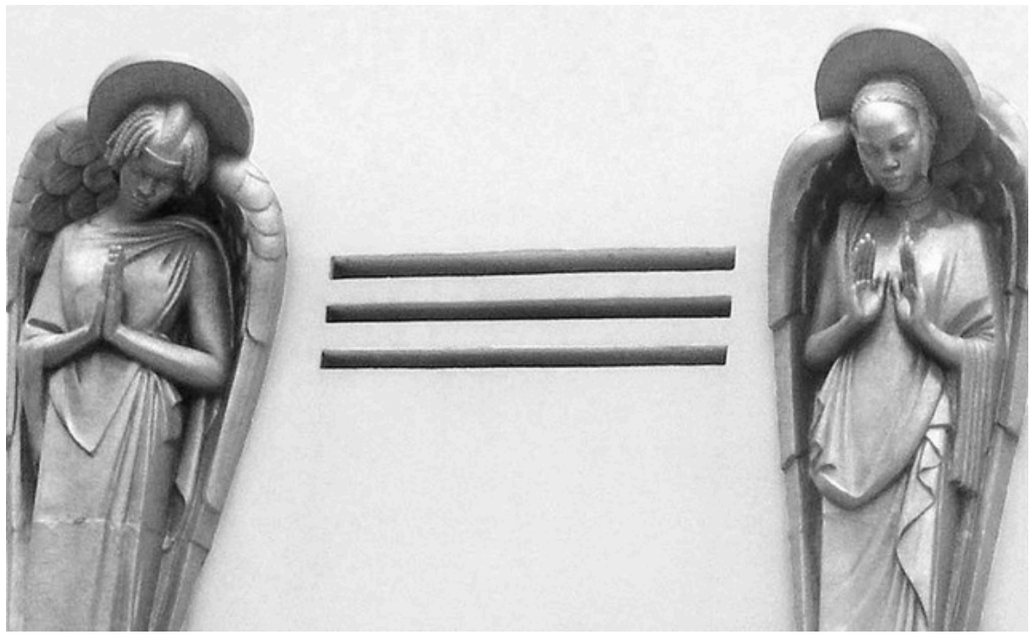
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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November 8, 2026
Twenty-Fourth 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) *Prelude & Fugue,* **JS Bach**

Entrance Hymn (10:30) Hymnal 68

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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 *Amos 5:18-24*

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:
Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

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

Psalm 70 **Deus, in adjutorium**

The psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

The Second Lesson *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Please stand, as you are able.

Sequence Hymn (10:30) Hymnal 632

Gospel Lesson *Matthew 25:1-13*

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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, Larry L., the MacIntyre family, Christine A., and Norm and Sharon D.

The Peace BCP 360

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

The Parish Announcements and Stewardship Speaker

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem (10:30) *Keep Your Lamps*

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

Sanctus (10:30) S-124

Agnus Dei (10:30) S-161

Communion Hymn (10:30) Hymnal 332

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

***People:* Amen.**

Hymn (10:30) Hymnal 73

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Organ Voluntary (10:30) *A Fancy*, **P Hurford**

Lectors

November 8, 2026
8:30 Paul Hojnacki
10:30 L1: Dottie Aikman
L2: Elaine Richau
PotP: Dottie Aikman

November 15, 2026
8:30 Nancy & Dale Cich
10:30 L1: Jennifer Snyder-Haas
L2: Marji Torrell
PotP: Jennifer Snyder-Haas

Calendar

11/8 The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)
10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music
11/11 Wednesday
10AM-2PM Food Pantry
6PM Worship Service with music
11/15 The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)
10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

Upcoming Events

12/6 Sunday
3PM to 4PM Pete's Pet Food Pantry
12/13 Sunday
Bishop Lane Visit

Announcements

Noisy Offering
Today Good Shepherd is having a "noisy offering" of loose change (or bills) to support youth ministry in the Diocese. Per Wendy Schumacher, Diocesan Youth and Youth Missioner, funds raised will be used for children and youth programming in the Diocese. As the program continues to expand and grow, funds will be used for new initiatives and scholarships.

Youth United in Ministry
Youth United in Ministry (YUM), a collaborative youth program for young people in 5th grade through high school, is meeting today from 4-8 p.m. at the Diocesan Center on Brighton Road in Tonawanda with Bishop Steve.

Great Lakes Coffee Roasters Fundraiser
This is your last chance to order coffee from our Great Lakes Coffee Roasters fundraiser. Ground coffee and K-cups are available in five varieties. This is a great way to support Good Shepherd and a local business at the same time. The QR code on the flyer will link you to the online ordering site. The Student receiving credit is you - the church member. Online orders end Monday, Nov 9. See Jennifer Snyder-Haas with any questions you might have, and thank you for your support!

St. Philip's Episcopal Church Harvest Festival
Our Good Shepherd family has been invited to join St. Philip's Episcopal Church for their Harvest Festival gathering on Sunday, Nov. 22 starting at 11:30 AM. There will be no coffee hour on that date after the 10:30 service. They will be providing the meal and tell us that "we don't need to bring anything except ourselves"! (For anyone still wishing to contribute, they would accept donations toward the cost of the gathering.) St. Philip's is located at 18 Sussex Street in Buffalo (a short 7-minute drive from Good Shepherd). Carpooling is recommended (just like at Good Shepherd) due to on-street parking. Contact Elaine Richau for more information.

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

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