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The Feast of Creation in Christ

September 6, 2026 – 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Good Shepherd
1:00 p.m. – Emmanuel All Nations



...bring forth fowl and beast 5/10 E. Herrel '100

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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 worshipers: 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.

The Feast of Creation in Christ: A Great Mystery, a Great Gift

"We invite the entire Christian world to offer... every year on this day prayers and supplications to the Maker of all, both as thanksgiving for the great gift of Creation and as petitions for its protection and salvation."

—Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios, 1 September 1989

The "Feast of Creation" – also known as "Feast of Creation in Christ," "Creation Day," or "Creation Sunday" – is celebrated by many Christian churches on September 1 or the subsequent Sunday.

Grounded in an ancient liturgical tradition of the Eastern Orthodox Church, this is a day to praise the Triune God as Creator and commemorate the great mystery that everything was created through Christ. And, as a result, it also inspires us to care for the gift of the created world — which is why it is also celebrated as a "World Day of Prayer for Creation" and as the opening of the extended "Season of Creation."

The Consultation on Common Texts is an ecumenical consultation of liturgical scholars and denominational representatives from the United States and Canada who produce liturgical texts and curate a three-year lectionary in common use by Christian churches worldwide. They have officially added the Feast of Creation in Christ to the Revised Common Lectionary that we share with many other denominations. This is a major ecumenical milestone: it's the first time a new feast has been adopted by the common lectionary since its release in 1974.

While our General Convention has not yet formally approved its use, Pastor Josh received permission from Bishop Phil's office to celebrate it today. You can learn more at feastofcreation.com.



Photo by Pastor Josh, Quepos, Costa Rica 2025

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: All Creatures of Our God and King (*The Hymnal 1982* #400)



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Opening Acclamation

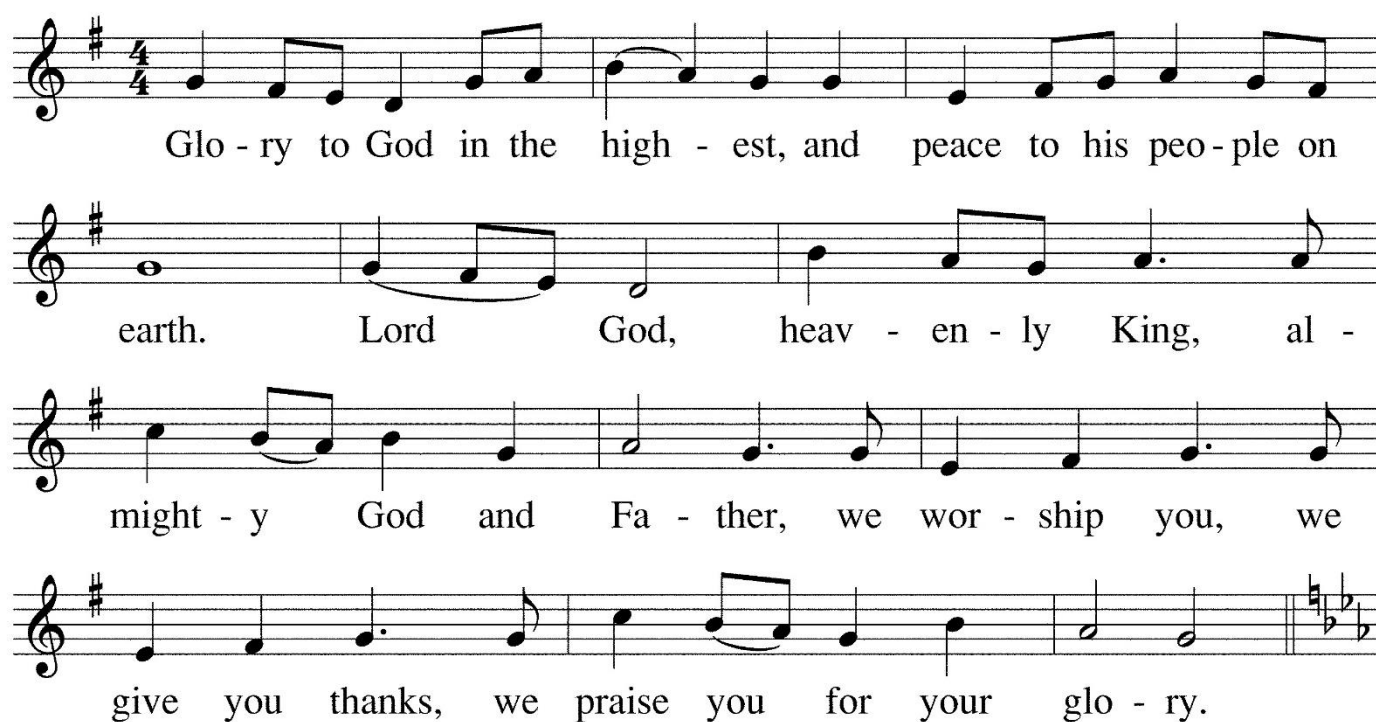
Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

