

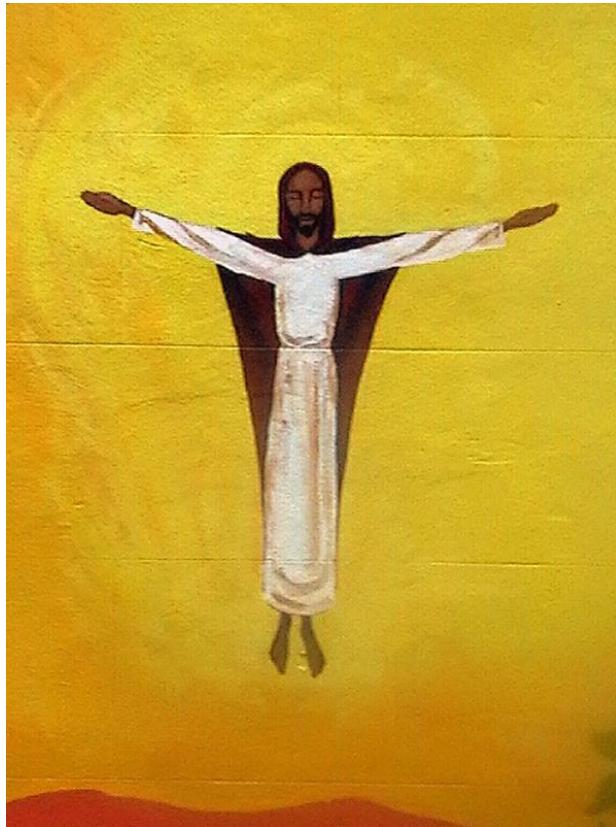


The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year A)

May 17, 2026 – 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Good Shepherd
1:00 p.m. – Emmanuel All Nations



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*The Church of the Good Shepherd practices inclusion, inspires healing,
and promotes justice as we journey with Christ in love.*

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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 consistently offer a variety of other 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 worshippers: onrealm.org/goodshepfw.
- Shortcut to Realm Resources for parishioners (password-protected): tinyurl.com/gsfwresources.
- Make a financial pledge to Good Shepherd for 2026: tinyurl.com/pledgegoodshep2026.

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 [Puyallup \(puyallup-tribe.com\)](https://puyallup-tribe.com) and [Coast Salish People](https://coast.salishpeople.com), 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 (<https://news.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov/>) 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.

HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite Two

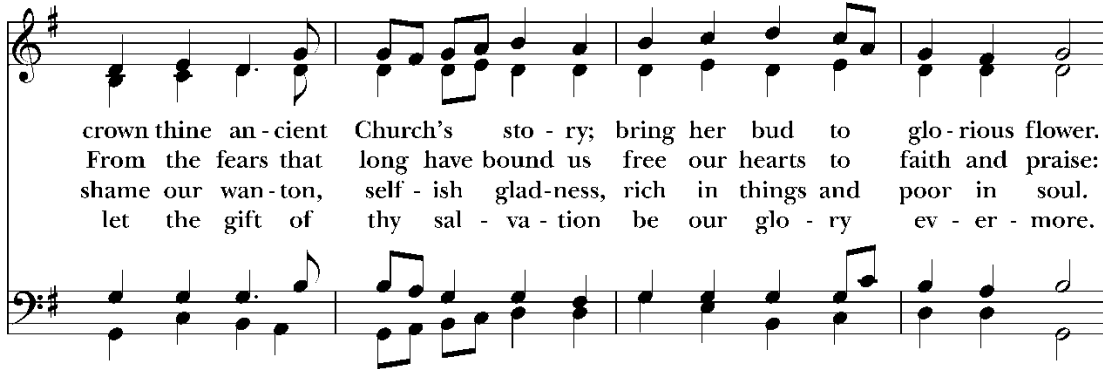
The Liturgy of the Word

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

Processional Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory (*The Hymnal 1982 #594*)



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;



crowns thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.



Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -



hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt. By permission of the author. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).

