

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 11C)

July 20, 2025 – 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Our Mission: To know Christ and to make Christ's love known to others



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Welcome, Guests and Newcomers!

This is Christ's House. Come, you who feel weak and unworthy. Come, you who come often and you who have stayed away. Come, you who love Jesus, and you who wish you could. Come, sinners and saints, women, men, and gender non-conforming, gay and straight, young and old. Come, you who are lonely and long for friendship. Come, you who are homeless and you who have a place to rest your heads. Come, you who are citizens of this land and you who are not. Here you are citizens of the kingdom of God. Come join God's people at the feast prepared for you from the beginning of the world.

In addition to our weekly Sunday morning worship, we have been offering a variety of other online opportunities to connect—for people of all ages.

- Our website: goodshepherdfw.org.
- Our YouTube page: tinyurl.com/gsfwyoutube.
- Sign up for *The Shepherd's Crook*, our weekly newsletter, at tinyurl.com/goodshepemails.
- To go even deeper, join Realm, our online community of worshipers: onrealm.org/goodshepfw.
- Shortcut to Realm Resources for parishioners (password-protected): tinyurl.com/gsfwresources.

Recording and Streaming in Use

Recording and streaming in use: Please note that video cameras and microphones are capturing our 10:30 worship service, and that the resulting content is being transmitted online. Likewise, from time to time still photography of our worship services may be taken and used for church communications, websites, and other uses. By your presence within the worship space or on Zoom, you are indicating your consent to the possibility that your likeness may be captured and used in any of these ways. While video capture of congregants in the pews is relatively minimal, if you wish to guarantee you will not ever be depicted on video, the area toward the back of the pew seating area is unable to be picked up on camera.

Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that the Church of the Good Shepherd sits on a seasonal campground of the <u>Puyallup</u> (<u>puyallup-tribe.com</u>) and <u>Coast Salish People</u>, who have lived on and stewarded these lands for thousands of years and continue to do so today. We recognize that this land acknowledgement is one small step toward true allyship, and we commit to uplifting the voices, experiences, and histories of the Indigenous people of this land and beyond.

How can you make this Land Acknowledgment more than a performative gesture? Go to the tribe's news website (<u>https://news.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov/</u>) and sign up for their newsletter. Notice what issues are important to the Puyallup people and decide how you can begin to forge a learning relationship.

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Today's Service Ministers

Presider: The Rev. Josh Hosler Guest Clergy: The Rev. Prof. George Kiarie, The Rev. Simon Kingori, The Rev. David Mariga Organist/Pianist: Don Ramage Cantor: Jen Hewitt

July 20	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Tech Team		Dina Johnson, Bob Neal
Zoom Usher		Gay Neal
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First Lector	Beth Shoemaker	Don Van Blaricom
Second Lector/Intercessor	Shannon Molina	Sarah Hosler
Acolytes		Miles Drake, Eddie Drake
Eucharistic Ministers		Carole Loudenback, Alisa Johnson
Altar Guild		Sherri Jarvey
Flowers		Linda Butcher
Counters		Mary Aronen, Dina Johnson
Coffee Hour		Lady Bridget Akparanta, Rani Rose
Vestry Person of the Month (Lockup)		Bob Neal

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HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite Two The Liturgy of the Word

At the 8:00 service, we skip all musical portions or, where indicated, read the text of them.

Processional Hymn: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (The Hymnal 1982 #490)





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The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. *People:* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Collect for Purity

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

At the 8:00 service, we speak the text instead of singing it.





Music: A New Mass for Congregations, Carroll T. Andrews, © 1970, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you. *People:* **And also with you.** *Presider:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our lack of understanding we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Our readings from the Bible each week usually include one from the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures; a Psalm; one from the New Testament or Christian Scriptures; and a reading from one of the four Gospels, the accounts of the life of Jesus.

First Lesson (Amos 8:1-12)

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Amos.

This is what the Lord GOD showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me,

"The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by.
The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," says the Lord GOD;
"the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!"
Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

... Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches. *People:* Thanks be to God.

Psalm 52

At 8:00, the first lector invites us to read the text of the psalms as follows:

Let us pray the psalm responsively by verse.

At 10:30, the congregation is invited to sing along with the cantor or choir.



- 1 You tyrant, why do you boast of **wickedness** against the godly all day **long**?
- 2 You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened **razor**, O worker of de**ception**.
- 3 You love evil more than **good** and lying more than speaking the **truth**.
- 4 You love all words that **hurt**, O you deceitful **tongue**.
- 5 Oh, that God would demolish you **utterly**, topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the **living**!

Second Lesson (Colossians 1:1–15–28)

6 The righteous shall see and **tremble**, and they shall laugh at him, **saying**,

- 7 "This is the one who did not take God for a **refuge**, but trusted in great wealth and relied upon **wickedness**."
- 8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of **God**; I trust in the mercy of God for ever and **ever.**
- (second half of chant)
- *9 I will give you thanks for what you have **done** and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the **godly**.