The Collect for Purity

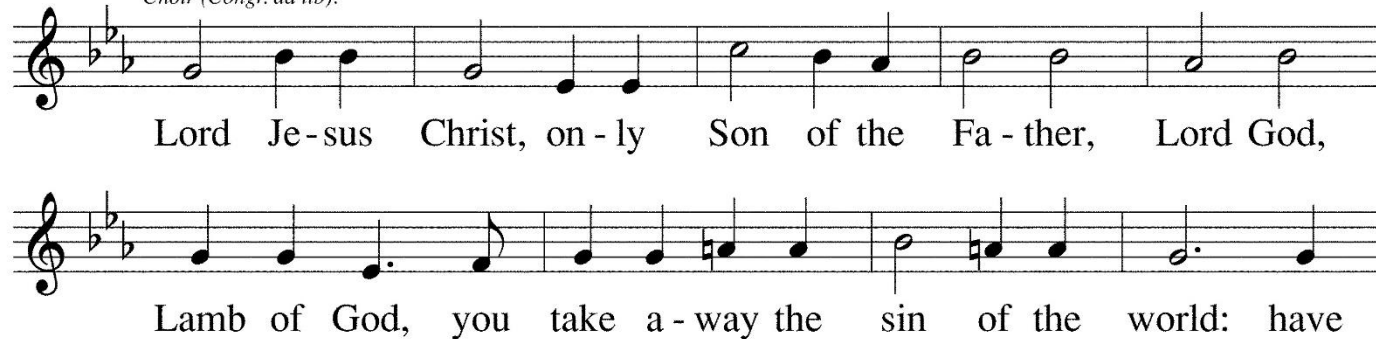
Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria (Carroll T. Andrews)



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Choir (Congr. ad lib):



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have

mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

All:

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.

O Creator and Potter of all, you formed the earth and shaped our lives with care. When we distort your design, you do not discard but reshape in mercy. Mold us to be caretakers of your creation, humble, responsive, and full of hope. Let our lives reflect your restoring hands, through Christ, who makes all things new. **Amen.**

Source: Anglican Church of Southern Africa

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 (Genesis 2:4–25)

Lector: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground—then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148:1–14

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; a lector reads the verses.



1 Hallelujah!

Praise the ¹LORD from the ¹heavens; *
— ¹praise him ¹in the ¹heights.

2 Praise him, ¹all you ¹angels of his; *
— ¹praise him, ¹all his ¹host.

3 Praise him, ¹sun and ¹moon; *
praise him, ¹all you ¹shining ¹stars.

4 Praise him, ¹heaven of ¹heavens, *
and you ¹waters a ¹bove the ¹heavens.

5 Let them praise the ¹Name of the ¹LORD; *
for he com ¹manded, and ¹they were cre ¹ated.

6 He made them stand fast for ¹ever and ¹ever; *
he gave them a law which ¹shall not ¹pass a ¹way.

7 Praise the ¹LORD from the ¹earth, *
you ¹sea-monsters and ¹äll ¹deeps;

- 8 Fire and hail, 'snow and 'fog, *
tempestuous 'wind, 'doing his 'will;
- 9 Mountains and 'äll 'hills, *
— 'fruit trees and 'äll 'cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and 'äll 'cattle, *
creeping 'things and 'wingèd 'birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and 'äll 'peoples, *
princes and all 'rulers 'of the 'world;
- 12 Young 'men and 'maidens, *
— 'old and 'young to 'gether.
- 13 Let them praise the 'Name of the 'LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is 'over 'earth and 'heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his 'loyal 'servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are 'near him.
'Halle 'lujah!

Second Lesson (Acts 17:22–28)

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’”

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands as able.

