THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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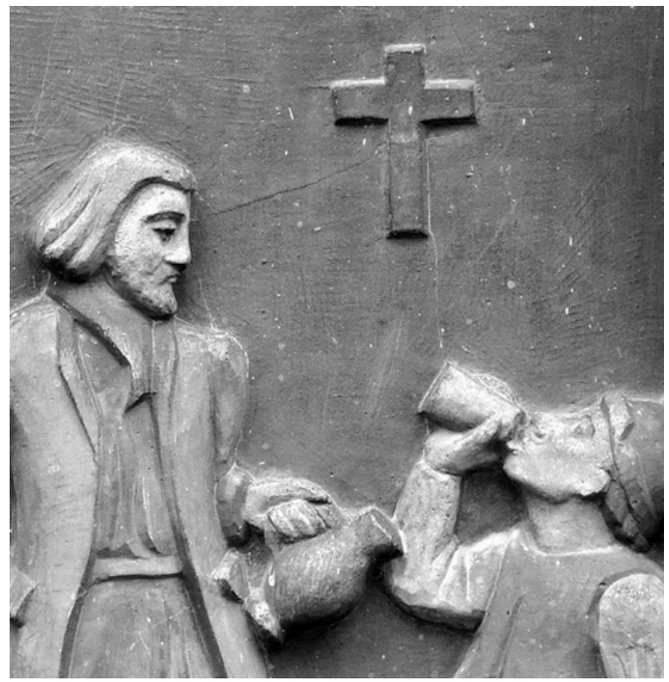
November 22, 2026
Last Sunday after Pentecost, Year A
8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II



"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) Harold Rholig

Entrance Hymn (10:30) Hymnal 365

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, 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. **Amen**.

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

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.

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

Psalm 95:1-7 **Venite, exultemus**

The psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

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*

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.

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

Please stand, as you are able.

Sequence Hymn (10:30) Hymn 630, vs 1-2, 5

Gospel Lesson *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."

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, Greg W., 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., Charley Lewis, and Norm and Sharon D., Kim L.

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) *O Jesus, King Most Wonderful,* **Leavitt/Giesieke**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

Sanctus (10:30) S-124

Agnus Dei (10:30) S-161

Communion Hymn (10:30) Hymnal 307

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 397

Dismissal

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

Postlude Organ Voluntary (10:30) *Postlude in a Classic Style*, **Young**

Lectors

November 22, 2026
8:30 Jesse Pyle
10:30 L1: Joe Spina
L2: Pat Lalonde
PotP: Joe Spina

November 29, 2026
10:30 L1: Pat Lalonde
L2: Marji Torrell
PotP: Bev Barry

Calendar

11/22 The Last Sunday after Pentecost
8:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)
10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music
11/25 Wednesday
10AM-2PM Food Pantry
6PM Worship Service with music
11/29 The First Sunday in Advent
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
12/20 Sunday
Decorate the church for Christmas (help is needed)
12/24 Thursday
4PM Christmas Eve Eucharist with choir
12/25 Friday
9AM Christmas Day Eucharist with music

Announcements

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. On-street parking is located on Fernhill Avenue (on the other side of the building from Sussex Avenue), and there is the Barnes Firm parking lot across Sussex Avenue from the church. Contact Elaine Richau for more information.

Thanksgiving
Join us on 11/25 at 6 PM for our Thanksgiving Eve service.

One of the best ways to thank God for all we have received is by sharing those blessings with our neighbors in need. Our church food pantry is in need of food items to help local families. As you do your grocery shopping, consider picking up some items to share.

Most needed items:

- Canned goods such as beans, vegetables, tuna fish, canned soup
- Peanut butter
- Boxed milk
- Grocery store gift cards
- Cash

Dropoff location: Church foyer bin and collection plate
Collection dates: Now thru Sunday November 29th

Thank you for your generosity, your heart for service and for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community this holiday season.

One service with choir at 10:00 AM starting 11/29/2026

After thoughtful input from parishioners and careful consideration, the Good Shepherd Vestry has voted to combine the existing 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday services into one service with choir at 10:00 AM starting 11/29/2026. The reasons for this change have been shared in previous emails, but the primary concern has always been for the safety of parishioners and clergy especially during the winter months. When a new rector is in place, the schedule of services will most likely be re-evaluated.

This Sunday 11/22/2026 - 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM services as usual
Next Sunday 11/29/2026 and going forward - 10:00 AM service only
Wednesday Evening 6:00 PM service remains unchanged

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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