Lector: A reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

... Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches. *People:* Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands as able.



Gradual Hymn: Lord of All Hopefulness (The Hymnal 1982 #482)

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The Gospel (Luke 10:38-42)

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke. *People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

The Sermon (The Rev. Josh Hosler)

Sermon audio is recorded and made available on our Spotify podcast.

The Nicene Creed

The congregation stands as able. This statement of belief dates from the 4th century. Here we use it as a prayer. In our post-Enlightenment times, it is helpful to think of the word "believe" not as meaning merely "I intellectually assent," but rather, "I place my trust."

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Every week we pray, using a variety of liturgies, for the world, the church, and those in need. We offer prayers of thanks, and we remember those who have died. We maintain two channels of organized petitionary prayer, the **Prayer List** and the **Prayer Chain**.

Prayer List: To have a name read aloud for prayer during our Sunday services on a temporary or ongoing basis, contact the Rev. Josh Hosler at <u>rector@goodshepherdfw.org</u>. A link to this list can be found in the Shepherd's Crook email.

Prayer Chain: To have a name and a concern emailed to a small group of designated parishioners for one-time, immediate prayer, contact Alisa Johnson at <u>alisajohnson@hotmail.com</u>.

Deacon: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Intercessor: For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Good Shepherd Altar Guild; for St. Hilda-St. Patrick, Edmonds; and for the Church of Pakistan United, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop Phil, for our Presiding Bishop Sean, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President Donald, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who work to preserve democracy and human rights, including those who risk much to oppose our elected officials, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Federal Way, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those on our congregation's prayer list and all those on whom we bestow our concern and care . . .

Pause for spoken or silent prayers from the congregation.

... let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed; for the unemployed and the destitute; for prisoners and captives, especially those being held in the Northwest Detention Center; and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed ...

Pause for spoken or silent prayers from the congregation.

... let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you": Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

A Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) *N.* as *they* begin *[s]* another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their lives*; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offertory

Presider: Walk in love as Christ loves us and gives himself for us. In thanksgiving for the offering of his life, we bring the fruits of our labor to invest in one another and in the world.



The congregation may be seated until the final verse of the offertory hymn or until motioned to stand.

To make a gift today using your mobile device, scan the QR code on the left ... or drop a check in the offering plate ... or mail a check to the Church of the Good Shepherd, P.O. Box 3108, Federal Way, WA 98063.

On the third Sunday of each month, offerings not otherwise designated are contributed to the Rector's and Deacon's Discretionary Funds, which are used to help people in immediate need (parishioners or otherwise) or to assist new, as-yet-unbudgeted ministry opportunities.

We give not to "pay for the show," but as a spiritual practice of participation for the good of the world and of our souls. The Church of the Good Shepherd is able to operate because of the pledges of its members. We strongly encourage all members to make an annual pledge, no matter how large or small.

Offertory Music: Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (*Lift Every Voice and Sing* #18) Led by Jan Barber and friends

Refrain:

Swing low, sweet chariot, Coming for to carry me home. Swing low, sweet chariot, Coming for to carry me home.

1 looked over Jordan, and what did I see?Coming for to carry me homeA band of angels coming after me,Coming for to carry me home. (*Refrain*)

2 If you get there before I do, Coming for to carry me home. Tell all my friends I'm coming too, Coming for to carry me home. (*Refrain*)

3 The brightest day that ever I saw Coming for to carry me home. When Jesus wash'd my sins away, Coming for to carry me home. (*Refrain*)

4 I'm sometimes up and sometimes down, Coming for to carry me home. But still my soul feels heavenly bound, Coming for to carry me home. (*Refrain*)

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1 (Enriching Our Worship)



Presider: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:





Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and you prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. *Presider:* Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

The Lord's Prayer

At 8:00:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

At 10:30:





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The Breaking of the Bread

Silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. *People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

At 10:30:

Fraction Anthem: As You Break Bread Among Us (J. Hosler)



The verses are sung by the cantor.

1. I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Now our feet are standing within the gates. Let us go in with gladness. **REFRAIN**

Now we are alive in Christ and dwell with the Lord.
 The Lord has spread a feast for us. Let us go in and eat. REFRAIN

3. Now your joy is within us, that our joy may be complete. Now we may abide in you, as you abide in us. **REFRAIN** Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God: holy things for holy people.

Holy Communion is Christians' weekly participation in the death and resurrection of Christ, so it properly flows from the vows made at our baptism. Even so, all are invited to the table: the baptized of any Christian denomination who have committed to follow Jesus Christ, and any guests at Jesus' table. If you are not baptized and would like to begin to explore the possibility, please reach out to Pastor Josh.

If you require gluten-free bread, tell the priest when he comes to you and it will be provided. To abstain from Holy Communion, cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would prefer that the priest bless you. In addition, it has always been our understanding that those who receive communion in only one kind (bread or wine) have received communion in the fullest sense.