Gradual Hymn: Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (*Ritual Song #917*)

1. Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, For when
2. As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er In the
3. All our meals and all our liv - ing Make as

hum - bly in your name, Two or
name of Christ to sup, Then with
sac - ra - ments of you, That by

three are met to - geth - er, You are in the
thanks to God the Fa - ther Break the bread and
car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing, We may be dis -

midst of them; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
So now bind our friend - ship up.
We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936, alt., © Oxford University Press

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The Gospel (John 1:1–5)

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

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 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: Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always. In the beginning,

All: **God was.**

Deacon: Here and now,

All: **God is.**

Deacon: In the future,

All: **God will be.**

Intercessor: Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us, that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth; and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

Silence for our own prayers

God, Giver of life,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

Silence for our own prayers

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

Silence for our own prayers

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being.

Silence for our own prayers

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

Silence for our own prayers

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

Silence for our own prayers

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.

Silence for our own prayers

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures.

Silence for our own prayers

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help.

Silence for our own prayers

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died.

Silence for our own prayers

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Presider:

Holy God, you alone are unutterable, from the time you created all things that can be spoken of. You alone are unknowable, from the time you created all things that can be known. All things cry out about you: those that speak, and those that cannot speak. All things honor you: those that think, and those that cannot think. For there is one longing, one groaning, which all things have for you. All things that comprehend your plan pray to you and offer you a silent hymn. In you, the One, all things abide, and all things endlessly run to you who are the end of all. **Amen.**

- source: Gregory of Nazianzus (4th century)

The Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence. The people may kneel or stand.

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: 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.

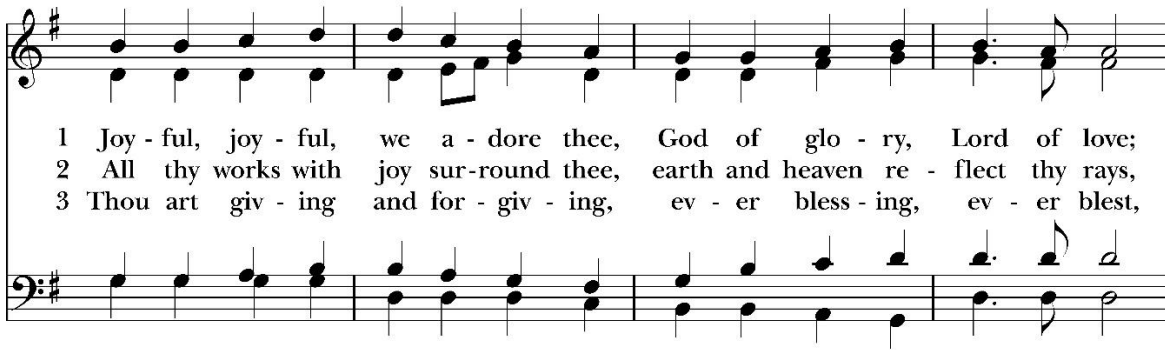


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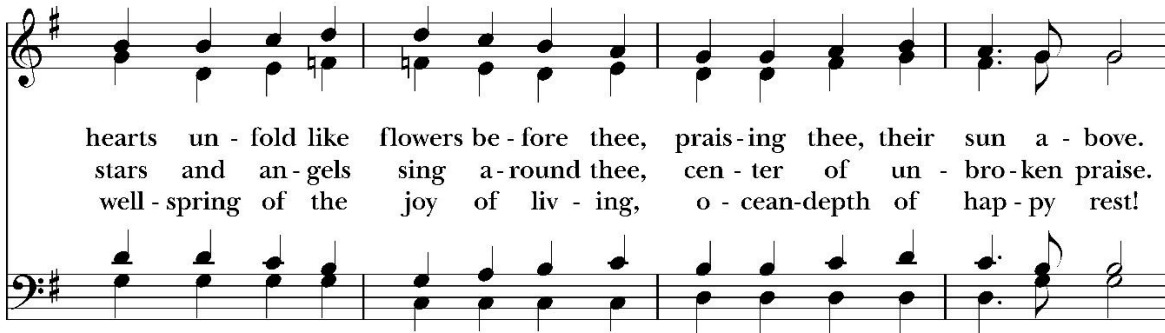
On the third Sunday of each month, offerings not otherwise designated are contributed to the Rector's and Deacon's Discretionary Funds, which are used to help people in immediate need (parishioners or otherwise) or to assist new, as-yet-unbudgeted ministry opportunities.

