

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York

96 Jewett Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14214

Parish Office: 716-833-1151

Email: officegoodshep@gmail.com www.goodshepherdbuffalo.org

October 18, 2026

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II



“When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien.
The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you;
you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt:

I am the LORD your God.” (Leviticus 19:33-34)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Time prior to the start of the liturgy is a time for quiet meditation and prayer.

Prelude Organ Voluntary (10:30)	<i>Jesus Christ, The Only Son of God, Buxtehude</i>
Entrance Hymn (10:30)	Hymnal 390
Opening Acclamation	BCP 355
The Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis (8:30)	BCP 356
Gloria in excelsis (10:30)	S-277

The S-section is located in the front of the Hymnal 1982.

The Salutation & The Collect of the Day	BCP 357
--	---------

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson	<i>Isaiah 45:1-7</i>
-------------------------	----------------------

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him--
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

The Word of the Lord.	Thanks be to God.
-----------------------	--------------------------

Psalm 96	Cantate Domino
-----------------	-----------------------

The psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *

he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;

he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *

let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy

before the Lord when he comes, *

when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness *

and the peoples with his truth.

The Second Lesson *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

Please stand, as you are able.

Sequence Hymn (10:30) Hymnal 707

Gospel Lesson *Matthew 22:15-22*

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

The Sermon Rev. Frieda Van Baalen Webb

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form VI BCP 392

Parish Prayer List: Vincent and Karen M., Kim Greene, Jim Russo, Mimy Butler, Halsey Van Lew, Jane R., Beth Regan, Father John Paul Boyer, Jo Meachem, Samuel, Darlene, Nekka, Carol B., Charlie Ohl, Jim Cosbey, Sue.

The Peace BCP 360

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Parish Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION	
Offertory Anthem (10:30)	<i>Source of Music, Purifoy</i>
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP 361
Sanctus (10:30)	S-124
Agnus Dei (10:30)	S-161
Communion Hymn (10:30)	Hymnal 325
Post-Communion Prayer	
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	
<i>People:</i> Amen.	
Hymn (10:30)	Hymnal 481
Dismissal	
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
<i>People:</i>	Thanks be to God.
Postlude Organ Voluntary (10:30)	
<i>Voluntary, Maurice Green</i>	

Lectors	
October 18, 2026	October 25, 2026
8:30 Jesse Pyle	8:30 Paul Hojnacki
10:30 L1: Joe Spina	10:30 L1: Bev Barry
L2: Pat Lalonde	L2: Marji Torrell
PotP: Joe Spina	PotP: Bev Barry

Calendar

10/18 The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

8:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)

10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

10/21 Wednesday

10AM-2PM Food Pantry

6PM Worship Service with music

10/25 The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

8:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)

10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

Upcoming Events

11/1 Sunday

3PM to 4PM Pete’s Pet Food Pantry

12/13 Sunday

Bishop Lane Visit

Announcements
The United Thank Offering (UTO)
UTO is a ministry of the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion for the mission of the whole church. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Fall Ingathering for the United Thank Offering. If you haven’t donated but still wish to, there’s still time. Envelopes are available at the Church entrances and in the pews. (If you write a check, please make it payable to Good Shepherd, and put UTO in the memo line.)

Donate

To conveniently make a donation, simply scan the QR code below with your smartphone to access our online giving page. As a reminder, the Diocese is no longer covering our online processing fees. If you prefer to pay online, please consider using your bank's bill pay function to donate. It typically has no fees associated with the transaction. Thank you!



Please consider remembering Good Shepherd in your will. It is a wonderful way to continue your support of your parish into the future for generations.

Good Shepherd Staff

The Reverend Frieda Van Baalen Webb, *Supply Priest*

Gail Shepherd, *Music Director*

Jessica Thorington, *Administrative Assistant*

Vestry

Dale Cich & Elaine Richau, Wardens;

Pat Lalonde, Treasurer; Nancy Cich, Clerk;

Class of 2026: Charlene Gottfried, Susan Woods

Class of 2027: Marji Torrell, Linda Leighbody

Class of 2028: Bev Barry, Kathy Toth

Parish Office Hours

Fri 9AM - 11AM

Cover Art Used With Permission

William Blake, The Lord Answers Job Out of the Whirlwind.
<http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=58942>