

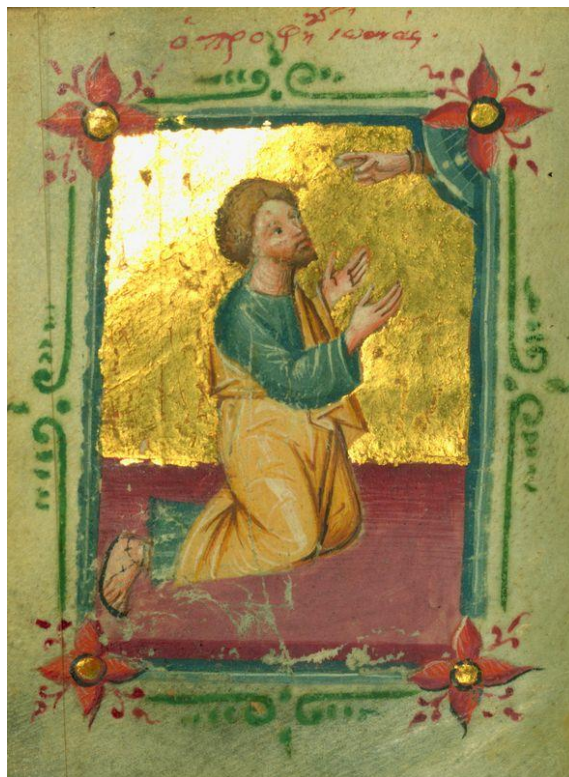


The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

(Proper 20A)

September 20, 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: goodshepherd.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 2027: tinyurl.com/goodshep2027.

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: The Kingdom of God (*Gather* 3rd ed. #736)



1. The king - dom of God is jus - tice and joy;
2. The king - dom of God is mer - cy and grace;
3. The king - dom of God is chal - lenge and choice:
4. God's king - dom is come, the gift and the goal;



For Je - sus re - stores what sin would de - stroy.
The cap - tives are freed, the sin - ners find place,
Be - lieve the good news, re - pent and re - joice!
In Je - sus be - gun, in heav - en made whole.



God's pow - er and glo - ry in Je - sus we know;
The out - cast are wel - comed God's ban - quet to share;
God's love for us sin - ners brought Christ to his cross:
The heirs of the king - dom shall an - swer his call;



And here and here - af - ter the king - dom shall grow.
And hope is a - wak - ened in place of de - spair.
Our cri - sis of judge - ment for gain or for loss.
And all things cry "Glo - ry!" to God all in all.

The Opening Acclamation

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

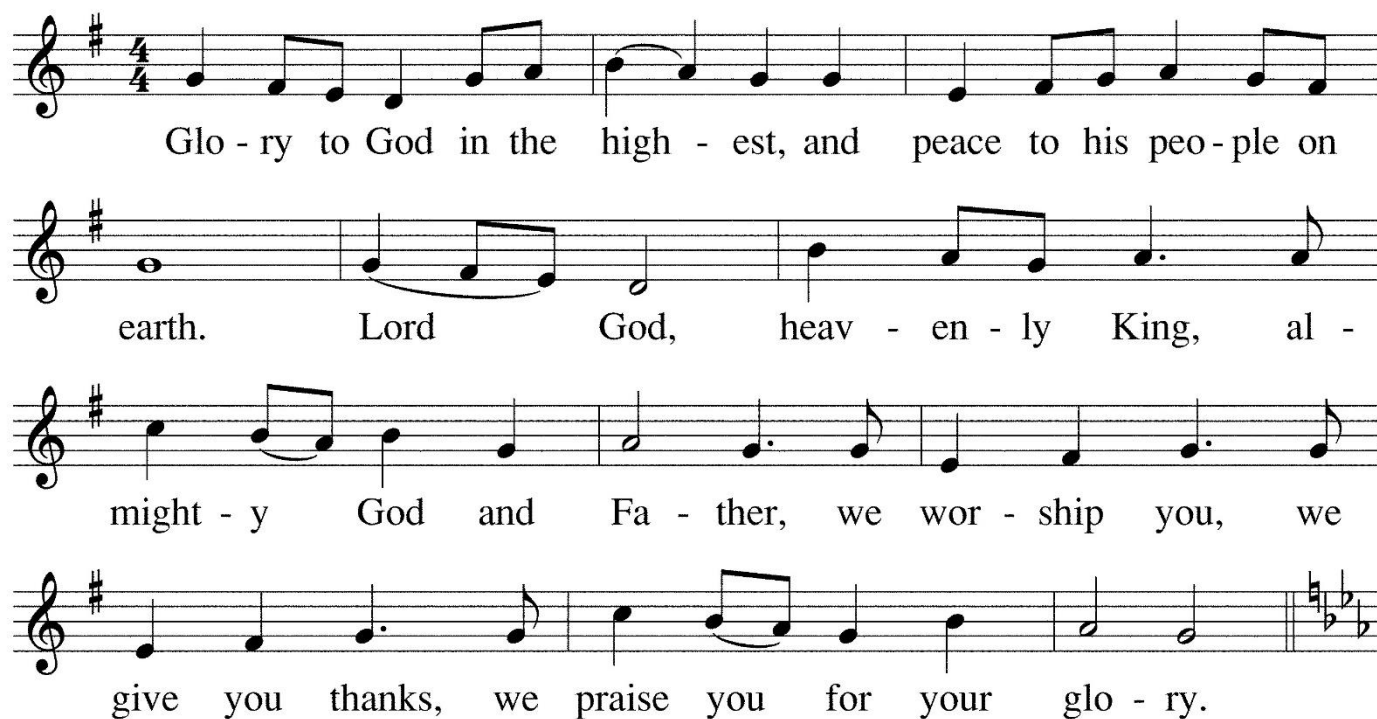
People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

