THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **OCTOBER 26, 2025 AT 10:15 AM**

All Are Welcome Here

We are a welcoming, inclusive and affirming parish in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. We seek to meet and serve Christ in all people and to glorify God in our words and our actions.



Are You Visiting Today?

Know that you are most welcome, and we pray that you will return to worship with us again soon! Please do us the honor of filling out a Visitor Card, either by scanning the QR code to the right OR by filling out a physical card located in the pew rack in front of you. If you fill out a physical card, please place it in the alms basin during the offertory or hand it to an usher or to a member of the clergy as you leave today. Thank you!

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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: Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 720 Johann Sebastian Bach

Johann Sebastian Bach wrote many different types of pieces for organ, including preludes and fugues, trio sonatas, fantasias, and chorale preludes. This setting of "Ein feste Burg" or "A Mighty Fortress" takes the melody and scatters it between two keyboards and the pedals. A dancing sixteenth note figuration serves as the accompaniment.

Processional Hymn: Hymnal 688, A mighty fortress is our God Ein feste Burg

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity BCP, p. 355

Song of Praise: Hymnal S 280, Canticle 20, Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

1 Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

2 Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

3 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
4 you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
5 you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

6 For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
7 you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Kids

Children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to the steps for a brief introduction to the day's liturgy or lessons. They then depart for Godly Play, returning for the Eucharist.

The First Lesson **Sirach 35:12-17**

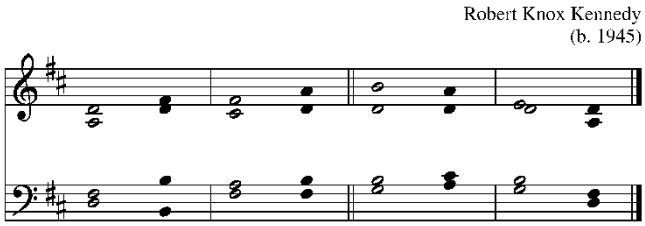
Lector A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
and as generously as you can afford.
For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.
Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it
and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;
for the Lord is the judge,
and with him there is no partiality.
He will not show partiality to the poor;
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.
He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

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

The Response **Psalm 84:1-6**

Quam dilecta!



1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

The Second Lesson **2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18**

Lector A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Hymnal 404, We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord Old 124th

The Gospel **Luke 18: 9-14**

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

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, `God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, `God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon Mr. Ian Finley

The Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People, Form VI BCP, p. 392

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our Bishops; for Imogen, Justin, Nancy, and Hershey, our clergy; for all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Intercessor We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

All **Amen**

The Peace BCP, p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Concertato on O God, Beyond All Praising — Richard Proulx

Chancel Choir

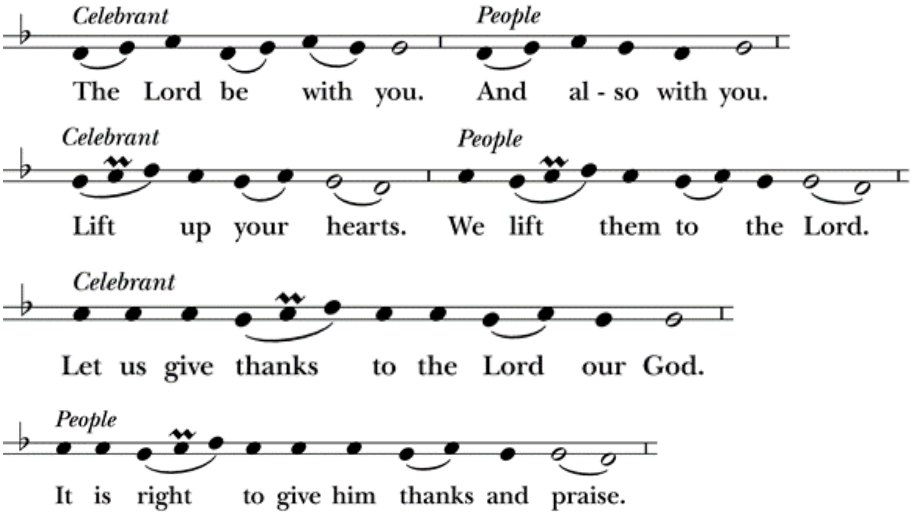
O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
But hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown –
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
For Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Presentation Hymn: Doxology — Old Hundredth

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A — BCP, p. 361



Celebrant …Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: Hymnal S 125, Holy, holy, holy

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. 362

Celebrant …Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 363

Celebrant …By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP, p. 364

The Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S 164, Jesus, Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God:
Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:
Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace.

Invitation and Communion

All are invited to come forward during the sharing of Holy Communion.

