

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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September 6, 2026

The Fifteenth 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.

Please welcome Kathleen Bassett, our guest musician this morning.

Preloude (10:30)

Entrance Hymn (10:30) Hymnal 686

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
Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:33-40

Legem pone

The psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Second Lesson

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Please stand, as you are able.

Sequence Hymn (10:30)

Hymnal 7

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20

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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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: David Noller, Jim Cosbey, Darlene, Kim Greene, Nekka Scott, Samuel, Ibrahim, The Rev'd Canon Wadie Far, Beth Regan, Cynthia Lipsius Gembola, Carol Burns, Jim Bigaj, Chris Yeager, Amber B., Halsey VanLew, Jim Russo, Mimy* (pronounced MeMe) Butler, Father John Paul Boyer, Oliver Patterson, Frank C.

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 Piano Voluntary (10:30)

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus (10:30)

S-124

Agnus Dei (10:30)

S-161

Communion Hymn (10:30)

Hymnal 347

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 423

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary (10:30)

Lectors

September 6

8:30 Nancy & David Van Baak
10:30 L1: Jennifer Snyder-Haas
L2: Elaine Richau
PotP: Jennifer Snyder-Haas

September 13
8:30 Paul Hojnacki
10:30 L1: Dottie Aikman
L2: Pat Lalonde
PotP: Dottie Aikman

Calendar

9/6 The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)
10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music
9/9 Wednesday
10AM-2PM Food Pantry
6PM Worship Service with music
9/13 The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)
10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

Upcoming Events

9/6 Sunday
3PM to 4PM Pete’s Pet Food Pantry
9/19 Saturday
11:30 AM Day of Discernment

Announcements

Music Director
The Music Committee is pleased to announce that we have a new Music Director! Gail Shepherd has been hired and will start with us in October. She has extensive background in choral music direction, and we were all very impressed with her audition.

Prayer List Reset
The prayer list will be reset as of 10/1. All names will be removed. Please notify the office if you would like to keep someone on the prayer list after 10/1. Thank you.

Wednesday Service Time Change
Starting 9/2 the Wednesday service will begin at 6PM

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*

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

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