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.**

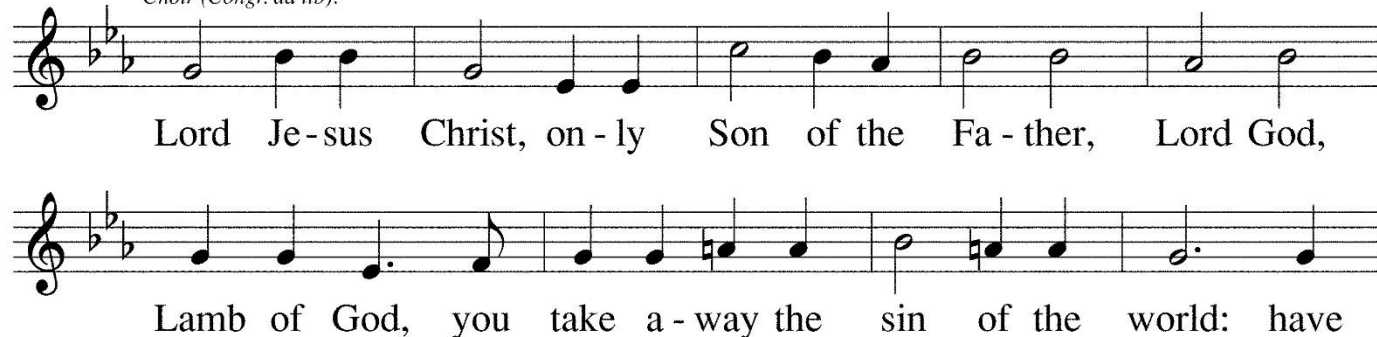
Gloria (Carroll T. Andrews)

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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 (Jonah 3:10–4:11)

Lector: A reading from the book of the Prophet Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:1–8

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 I will exalt you, O¹ God my¹ King, *
and bless your¹ Name for¹ ever and¹ ever.
- 2 Every¹ day will I¹ bless you *
and praise your¹ Name for¹ ever and¹ ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and¹ greatly to be¹ praised; *
there¹ is no¹ end to his¹ greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your¹ works to¹ an¹ other *
and¹ shall de¹clare your¹ power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious¹ splendor of your¹ majesty *
and¹ all your¹ marvelous¹ works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your¹ wondrous¹ acts, *
and¹ I will¹ tell of your¹ greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your¹ grëat¹ goodness; *
they shall¹ sing of your¹ righteous¹ deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and¹ full of com¹passion, *
slow to¹ anger and of¹ grëat¹ kindness.

