



The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

(Proper 19A)

September 13, 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 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.

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: Where Christ Is, His Church Is There (Worship 4th ed. #728)



1. Where Christ is, his Church is there. What a faith to
 2. Where Christ is, his King - dom grows. His the truth that
 3. Where Christ is, his Church is there. What a faith to



hold and share! Those who hold it must not part
 o - ver - throws Ev - 'ry harsh and god - less creed
 hold and share! Those who hold it must not part



Church and King - dom in their heart. They, their wor - ship
 Born of fear or hate or greed. Some who nev - er
 Church and King - dom in their heart. Taught by Christ, they



end - ed, know: In that world to which they go,
 called him Lord Speak his rec - on - cil - ing word:
 count as his All who share his sym - pa - thies:



Though no bells in - vite to prayer,
 His all love that o - ver - flows.
 Cer - tain, when his work is done,



Where Christ is, his Church is there.
 Where Christ is, his King - dom grows.
 Church and King - dom shall be one.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000, © 1971, Hope Publishing Company
 Tune: SALZBURG, 77 77 D; Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685–1750

The Opening Acclamation

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

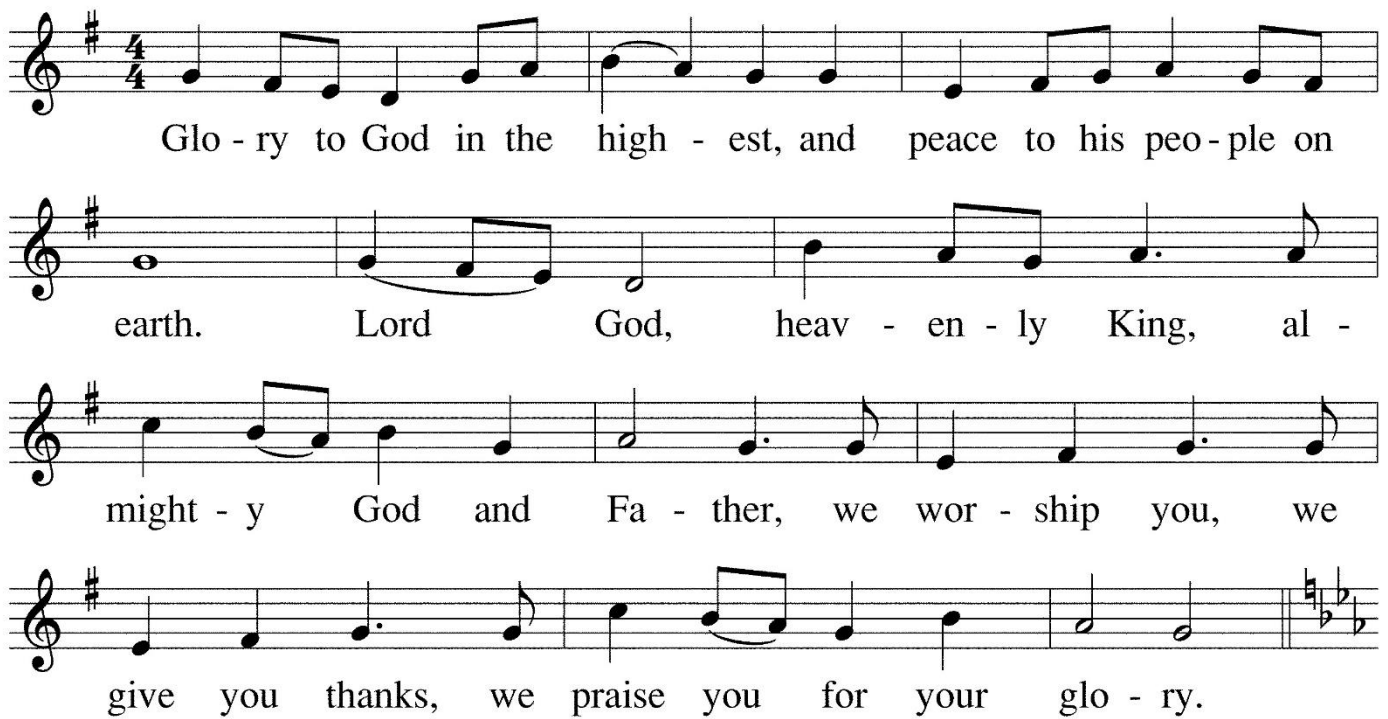
People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