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>.

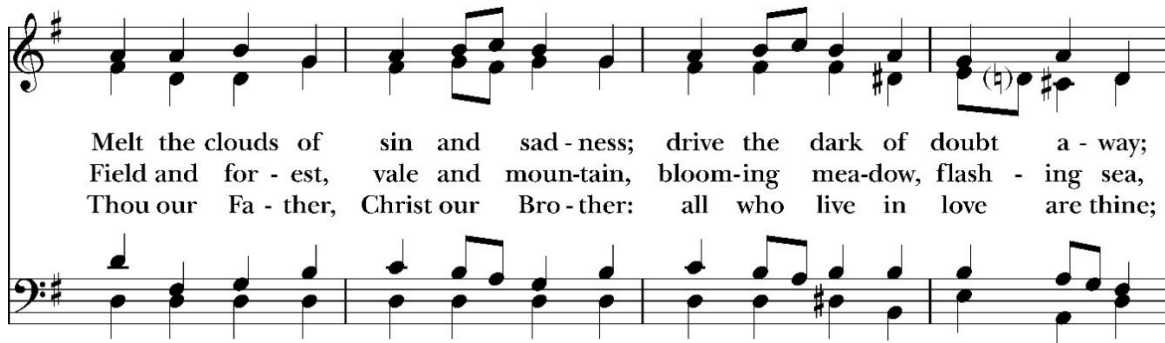
Offertory Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (*The Hymnal 1982* #376)



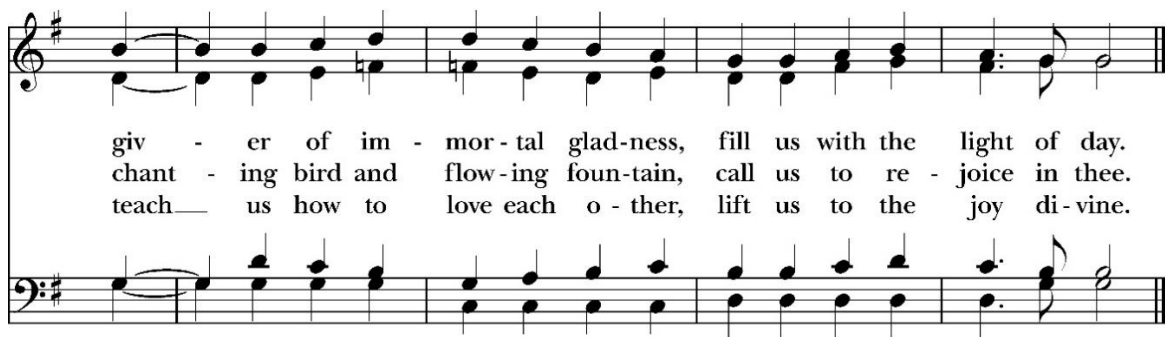
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



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.

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.

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Sanctus: Mass for the City (*Richard Proulx*)

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

Music: *Mass for the City*, Richard Proulx, © 1991, GIA Publications, Inc.

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:

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.
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.

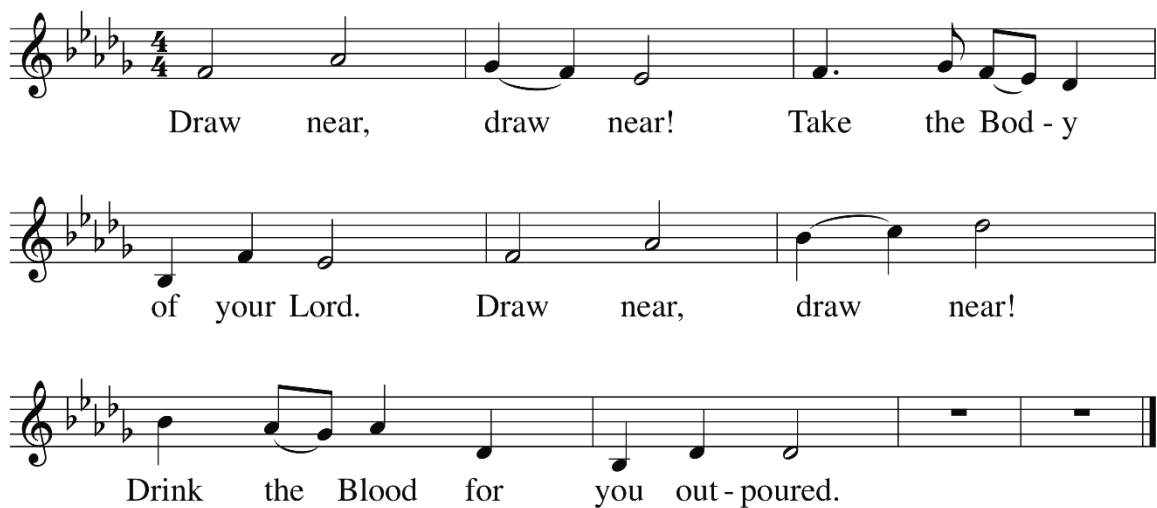
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The altar party finishes preparing the table.

