THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

NOVEMBER 22, 2026 AT 10:15 AM

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



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 Andante tranquillo from Sonata in A Major, Op. 65 No. 3 Felix Mendelssohn

The slow movement from Felix Mendelssohn's Third Organ Sonata opens today's service with a beautifully tranquil melody.

Processional Hymn Crown him with many crowns Hymnal 494

Diadem ata

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 Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

Lector A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response **Psalm 95:1-7a**

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



Venite, exultemus

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy
to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his
presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
†7 For he is our God, and we are the people
of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Second Lesson **Ephesians 1:15-23**

Lector A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Sequence Hymn Hail, thou once depised Jesus! Hymnal 495
In Babilone
Stanzas 1 and 4

The Gospel **Matthew 25:31-46**

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

The Sermon The Rev. Imogen Rhodenheiser

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 A Song to the Lamb Donald Pearson

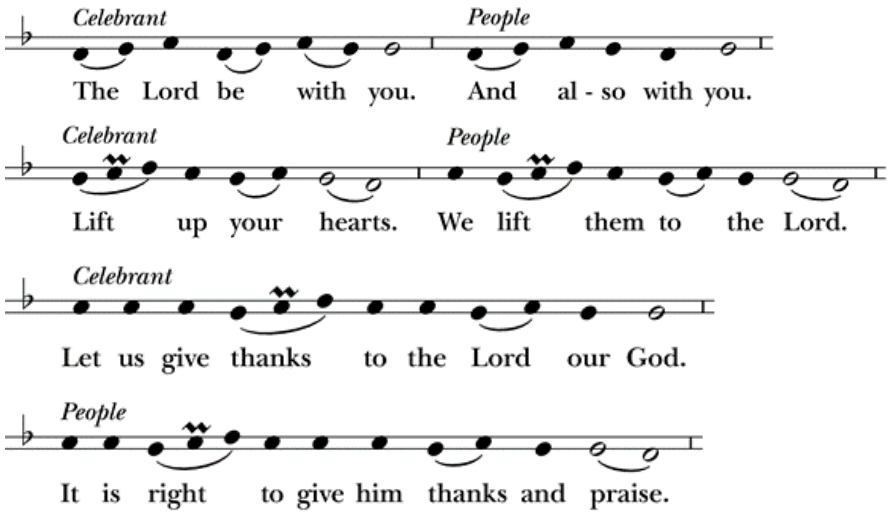
Chancel Choir

Splendor and honor and kingly power are yours by right O Lord our God. For you created everything that is.
And by your will they were created and have their being. And yours by right, O lamb that was slain,
For with your blood you redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people and nation, a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so to him who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb be worship and praise.
Dominion and splendor forevermore and evermore.

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.

Celebrant 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 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 Where cross the crowded ways of life Hymnal 609
Gardiner

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 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! Hymnal 460
Hyfrydol

The Dismissal BCP, p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary "The people respond - Amen!" from *Rubrics* Dan Locklair

Based on "An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist" found on page 401 of the Book of Common Prayer, this energetic toccata uses shifting meters and dance-like rhythms to express joy!

Please join us immediately following this service for Fellowship Time with snacks and beverages hosted by the Out and About; Contact: Brother Paul Henry, OSF

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Frederick & Lorraine Pierson in loving memory of Gardner Hart Pierson, Roberta Landau, Robert J Chayne, and Billie H Chayne.

Serving Today

Ushers	Drew Elliot and Jason Hingerton
Verger	Evan Meade
Acolytes	Ryan Fee, Callin Fee, George Hill, Ella Bray Sharp, and William
Lectors	Jason Hingerton and Harry Johnson
Intercessor & Chalicist	Br. Paul Henry, OSF
Altar Guild	Jan Harris, Jill Sessoms, Christie Barbee, Stephanie Bias, Anne Doster, Peter Miller, Phyllis Vail, and Carolyn Wilson
Livestream & Sound	Rich Netherby 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 and Perry; Peter Smith; Nicholas Smith; Dwain 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 UNC-Chapel Hill Campus Ministry, Wake Forest/Salem/Winston-Salem State/UNC School of the Arts Episcopal Campus Ministry.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of England.

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 & About

12 PM
Senior Choristers Rehearsal

6 PM
Out & About at the home of Gigi and Van Giersch

Announcements for Sunday, November 22

Advent I Godly Play for Everyone and Wreath Making
Next Sunday, November 29th we will have a special Advent I service at 10:15 AM with Godly Play as the sermon for everyone. Stay to make an Advent Wreath after church--all the supplies are provided.

Can't make it to the wreath making after the Nov. 29th service? **We have Kits to Go ready for you today**. Pick one up in the entrance hall after church. Kits include pre-made wreath, candles, Advent booklet for your family."

St. Nicholas Tree
Our tradition of supporting the Episcopal Farmworkers' Ministry continues this year with the St. Nicholas Tree. There are 81 stars on the tree with wish lists. Please choose 1 or more stars and shop for that child; do look at the wish list before selecting that star to make sure the items listed are within your budget and shopping time frame. The tree will be available **starting the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving, November 22nd**, and will be up until December 1st. All gifts must be wrapped (except bikes and strollers) and returned to church **no later than Sunday, December 6th**. Monetary donations may be dropped off with Devin and volunteers will shop for the stars not selected. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Tlusty or Suzanne Prince.

Thanksgiving Week
Please make note that the **Parish Office will close at 1 PM on Wednesday, November 25th and will re-open at 9 AM on Monday, November 30th**. In the event of a pastoral care emergency, the parish's Pastoral Care Support Line 919.831.2008 (number also found in the parish newsletter and on the parish website) is available and is monitored 24x7. **If you have announcements that you would like to have included in this week's newsletter**, and/or next Sunday the 29th's bulletin, please email them to Sean **by tomorrow (Monday the 23rd) evening**.

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. Parents, please use this QR code or the link in the newsletter to sign up for your children to participate. Thank you!

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.

Lessons and Carols Reception-We Need Sweet Treats
Following the Lessons and Carols service on December 6th, we will be enjoying wassail and mulled wine with Christmas delicacies. **We are asking folks to share a treasured cookie, etc**. which your family enjoys each Christmas. Please contact Lynn Wiss at wisslynn@gmail.com or call her at 908-783-3855 (leave a text message if no answer) if you can share a sweet treat with your fellow parishioners to enjoy. Thank you one and all!

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