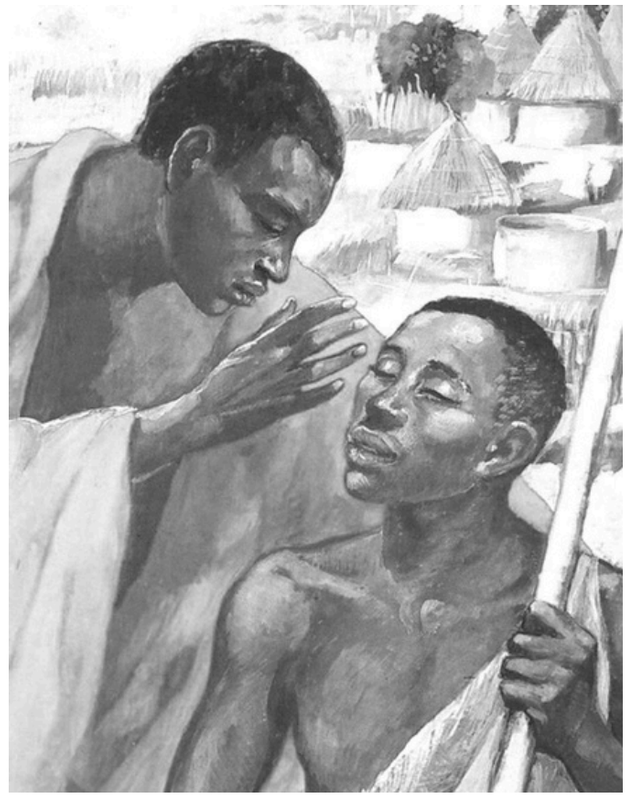
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October 25, 2026
The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, Year A
8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II



"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

Please welcome today's Celebrant, Rev. Cathy Dempesy-Sims,

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

Prelude Organ Voluntary (10:30) Herbert Sumsion

Entrance Hymn (10:30) Hymnal 388

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, 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**.

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson *Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18*

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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

Psalm 1 **Beatus vir qui non abiit**

The psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Second Lesson *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Please stand, as you are able.

Sequence Hymn (10:30) Hymnal 626

Gospel Lesson *Matthew 22:34-46*

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."
Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?
If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

The Sermon Rev. Cathy Dempesy-Sims
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) *What Wondrous Love is This*
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361
Sanctus (10:30) S-124
Agnus Dei (10:30) S-161
Communion Hymn (10:30) Hymnal 321

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 539

Dismissal

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

Postlude Organ Voluntary (10:30) *D minor,* **JS Bach**

Lectors

October 25, 2026
8:30 Paul Hojnacki
10:30 L1: Bev Barry
L2: Marji Torrell
PotP: Bev Barry

November 1, 2026
8:30 Nancy & David Van Baak
10:30 L1: Joe Spina
L2: Pat Lalonde
PotP: Joe Spina

Calendar

10/25 The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
8:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)
10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music
10/28 Wednesday
10AM-2PM Food Pantry
6PM Worship Service with music
11/1 The Twenty-Third 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)
Thank you for you generous donation to the United Thank Offering. The amount collected in the spring Ingathering was $455.14 and the fall Ingathering was $500.00 for a total offering of $955.14. Thank you, again, for supporting this ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church.

Dottie Aikman
UTO Coordinator

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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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