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by drinking from the common cup? *Please come to the left side (lectern side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs in the sacristy.*
Where can I go to receive bread and wine by intinction (having a minister dip the host in wine and place it in your hand)? *Please come to the right side (pulpit side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs by the baptismal font.*
Where can I go to receive only the bread? *Please come to either location and tell the server "only bread."*
Where can I go to receive gluten-free bread? *Please come to either location and ask for gluten free.*
Where can I go to receive a blessing? *Please come to either location and cross your arms over your chest.*
How can I ask for communion to be brought to me? *Please ask an usher to receive by intinction in your seat.*

Communion Hymn: Hymnal 51, We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting 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. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some have entertained angels without knowing it. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Hymnal 680, O God, our help in ages past St. Anne

The Dismissal BCP, p. 366

Voluntary: Little Fugue in C Major Johann Sebastian Bach

Bach's music bookends today's service. This fugue is in the same key as the Closing Hymn, and features four voices, entering from the highest to the lowest. A fugue has a subject, or theme, and this is what recurs throughout the piece, as well as being introduced by each voice at the beginning.

Please join us immediately following this service for Fellowship Time and enjoy snacks and beverages. Today's Fellowship Time is hosted by the Men's Thursday Lunch Group.

Serving Today

Ushers	Dan and Ginger Harris
Verger	David Roten
Acolytes	Callin Fee, Ryan Fee, and George Hill
Lectors	Rich Leonard and Jason Hingerton
Chalicist and Intercessor	Ian Finley
Altar Guild	David Roten, Caryl Fuller, Paul Henry, Ellen McSorley, Caryn Meade, Molly Propst, and Lynn Wiss
Flower Guild	Molly Propst and Randy Roberts
Livestream and Sound	Richard Netherby and Sam DeShong

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory by The Bailey Family in loving memory of Nelle Rousseau and James Ruffin Bailey and their son, James Ruffin Bailey, Jr., and by Ellen and Paul McSorley in loving memory of their mothers, Catherine and Betty Jane.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List

Catherine and Bob Williams; JoAnn Kistler Lattimore and Charles Lattimore; Roy Wright; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor; Martha Bailey; Peggy Hawks; Janie Ward-Newton; William Short; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Jerry Smith; Margaret Park; Lynda Terrell-Rea; The Rev. Sallie Simpson; Patricia Harris; Susie Rahal; Tamara Gregory; Larry Phearse and Family; Bob Kirchgessner; Garrett Stewart; Glenna Musante; Libni; A.B. Swindell; Melissa Habel; Ty Allen; David Lovelace; Xavier Thomas O'Brien; The Lingerfelt Family; The Williams Family; The Hoch Family; The Kochersberger-Watrous Family; The Best Family; the people of Israel and Palestine; the people of Ukraine and Russia; victims of gun violence; and those affected by drought, heat, floods, storms, and fires.

And we pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially Mary Best.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Penick Village, Thompson Child & Family Focus, and Episcopal Farmworker Ministry.

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

Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd Online

Use the QR code to the right to give online. Open your phone's camera, point the camera at the square, and tap the screen.

The Church of the Good Shepherd
Announcements for Sunday, October 26th

Please see the parish newsletter for all of the latest news!

In addition to today's services at 8 and 10:15 AM:

- **8:30-12 Noon**
  - Nursery Care available for children up to 4 yo
- **9 AM**
  - Kid's Sunday School
  - Adult Formation
    - Bible Study led by Debbie Moyer in Room 303
    - "October with C.S. Lewis" in Room 323
- **10:15 AM**
  - Children's Chapel & Godly Play
- **11:30 AM**
  - Fellowship Time
- **5:30-7:30 PM**
  - EYC (Episcopal Youth Community)

A Friendly Reminder!

If you haven't yet submitted your 2026 pledge, please do so as soon as possible. As of Thursday, 10/23, **we have received pledges totaling 92% of our $850,000 goal.** With your help, we can close the gap! Please take a few moments to prayerfully consider and submit your pledge through Realm, on our church website, or by emailing Parish Administrator David Baggett (david.baggett@cgs-raleigh.org). Thank you!

Don't Miss Our Annual Oyster Roast!

When: Saturday, November 15th, 5-7:30 PM
Where: Shepherd's Hall

If you love fellowship and great food…don't miss our parish's annual Jim Propst Oyster Roast! Don't love oysters? Don't fret…shrimp, hot dogs, and kid friendly food will be available, too, along with yummy sweets. And kids will enjoy the special kid's area. Registration is appreciated so we know how many oysters and shrimp to order. Please register via the parish newsletter or by calling the Parish Office by **Thursday, November 13th**.

OH! Volunteers are also needed to help with the Oyster Roast; if you can help, please **contact Ed Sharp (edsharp@bellsouth.net).** Thank you!