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

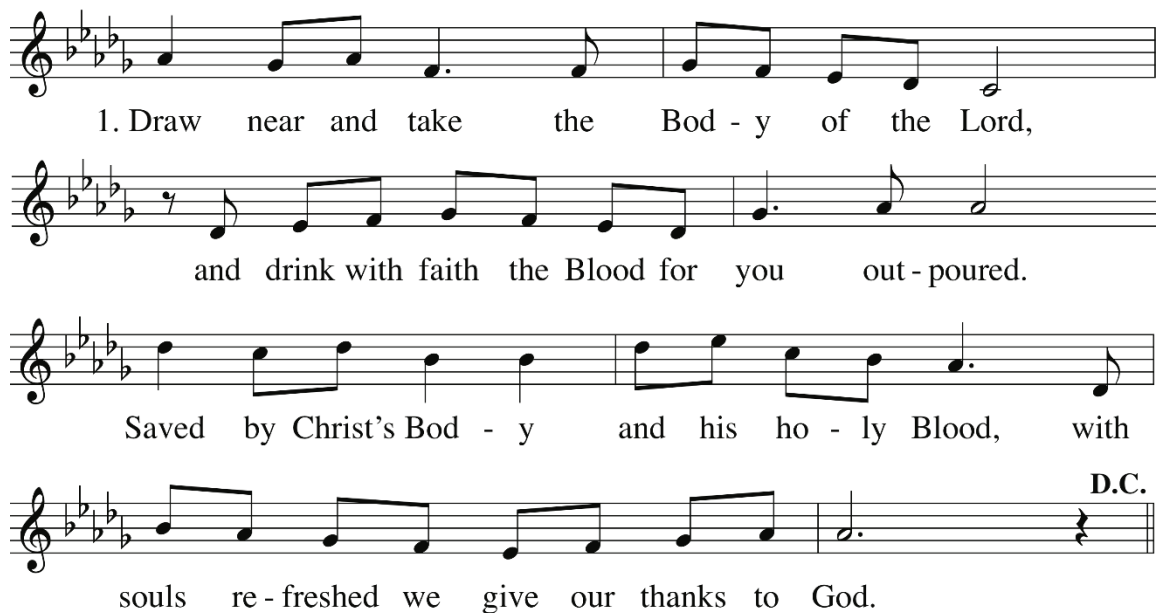
Fraction Anthem: Draw Near (Refrain, v.1, refrain)

Refrain



Draw near, draw near! Take the Bod - y
of your Lord. Draw near, draw near!
Drink the Blood for you out - poured.

Verses



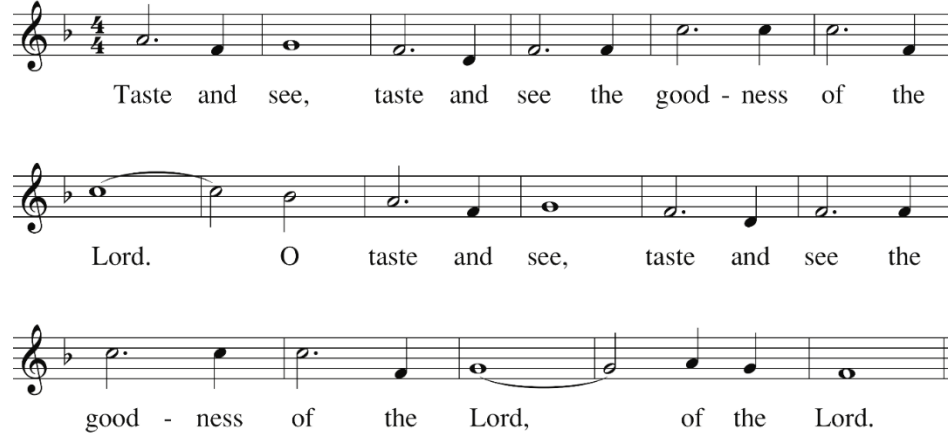
1. Draw near and take the Bod - y of the Lord,
and drink with faith the Blood for you out - poured.
Saved by Christ's Bod - y and his ho - ly Blood, with
souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.