The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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 (Hymnal #S-280)

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

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Our readings from the Bible each week 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 (Acts 1:6–14)

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

... Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

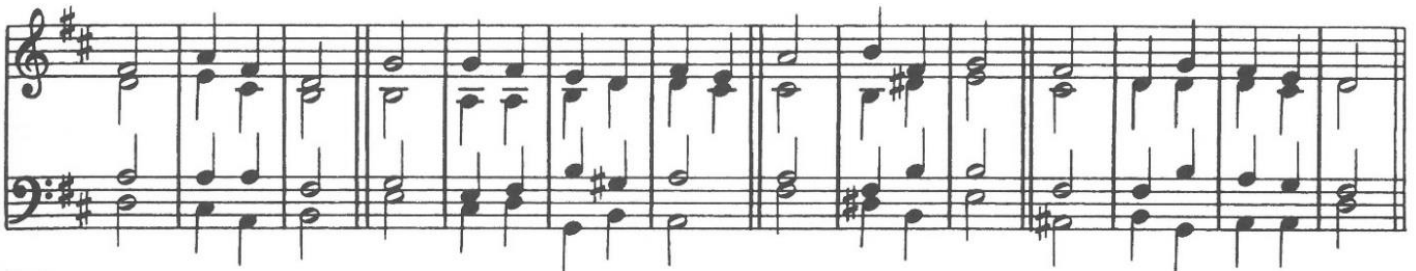
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68:1–10, 33–36

At 8:00, the first lector invites us to read the text 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 Let God arise, and let his ^{enemies} be ^{scattered}; *
let those who ^{hate} him ^{flee} be ^{before} him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind ^{drives} it a ^{way}; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked ^{perish} at the
^{presence} of ^{God}.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and re^{joice} before ^{God}; *
let them ^{also} be ^{merry} and ^{joyful}.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who ^{rides} upon the ^{heavens}; *
YAHWEH is his ^{Name}, re^{joice} be ^{before} him!
- 5 Father of orphans, de^{fender} of ^{widows}, *
God in his ^{holy} ^{habitation}!
- 6 God gives the ^{solitary} a home and brings forth prisoners ^{into} ^{freedom}; *
but the ^{rebels} shall ^{live} in dry ^{places}.
- 7 O God, when you went forth be ^{before} your ^{people}, *
when you ^{marched} ^{through} the ^{wilderness},
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the ^{God} of ^{Sinai}, *
at the presence of ^{God}, the ^{God} of ^{Israel}.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon ^{your} in^{heritance}; *
you refreshed the ^{land} when ^{it} was ^{wear}y.
- 10 Your people ^{found} their ^{home} in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have ^{made} pro^{vision} for the ^{poor}.
- 33 Sing to God, O ^{kingdoms} of the ^{earth}; *
sing ^{praises} ^{to} the ^{Lord}.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ^{ancient} ^{heavens}; *
he sends forth his ^{voice}, his ^{mighty} ^{voice}.
- 35 Ascribe ^{power} to ^{God}; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his ^{strength} is ⁱⁿ the ^{skies}.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his ^{holy} ^{places}! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
^{Blessèd} ^{bè} ^{God}!

Second Lesson (1 Peter 4:12–14, 5:6–11)

Lector: A reading from the first Letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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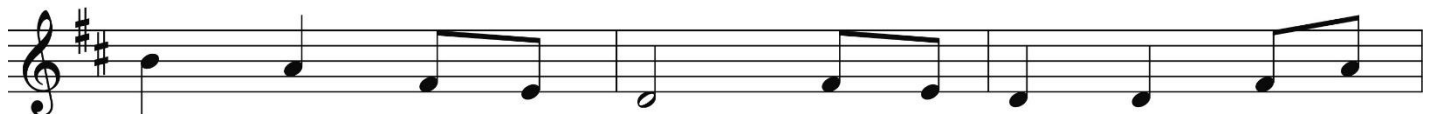
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands as able.