Calendar at a Glance

October 2025

Please note:

- **EYC, Sundays afternoons, 5:30-7:30, in the Parish Life Center**
- **Morning Prayer, Monday-Friday at 9 AM in the church**
- **Bible Study with Rev. Nancy, Tuesdays at**
  - 10:30 AM in the Ennis Suite
  - 5:30 PM at 3110 Belvin Dr, Raleigh 27609
- **Jr Choristers (Good Shepherd Choir) rehearses Tuesday afternoons, 4:30-5:20**
- **Kaffeeklatsch Fellowship Group, Wednesdays at 9 AM at Carolina Café (Village District)**
- **Handbell Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings, 6-6:45**
- **Chancel Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings, 7-8:30**

27	Vestry meeting at 6 PM in Room 303
29	• Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon in the church • White Flag Volunteer/Staff Training 6:30-8:30 PM in Shepherd's Hall

November 2025

1	• All Saints' Day • Celebration of Life for Smith Lingerfelt at 2 PM in the church • Lingerfelt Family Reception at 3 PM in Shepherd's Hall
2	• All Saints' Day (observed) • DOK Healing Prayers at 8 and 10:15 AM • Godly Play volunteer coffee hour at 9 AM • Beyond Our Doors Community Lunch at 11:30 AM
5	• Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon in the church • Pastoral Care Team Meeting at 1 PM in Room 403
7	Green Team's tour of the Walnut Creek Wetland Center & Park @ 10:30 AM
8	• CROP Walk at 10 AM • Prison Families Support Group, 10-11 AM in the Ennis Suite
9	• EYC's Winter Warmth Drive donations due • DOK Meeting at 11:30 in Room 403
11	• Veterans Day • Parish Office Closed
12	Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon in the church
13	Men's Fellowship Lunch at 12 Noon at High Park Grill
15	Oyster Roast, 5-7:30 PM in Shepherd's Hall
18	Springmoor Eucharist at 11 AM
19	• Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon in the church • Finance Committee Meeting, 5:30-6:30 PM via Zoom
21-22	Diocesan Convention in Winston-Salem
22	EYC's Hot Cocoa Sale during the Raleigh Christmas Parade, 7 AM-12 PM in front of the church
26	Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon in the church
27	• Thanksgiving Day • Parish Office Closed
30	Advent 1

Please see the next page for more announcements

Orientation for White Flag Volunteers

This winter, The Church of the Good Shepherd will once again serve as a White Flag Shelter site. A White Flag volunteer orientation session will be held at Good Shepherd on **Wednesday, October 29th, 6:30-8:30 PM**. Anyone interested in service as a volunteer for a White Flag Night is warmly invited to attend. A simple supper will be provided. Please **contact the Rev. Justin Gabbard** for more information or to RSVP.

Join the Green Team for a Visit to Walnut Creek Wetland Educational Center and Nature Park

Join us on an exclusive tour of these facilities!

Details:

- **When:** Friday, November 7th at 10:30 AM (tour lasts approximately 90 minutes)
- **Where:** 950 Peterson Street, Raleigh, NC 27616 (phone: 919-996-2760)
- **Details:** We will gather in the Educational Center for a presentation followed by a gentle walk through the wetlands. Much of the park has trails that are paved with easy inclines.
- **Whom do I contact to sign up: Beth Hahn (bhahn2512@gmail or 919-274-0660)**

Take a Step Towards Ending Hunger -- Join Us for the CROP Walk!

The Church of the Good Shepherd is organizing a team to participate in the upcoming Greater Triangle Area CROP Hunger Walk! We invite you to join us for part or all of the three mile walk, or sponsor us with a donation on **Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 10:00 AM**, as we walk together to support both our local neighbors and communities across the globe in their struggle with food insecurity. Our goal is to raise $1500. To learn more (and to sign up for our Good Shepherd team and to donate), please see the parish newsletter or parish website. **Contact: Suzanne Prince (SVPrince@gmail.com OR 919.818.2222)**

EYC Winter Warmth Drive

The Episcopal Youth Community is now accepting donations for their annual Winter Warmth Drive. Your donations of winter hats, gloves, scarves, socks, chap-stick, and small packages of tissues will be distributed to Shepherd's Table guests on Tuesday, November 11, 2025. Collection bins are available in the PLC lobby by the reception desk through **Sunday, November 9th.** Thank you for your support**! Contact: Rev. Justin (justin.gabbard@cgs-raleigh.org).**

Join Us for Safe Church Training, Sunday November 9th

The Diocese of North Carolina is providing 3 Safe Church Training sessions in November. One of those is **November 9 at 1 PM**, and a group of us from Good Shepherd will experience this session together. Would you like to join us? Please do. A light lunch of sandwich and chips will be served. Please call the Parish Office (919.831.2000) to reserve your spot. **Contact: Susan Lewellen (susanlewellen@icloud.com OR 703.407.7869)**

Monthly Men's Fellowship Lunch – November 13th

Men's Fellowship Lunches take place on the **SECOND THURSDAY** of each month at **12 NOON** at High Park Grill (625 E. Whitaker Mill Road). Come enjoy lively fellowship and a reasonably priced meal--no reservation is required and everyone is welcome! **Contact: Jack Boyne (jackboyne54@gmail.com OR 919.832.3641)**

Poinsettias—Order Yours by Sunday, November 9th

Help decorate the church for Christmas with beautiful poinsettias placed in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for blessings. Poinsettias can be ordered through **Sunday, November 9th** – online via the parish newsletter or parish website. If you prefer a hardcopy order form, you will find them in the PLC at the reception desk. **Contact: The Parish Office (919.831.2000)**