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.**

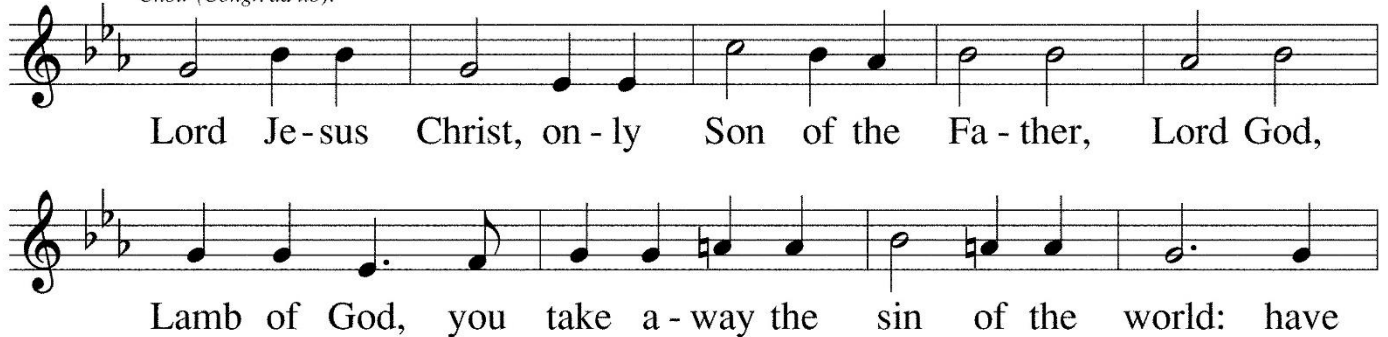
Gloria (Carroll T. Andrews)

At 8:00: Spoken



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 God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

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 50:15–21)

Lector: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:1–13

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 Bless the LORD, 'O my 'soul, *
and all that is within me, 'bless his 'holy 'Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, 'O my 'soul, *
and for 'get not 'all his 'benefits.
- 3 He forgives 'all your 'sins *
and 'heäls 'all your in 'firmities;
- 4 He redeems your 'life from the 'grave *
and crowns you with 'mercy and 'loving 'kindness;
- †5 He satisfies you with 'göod 'things, *
and your 'youth is re 'newed like an 'eagle's.
- 6 The LORD 'executes 'righteousness *
and judgment for 'all who 'are op 'pressed.
- 7 He made his ways 'known to 'Moses *
and his 'works to the 'children of 'Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of com 'passion and 'mercy, *
slow to 'anger and of 'grät 'kindness.
- 9 He will not 'always ac 'cuse us, *
nor will he 'keep his 'anger for 'ever.
- †10 He has not dealt with us ac 'cording to our 'sins, *
nor rewarded us ac 'cording 'to our 'wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are 'high above the 'earth, *
so is his mercy 'great upon 'those who 'fear him.
- 12 As far as the 'east is from the 'west, *
so far has he re 'moved our 'sins 'from us.
- 13 As a father 'cares for his 'children, *
so does the LORD 'care for 'those who 'fear him.

Second Lesson (Romans 14:1–12)

Lector: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands as able.

Gradual Hymn: Forgive Our Sins (*The Hymnal 1982* #674)

1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can
un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men
bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to

grant us grace to live the words we say.
will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
owe to us, how great our debt to you.
God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

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The Gospel (Matthew 18:21–35)

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to

him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

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@goodshepherdfrw.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 alisaajohnson@hotmail.com.

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

Intercessor: 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.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop Phil, 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 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 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 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.

The Deacon adds here the names of those on our parish prayer list.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, 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, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The Deacon adds here the names of those on our parish prayer list.

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: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our ignorance cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 people stand as able.

At 10:30:

A Liturgy of Belonging

Today we officially welcome new members into our congregation, a practice we offer at least twice a year. This rite does not constitute a formal change of Christian denomination, but merely a welcome to those Christians who have decided that they want to make Good Shepherd their church home. It is intended to make clear, both to newcomers and to those who were here before, the intent of these specific people to become a part of our community of faith, to help everyone understand the expectations of members of the congregation, and to introduce these folks to the congregation more widely. Please greet them and get to know them!

Rector: We now welcome these persons who wish to join with this body of Christ, the people of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

Rector to the congregation: I introduce to you **Linda Sue Acevedo** and **Sandra Baker**.

Rector to new members: Dear friends, I introduce to you the people of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. Is it your wish to make this community of faith, Good Shepherd, your church community, and the people with whom you will share your journey of faith? And is this the place and are these the people with whom you will seek to make sense of the issues of your life; your dreams, your faith, who you are, what you are to do, who God calls you to be?