Gradual Hymn: Jesus Promises Communion (*Worship* 4th ed. #817)



1. Je - sus prom - is - es com - mun - ion So that
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, come de - light us With a
3. God, we of - fer our thanks - giv - ing For the



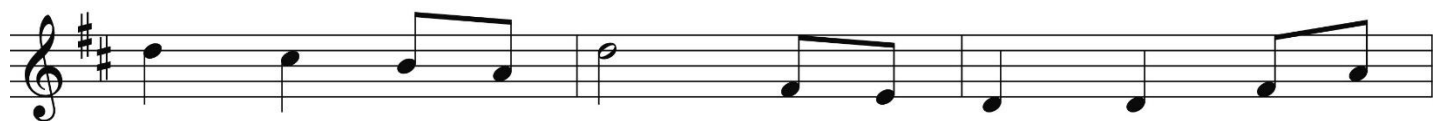
we might live as one, Blessed with - in the great re -
taste of heav - en's peace; In this Eu - cha - rist u -
gift of com - mon creed; And the Gos - pel way of



un - ion In the bod - y of God's Son. Taste and
 nite us As our lone - ly hun - gers cease. Bring to -
 liv - ing Form - ing faith in word and deed. For we



see with one an - oth - er Bread of
 geth - er all who wan - der From the
 share this ho - ly vi - sion Where your



life and cup of joy; We are called to love each
 feast you con - se - crate, And re - store that grace we
 Church can sing "A - men": Christ, who died and now is



oth - er, Build - ing up what sins de - stroy.
 squan - der With di - vi - sions we cre - ate.
 ris - en, Lives in us and comes a - gain.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b.1979, © 2009, GIA Publications, Inc.
 Tune: NETTLETON, 8 7 8 7 D; Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813

The Gospel (John 17:1–11)

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon (*The Rev. Joseph Peters-Mathews*)

Sermon audio is recorded and made available on our website.

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 rector@goodshepherdfw.org. This list is published in Realm Resources for you to use in your private devotions; the link appears 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 alisajohnson@hotmail.com.*

Deacon: O Risen Christ, meet us at your empty tomb. Baffle and astound us with your love, most especially in the places we would never dream of seeing you. Invite us to live our whole lives as a prayer, that when we see you again in all your glory, we will know you by the sound of your voice.

Intervenor: We pray for your church throughout the world. Gather us back together in your love, reorienting us to the ways of self-giving and reconciliation that it is the church's mission to share with the world. We give thanks for **Karen Dobbs**, on the occasion of her reception into the Episcopal Church on April 25 at St. Mark's Cathedral.

Pause for additional prayers

Intervenor: Sanctify us in truth, O Christ,

People: **For your word is truth.**

Intervenor: We pray for our nation, a troubled place struggling to remember its highest ideals. Where we have splintered into factions, reassemble us into a people eager to share generously the bounty of which we are capable. Where we have hardened ourselves in fear and given ground to the forces of cruelty, call us to repentance, that all who live here can be welcomed and celebrated.

Pause for additional prayers

Intercessor: Sanctify us in truth, O Christ,

People: **For your word is truth.**

Intercessor: We pray for our world, your first gift of joy and wonder to all your earthly creatures. In a time of dryness and disillusionment, reenchant us, that in eagerness we may respect the dignity of every human being and gladly give of ourselves that all may thrive in the glory of your love.

Pause for additional prayers

Intercessor: Sanctify us in truth, O Christ,

People: **For your word is truth.**

Intercessor: We pray for our community of Federal Way and all the communities from which we hail. In a transient society of lost and isolated people, help us reidentify as those who depend on one another to share fulfillment and happiness. Give us good work to do, that we may serve the common good with joy.

Pause for additional prayers

Intercessor: Sanctify us in truth, O Christ,

People: **For your word is truth.**

Intercessor: We pray for those who suffer and those in any need or trouble, including those here among us today.

The Deacon shares the names of those on our prayer list and invites additional names.

Intercessor: We pray for those who have died, trusting that for them now, there is no more appropriate word than “Hallelujah.”

The Deacon shares the names of those who have died and invites additional names.

Intercessor: Just as you returned from the grave to reassure your friends, O Christ, send us out to reengage in community and bear one another’s burdens, that in you all our grief and despair may be healed.

Intercessor: Sanctify us in truth, O Christ,

People: **For your word is truth.**

Presider: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy.

We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **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: Reconciled to one another, let us bring our gifts to God. Let us offer our whole selves on this altar, for it has become a table richly laid for the entire world. Come share joyfully in Christ's eternal feast.