Text: *Sancti, venite, Christi corpus sumite*, 7th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Tune: Steven R. Janco, b.1961, © 1992, World Library Publications

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 Music: Taste and See (Gather 3rd ed. #930)

Refrain



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the
 Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
 good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verses



1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
 3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.

Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
 To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
 You'll want for noth - ing if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord
 I called the Lord who an - swered me;
 Taste and see that the Lord is good;

for God has been so good to me.
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.
 in God we need put all our trust.

D.C.

Text: Psalm 34; James E. Moore, Jr., b.1951
 Tune: James E. Moore, Jr., b.1951
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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 Blessing

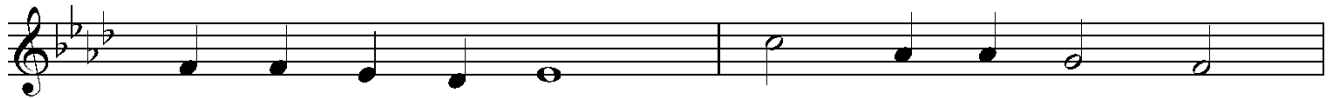
Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road, and may the blessing of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you always. **Amen.**

– Attributed to St. Clare

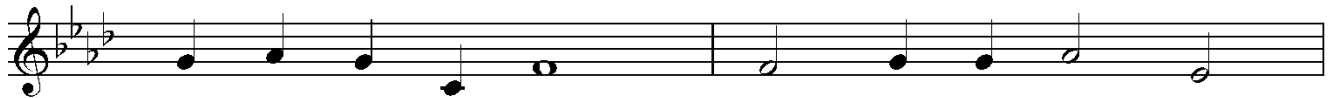
Sending Hymn: Come Labor On (*The Hymnal 1982* #541)



1 Come, la - bor on.	Who dares stand i - dle
2 Come, la - bor on.	The en - e - my is
<u>3</u> Come, la - bor on.	A - way with gloom - y
4 Come, la - bor on.	Claim the high call - ing
5 Come, la - bor on.	No time for rest, till



1 on the har - vest plain,	while all a - round us
2 watch - ing night and day,	to sow the tares, to
<u>3</u> doubts and faith - less fear!	No arm so weak but
4 an - gels can - not share—	to young and old the
5 glows the west - ern sky,	till the long sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain?	And to each ser - vant
2 snatch the seed a - way;	while we in sleep our
<u>3</u> may do ser - vice here:	by feeb - lest a - gents
4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear:	re - deem the time; its
5 o'er our path - way lie,	and a glad sound comes



1 does the Mas - ter say, “Go	work to - day.”
2 du - ty have for - got, he	slum - bered not.
<u>3</u> may our God ful - fill his	right - eous will.
4 hours too swift - ly fly. The	night draws nigh.
5 with the set - ting sun, _____	“Ser - vants, well done.”

Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), alt. Music: *Ora Labora*, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953).

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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@goodshepherdw.org.

Thank You for a Great Sunday!

Good Shepherd and Emmanuel All Nations' first worship service together last Sunday was a truly holy time, and **the picnic that followed** was great fun. Many thanks to those who made it all happen ... One thing we didn't plan for in advance was what to do with the money offering that day. For the sake of transparency: all the checks in the plate were made out to Good Shepherd, but the entire cash portion -- \$88 -- will be given to Emmanuel All Nations.

One Parish, One Prisoner (OPOP) Begins Today

Tonight our new One Parish, One Prisoner team will meet for a briefing from a representative of Underground Ministries. This is the first step toward beginning to communicate with somebody slated to leave prison in another year or so. Curious about this ministry? Contact **Judith Perkins** to learn more.

Midweek Bible Study Resumes September 10

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

Beginning again in September, this group will pick a book of the Bible to read straight through and discuss. September will feature a survey of the Psalms, and then we'll begin reading the Book of Genesis. Questions? Contact **Pastor Josh**.