Second Lesson (Philippians 1:21–30)

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

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

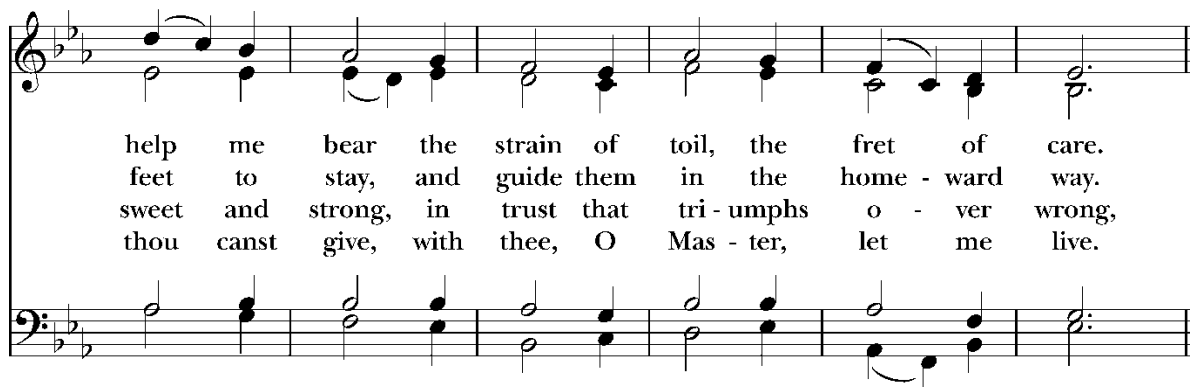
The congregation stands as able.

Gradual Hymn: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (*The Hymnal 1982* #660)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains four verses of the hymn. The second system continues the melody and includes the final lines of the hymn. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly



Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918). Music: *Maryton*, Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898).

The Gospel (Matthew 20:1–16)

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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@goodshepherdw.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: 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.

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.



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

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

We give not to "pay for the show," but as a spiritual practice of participation for the good of the world and of our souls. The Church of the Good Shepherd is able to operate because of the pledges of its members. We strongly encourage all members to make an annual pledge, no matter how large or small. **To make a pledge today for 2027,** go to <https://tinyurl.com/goodshep2027>.

Offertory Hymn: Sometimes A Light Surprises (*The Hymnal 1982* #667)



1 Some - times a light sur - pris - es the Chris - tian while he sings;
2 In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue
3 It can bring with it noth - ing but he will bear us through:
4 Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their wont - ed fruit should bear,



it is the Lord who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings:
the theme of God's sal - va - tion, and find it ev - er new;
who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe his peo - ple, too:
though all the fields should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there;



when com - forts are de - clin - ing, he grants the soul a - gain
set free from pre - sent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,
be - neath the spread - ing hea - vens no crea - ture but is fed;
yet, God the same a - bid - ing, his praise shall tune my voice;



a sea - son of clear shin - ing, to cheer it af - ter rain.
let the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it may.
and he who feeds the rav - ens will give his chil - dren bread.
for, while in him con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800). Music: *Light*, melody from *The Christian Lyre*, 1830; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1 *(Enriching Our Worship)*

Presider *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Presider *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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
ev-er. A - men,____ for - ev-er and ev-er. A - men.____

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The Breaking of the Bread

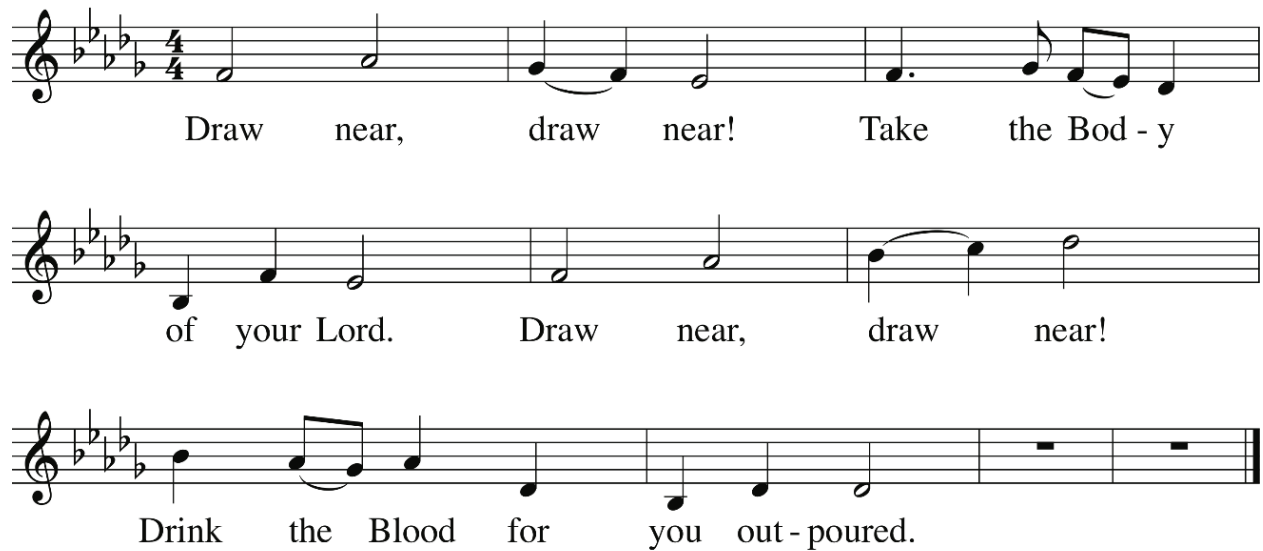
Silence is kept.