New members: Yes, that is my wish.

Rector: Is it your wish to make this the place where you continue your journey into greater health and wholeness; where you listen to the story of God's salvation and the Good News of Jesus Christ, allowing Jesus to be an example and teacher to you, where you are called to a life of ministry and justice; and where you are fed at the table of new life?

New members: Yes, that is my wish.

Rector to new members: Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ both inside and outside these walls, in union with this community of faith?

New members: I will, with God's help.

Rector to new members: Will you pledge your spiritual, social, and financial support to this parish community?

New members: I will, with God's help.

Rector to new members: And in the event that you decide to leave this community in the future, will you make known to the appropriate people in the congregation your praise, suggestions, complaints, and your reasons for leaving?

New members: I will, with God's help.

Rector to the congregation: Will you who are members of this faith community who are witnessing these promises, share in these people's joys and sorrows and do all in your power to support them in their life in Christ?

Congregation: **We will!**

Rector to the congregation: Will you welcome **Linda Sue** and **Sandra** into the Good Shepherd community, embrace their gifts, their needs, and their dreams? Will you recognize that their presence and participation will change the shape of the body and help it grow in new ways? Will you support them in their journeys, and assist them in their ministries?

Congregation: **We will!**

Everyone: Loving God, send your Holy Spirit to be among us, knitting us one to another. Help us to grow with each other, to love each other, to support each other, that by our common life in this community we may come to know and serve you and your Church throughout the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Rector: As rector of this parish, and speaking for the entire congregation, I welcome each of you as active members in the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

Applause is now most appropriate!

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: We obligate ourselves to bring the first fruits of our soil and the first fruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the Lord.

– *Nehemiah 10:35*

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: Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace (*The Hymnal 1982* #593)

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer 1 *(Enriching Our Worship)*
At 8:00: Spoken

Presider

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Presider

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Presider

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

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

At 8:00: Spoken

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-against 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
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The Breaking of the Bread

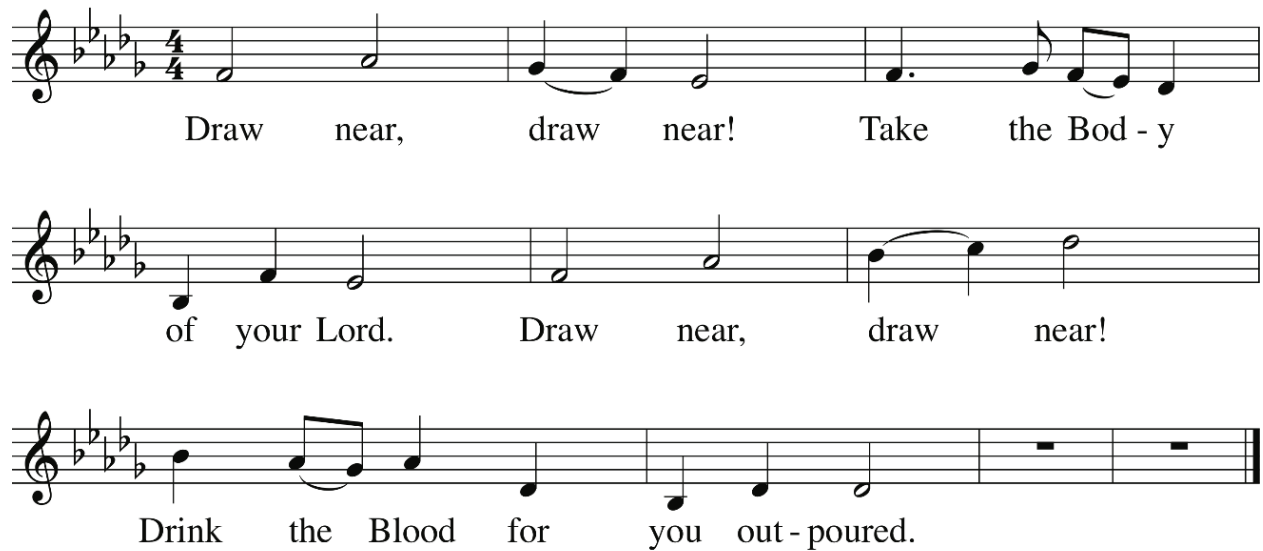
Silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