Communion Hymn: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (The Hymnal 1982 #664)



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23. Music: Resignation, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Those who cannot be with us on-site to receive Holy Communion may wish to add this private prayer:

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united with you and with the Body of Christ. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you and to your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me; may I live and die in your love. Amen.

Sending Out Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are to be sent to some who could not attend in person today, this prayer follows at the end of Holy Communion. Please stand as able.

Presider: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. *People:* We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.

Post-Communion Prayer

The congregation stands as able.

Presider: Let us pray.

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sending Song: Ngai ti wa Maheni Led by Emmanuel All Nations Episcopal Church

The Dismissal

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

At this point our livestream ends. Coffee, snacks, and ongoing conversation are available after the 10:30 service in Seaman Hall. You can get there by going down the stairs at the rear of the worship space or by walking around the front of the building down a gently sloping path through the garden.

What's Happening at Good Shepherd?

Because our service leaflet is posted on the Web for all to see, we don't print here parishioners' personal contact information. Members of Good Shepherd are given a printed parish directory. If you'd like to participate in something but don't know how to contact the appropriate person, please contact the church office at office@goodshepherdfw.org.

Upcoming Survey: Updating Good Shepherd's Mission Statement

Help develop a new mission statement for Good Shepherd! A team including Darren Anderson, Mary Aronen, Karen White, Evan Hershman, and Pastor Josh has developed a parishioner survey to gather everyone's thoughts and ideas on defining Good Shepherd's mission.

You will be able to complete the survey either online, at a link that will be provided, or using a paper version that will be available in the narthex. Watch for the online link beginning next week in the Shepherd's Crook and the Sunday bulletin.

After the initial survey period, and taking everyone's thoughts into account, a group of drafters will devise potential new mission statements, and a second wave of surveys will collect opinions on them. This will happen around mid-October.

In December, the drafting group will craft the final version of a new mission statement for Good Shepherd, which will be approved by the Vestry. And finally, the new mission statement will be presented to the congregation at the 2026 Annual Meeting in January.

Any questions about this process? Contact Karen White to learn more.

Interdenominational Bible Study

Sundays through August 24, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Gathering Room (in the Education Building)

Join **Pastor Simon Kamau** and friends from several other churches, all summer long, to spend time with Holy Scripture.

Why Christian? Why Episcopalian?

Wednesdays through September 3 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Over the course of eight summer evenings, walk with **the Rev. Josh Hosler** and friends to explore the meanings of baptism and its implications for our lives as Christians. All are invited; this course also prepares people for baptism, confirmation, or formal reception into the Episcopal Church. Missing some weeks for vacation time is absolutely permissible. **RSVP to Pastor Josh.**

Kiwanis Salmon Bake

Friday, July 25, 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Steel Lake Park

For the third year in a row, Good Shepherd will have a booth at this lively community event. Join us for a shift, to share conversations with curious folks about the Episcopal Church and Good Shepherd. Questions? Contact Nancy Krueger.

Facilities Work Parties

July 26 and August 23 at 9:00 a.m.

The Facilities Committee invites you to attend either or both of its upcoming work parties, and join in maintaining and beautifying our church grounds. A variety of tasks, indoors and outdoors, are typically available. Questions? Contact **Jane Hughes**.

Rally at the Northwest Detention Center

1623 East J St., Tacoma

Saturday, July 26 at 1:00 p.m.

Join a crew from Good Shepherd and many other people of faith to demand an end to the Northwest Detention Center, a site for ICE processing that is owned and run by the for-profit GEO Group. When we gather outside and chant loudly, those being held on the inside can hear us. These rallies have been going on for some time and have been physically safe, but do bring water, dress for the sun, and be prepared to park some distance away. Questions? Contact **the Rev. Anna Lynn.**

New Member Welcome

Sunday, July 27

If you're new(-ish) to Good Shepherd and have not been formally welcomed as a new member but would like to be—please speak with Pastor Josh about joining this summer's cohort. This welcome does not represent a formal change in denomination, but simply a public opportunity to be recognized as a regular worshiper. New members are also invited to make a financial pledge and to seek involvement in the ministries of the church. We do this formal welcome twice a year, but it is not required; any baptized person can become a member at any time. Questions? Contact **Pastor Josh.**

Women's Retreat 2025: How We Learn to Be Brave

September 19–21

Join us at the Episcopal Sacred Waters Retreat Center for a weekend of brave conversations, laughter, great food, and even better fellowship and worship. We will explore the thoughts and stories of the Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde in her exciting and courageous book *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith.* Bishop Budde bravely stood up to political forces that used St. John's Church as a backdrop to inflame national division and violence after the killing of George Floyd. She was brave when it counted, and believes we each have all the raw material we would ever need to live with courage and purpose in our own decisive moments.

The cost of the three days is an all-inclusive \$250. Scholarships are available as needed; contact **Mary Aronen** for details. You can register on Realm, see **Alisa Johnson** for a registration form, or pick up a form in the church office during open hours.