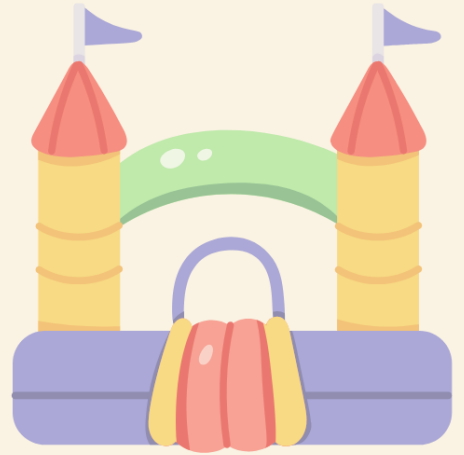
Join us for our Rally Day festivities **next Sunday, September 13th** immediately following the 10:15 Service! Outside in the rear parking lot will be lunch, a band, Ministry tables, a bounce house/slide, snow cones, and the fan favorite dunk tank! This year, funds raised from the dunk tank will go towards costs for the 2027 Pilgrimage to Costa Rica. We are seeking a total of twelve volunteers to assist with set-up and/or tear down. Please see the link to sign up in last Thursday's newsletter.

This Week's Calendar

Date	Event
Mon, September 7	Labor Day – Parish Office Closed • 9 AM Morning Prayer
Tues, September 8	• 9 AM Morning Prayer • 11 AM Bible Study in Ennis Suite • 4:30 PM Good Shepherd Choir Rehearsal • 5:30 PM Bible Study at Van and Gigi Giersch's Home (6433 Chapman Ct, Raleigh, NC 27612)
Wed, September 9	• 9 AM o Morning Prayer o Kaffeeklatsch (fellowship group) at Café Carolina (2130 Clark Ave, Raleigh 27605) • 12 PM Noonday Eucharist • 6 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal • 7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thur, September 10	• 8:30 AM Books & Bagels Book Group at Starbucks (3800 Lake Boone Trail, Raleigh, NC 27607) • 9 AM Morning Prayer • 12 PM Men's Fellowship Lunch
Fri, September 11	• 9 AM Morning Prayer • 10 AM Exploring the Spiritual Journey
Sat, September 12	No Events Scheduled

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

STAY AFTER THE 10:15 SERVICE FOR LUNCH, MINISTRY
TABLES, A BOUNCE-HOUSE/SLIDE, SNOW CONES, AND
THE FAN FAVORITE DUNK TANK!



Rally Day Fair



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

11:30 AM

121 HILLSBOROUGH STREET



\$5 FOR THREE BALLS HELPS RAISE MONEY FOR OUR
PILGRIMAGE TO COSTA RICA NEXT SUMMER!

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James Deal
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