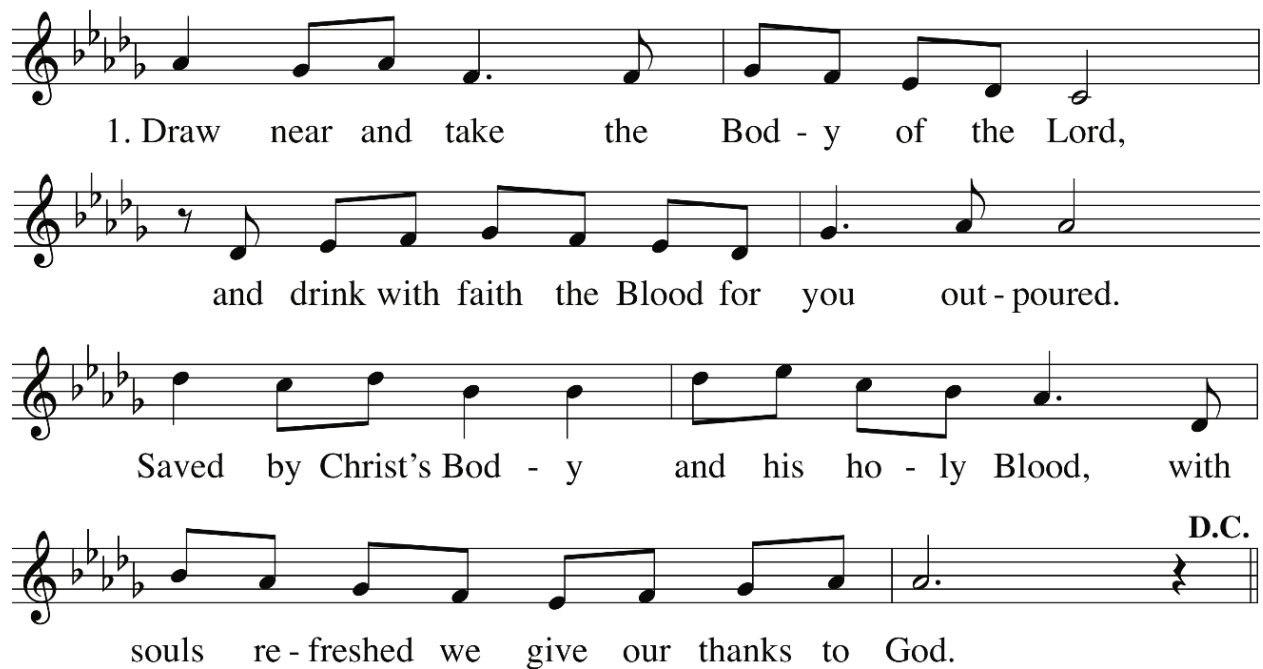
Fraction Anthem: Draw Near (Refrain, v.1, refrain)

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

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

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: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace *Alana O'Donnell, soloist*

Text: attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, adapted by Sebastian Temple.
Music: Sebastian Temple, arr. Mark Hayes

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: There's A Wideness in God's Mercy (*The Hymnal 1982* #470)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system contains two verses. The third system contains one verse. The fourth system contains one verse. The fifth system contains one verse. The piano accompaniment is a simple harmonic setting, primarily using chords and moving lines in the right hand, with a more active bass line in the left hand.

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: *Beecher*, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

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.

A Change in Lighting

Look around. Do you see something different in our worship space? **Lucy Bloedel**, who died in 2024, indicated in her wishes that she wanted to give Good Shepherd new wall sconces. Many thanks to Lucy's daughter **Lindy Fleming** and Altar Guild director **Karen White** for seeing this project through to completion.

Midweek Bible Study

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

No registration required! Drop in any time as we read a book of the Bible and discuss. September features 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 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*

Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 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**.

Evergreen Regional 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**.

Good Shepherd Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leadership

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 Mary McClellan Aronen, *Ministry Coordinator*

Today's Service Ministers

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

September 13	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Tech Team		Don Ramage, Konrad Thomas
Ushers		Karen White, Lee Hitzeman
Altar Guild		Sherri Jarvey
Flowers		Mary Aronen
Worship Assistant	Beth Shoemaker	
First Lector	Annarose Jowenson	Linda Sue Acevedo
Second Lector/Intercessor	Andy Jowenson	Lady Bridget Akparanta
Eucharistic Ministers		Carole Loudonback, Betsy Grabinski
Coffee Hour	Beth Shoemaker, Shannon Molina	Judith Perkins, Mary Aronen
Counters		Susan Ennaro, Jane Ely

We sing hymns at the 10:30 service only. All music used during this service, unless otherwise noted, is licensed for online streaming through onelicense.net #609900. Art files, unless otherwise noted, are licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution Noncommercial ShareAlike 3.0 License.