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

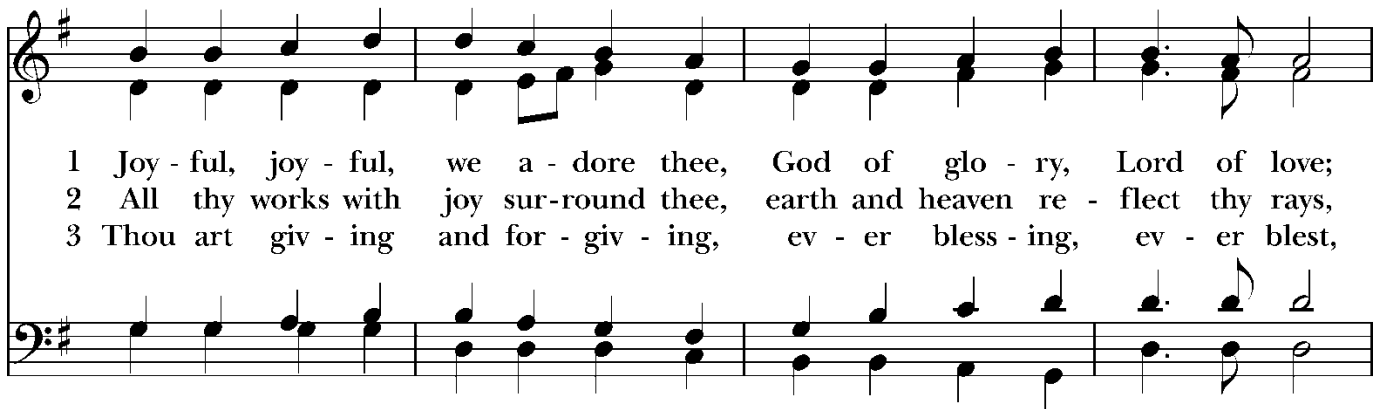


To make a gift today (not a pledge for 2026) using your mobile device, scan the QR code on the left ... or drop a check in the offering plate ... or mail a check to the Church of the Good Shepherd, P.O. Box 3108, Federal Way, WA 98063.

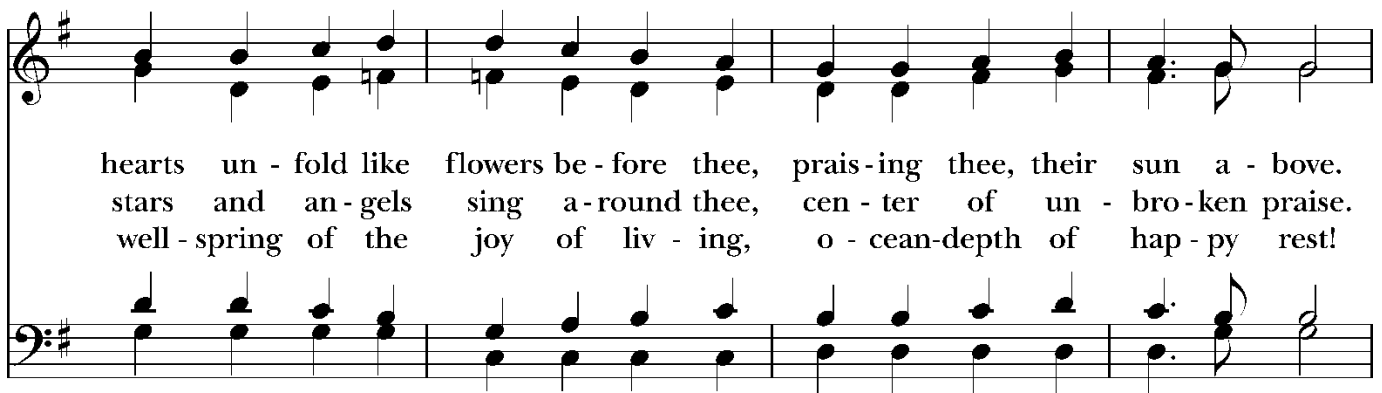
On the third Sunday of each month, offerings not otherwise designated are contributed to the Rector's and Deacon's Discretionary Funds, which are used to help people in immediate need (parishioners or otherwise) or to assist new, as-yet-unbudgeted ministry opportunities.