Liturgy 101, a/k/a "Episco-Who?"

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.:

September 9, 16, 23, 30

with Betsy Grabinski & the Rev. Ken Grabinski

When gathering for worship on Sundays, have you ever asked yourself, "What in God's name is liturgy?" What do we think we're doing? Why are we doing it this way? And does it even matter? Let's dive into what all this is about, and explore together how liturgy shapes our worship. Register using this QR code or email **Betsy Grabinski**.



September 9: Definitions, and a Brief History of Liturgy

September 16: Episco-robics: Stand! Sit! Kneel!

September 23: Vestments and Holy Hardware: the Trappings of Liturgy

September 30: A Brief Tour of *The Book of Common Prayer*

Youth Group

Sunday, September 20, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Last month, twelve youth from three congregations began to get to know each other. Let's do it again! An invitation has gone out to all the Episcopal congregations in our region to gather youth and build community together. Questions? Contact **Pastor Josh**.

All-Parish Meeting on Property Redevelopment

Sunday, September 20, 9:00 a.m.

The Property Redevelopment Task Force met on August 13. It was a lively meeting with a number of possibilities and updates to discuss. The various subcommittees are all moving forward with their assignments. The work is moving forward as rapidly as possible, and we expect to have news to share at the September Parish Meeting. This is an opportunity to ask questions, offer suggestions, and celebrate the work accomplished. Questions? Contact **Judith Perkins**.

Postcard Writing Campaign: No Hate in Washington State

Thursday, September 24, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. in Seaman Hall

Please join the Faith in Action Team in Seaman Hall at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Federal Way from 5:00pm-6:30pm on September 24, 2026, in partnership with Planned Parenthood for a Postcard Writing Party - to ask our neighbors and community members to Vote NO on I-001 & I-638! I-001 would severely weaken children's privacy at school, while I-638 would demand girls be subjected to invasive physical exams to play sports. Use the QR code to learn more and register, or contact the church office—attendance is free.



Annual Women's Retreat

Friday, September 25 – Sunday, September 27

The Women's Retreat is coming! Join us at **Sacred Waters Retreat Center** on Hood Canal for relaxation, fellowship, and prayer. This year we will talk about personal courage, based on Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde's book *How to Be Brave*. The cost is \$250; a limited number of scholarships are available. Learn more and register online in Realm using the QR code here, fill out a paper form in the narthex, or email the church office at office@goodshepherdfw.org.



Concert: Bobby Jo Valentine

Saturday, October 10 at Calvary Lutheran Church, Federal Way, 6:00 p.m.

Calvary Lutheran Church invites us to a concert! Bobby Jo Valentine - singer songwriter - thoughtful, spirit focused lyrics & hopeful songs - played at Wild Goose and other music festivals and the UCC national assembly - grew up in a conservative Baptist world and appreciates affirming and welcoming churches with a commitment to LGBTQ+ inclusion as a gay artist. Learn more at <https://bobbyjovalentine.com/music>.



Help a Ukrainian Family Directly

Do you ever feel helpless about the plight of the Ukrainian people? Here's a way you can help someone directly. Our sexton **Tetiana Chyshynska**, who lives in the house on our corner and works for Good Shepherd 15 hours per week, came to the U.S. from Ukraine some years ago. She has alerted us to a GoFundMe to help a family whose house has burned down. Scan the QR code to read their story and to donate.

Are You on Realm?

Realm is Good Shepherd's membership platform, and it's a great way to connect with other folks and to keep up with the church calendar. Sign up at onrealm.org/goodshepfw. Make a login for yourself and explore using the Realm Connect app. Questions? Contact **Pastor Josh**.

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Today's Service Ministers

Presider/Preacher: The Rev. Josh Hosler
Organist: Alan Lynch
Cantor: Alana O'Donnell

September 6	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Tech Team		Dina Johnson, Bob Neal
Ushers		Sir Stephen and Lady Bridget Akparanta
Altar Guild		Karen White
Flowers		Linda Butcher
Worship Assistant	Beth Shoemaker	
First Lector	Beth Shoemaker	Ania Malkowska-Leek
Second Lector/Intercessor	Jan Barber	Dilcia Brent
Eucharistic Ministers		Anna Lynn, Mary Aronen
Coffee Hour	Deborah Newing	Alisa Johnson, Carole Loudonback, Karen Dobbs
Counters		Dina Johnson, Mary Aronen

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