*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. **To make a pledge today for 2026,** use the pledge card found in your pew or go to <https://tinyurl.com/pledgegoodshep2026>.*

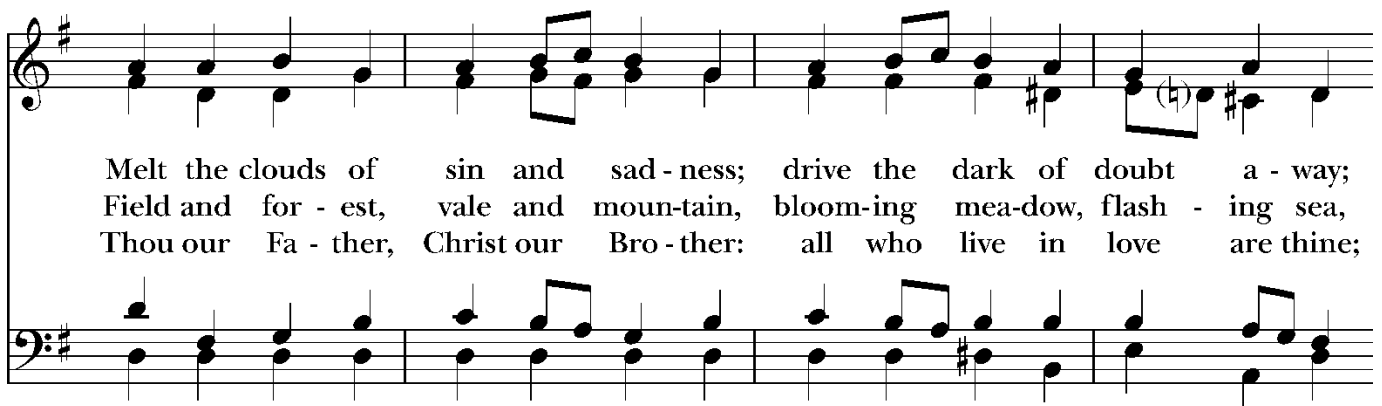
Offertory Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (*The Hymnal 1982* #376)



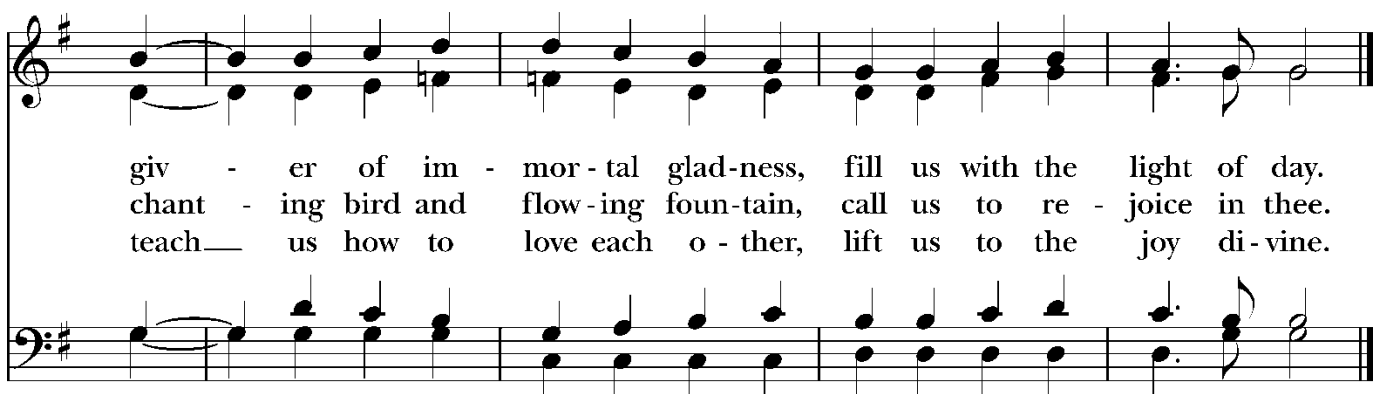
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

Presider: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus (Hymnal #S-125)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
People: **We celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.**

Presider: Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy

Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Presider: God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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:

Our Fath-er in Heav-en, Ho-ly is your name. Your king - dom
come, your will be done on earth as it is in_ Heav - en.
Give us this day our dai - ly_ bread and for-give us our sins. For-give us our sins as
we for-give those who have sinned a-gainst us. And save us from the time of trial.

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For yours is the king-dom. Yours is the glo-ry for - ev-er and ev-er. A-

men.____ Yours is the king-dom. Yours is the glo-ry for - ev - er and

ev-er. A - men,____ for - ev-er and ev-er. A - men.____

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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)

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1st time cantor;
subsequent times, congregation

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As you break bread a - mong us, burn

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in our hearts, Lord Je - sus. As you Je - sus.

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**

2. 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. Take them in remembrance that Christ destroyed death for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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: I Will Not Leave You Comfortless (Everett Titcomb)
Sung by the Good Shepherd choir.

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.**

The Easter Blessing

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and adopted us through the resurrection of Christ our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of God's blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: The Day of Resurrection (*The Hymnal 1982 #210*)

Descant

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,
1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;
the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,
From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.
our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Ellacombe*, melody from *Gesangbuch..der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen katolischen Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt.; adapt. *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Cyril Winn (1884-1973). Descant by permission of Oxford University Press.

The Dismissal

Presider: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

At this point our livestream ends. Coffee, snacks, and ongoing conversation are available after each service.

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.

Pastor Josh's Vacation Dates

Pastor Josh will be away from the office through May 19. **On May 3, 10, and 17**, our supply priest will be **the Rev. Joseph Peters-Mathews**.

Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Curious parishioners are always welcome to attend these monthly meetings of our governing board, which take place in Seaman Hall. The vestry is the governing board of the parish, with responsibility for temporal affairs such as budgets, buildings, legal matters, etc., and aids and support the Rector in all efforts for the spiritual welfare and growth of the parish. Questions? Contact **Pastor Josh**.

Midweek Bible Study

Thursdays, 10:30-11:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room

This group picks a book of the Bible to read straight through and discuss. Currently we are reading the Book of Job. Questions? Contact **Pastor Josh**.



The Baptism of Thomas Ashford Jowenson

The Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 24, 10:30 a.m.

On the fiftieth and final day of the Easter season, we mark the coming of the Holy Spirit to give birth to the Church. This year we will baptize Thomas Jowenson, making him the world's newest Christian! It is traditional to **wear red** on Pentecost.

Potluck: Spring Into Summer

Sunday, May 31 after the 10:30 service

Join our church family after the 10:30 a.m. service on May 31 to celebrate moving from "Spring into Summer"! Please bring your favorite spring or summer potluck dish to share! The Fellowship Committee will be providing fun beverages and a few dishes to get the party going! See you then!

All-Parish Meeting on Property Redevelopment

Sunday, June 14 at 9:00 a.m.

We are now sharing our architect's conceptual drawings of our accessibility project with contractors. And we are continuing conversations with Habitat for Humanity in the hope of selling the South Lot to them. Come learn more from the Property Redevelopment Task Force about where we stand and what our next steps are, and bring your questions and concerns.

Facilities Work Party

Saturday, June 20, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The Facilities Team invites you to spend a couple hours helping to maintain and beautify our buildings and grounds. Projects this time will include power-washing moss from the pavement, trimming branches around the Shepherd's Hut, and repainting the old nursery to convert it to an office for Father George Kiarie of Emmanuel All Nations.

Good Shepherd Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leadership

The Rt. Rev. Phil LaBelle, *Bishop* (bishop@ecww.org)
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Today's Service Ministers

Presider/Preacher: The Rev. Joseph Peters-Mathews
Deacon: The Rev. Anna Lynn
Organist: Alan Lynch
Cantor: Alana O'Donnell

May 17	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Tech Team		Dina Johnson, Bob Neal
Ushers		Linda Butcher, Tracie Manolides
Altar Guild		Sherri Jarvey
Flowers		Linda Butcher
Worship Assistant	Judith Perkins	
First Lector	Nancy Krueger	Alisa Kincade
Second Lector/Intercessor	Judith Perkins	Dilcia Brent
Eucharistic Ministers		Anna Lynn, Betsy Grabinski, Jess Isenberg
Coffee Hour	Meg and Christopher Stone	Rani Rose, Lee Hitzeman
Counters		Linda Butcher, Dina Johnson

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