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

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

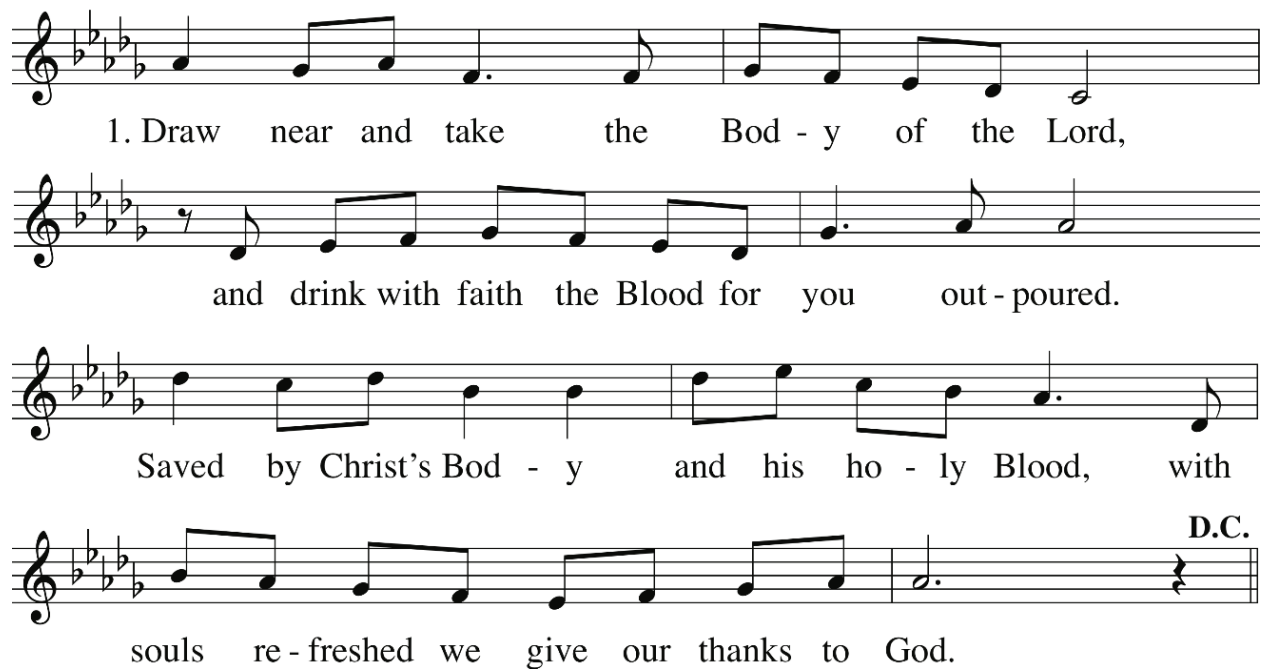
Fraction Anthem: Draw Near (Refrain, v.1, refrain)

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. D.C.

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: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Sung by the Good Shepherd Choir.

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.**

A Litany of Commissioning for Graduates

Maryanne Drake completed high school in June and is now departing for the University of Washington.

Presider: Let us give thanks to God, who guides us to face the challenges and opportunities of life.

People: **We thank you, O God, for your leading, your encouragement, your gifts of educators and teachers, of friends and neighbors who have helped us and encouraged us in the opportunities of life.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to God for the families and home into which Maryanne was born and has been nurtured.

People: **We are grateful, Lord, for our children and our parents, our homes and families where we learn to grow and experience all the wonders of this life.**

Presider: O God, this is a time of joy for us as Maryanne celebrates the completion of this phase of her education and prepares to move in new directions. We ask that you strengthen her as she takes on new responsibilities in this world.

People: **Give her, and give us, faith and encouragement, that we may live in joy and thankfulness.**

The Presider turns to the graduate.

You have waited patiently for God, and God has heard your cry. God has called you to the cause of love, and God keeps you and blesses you as you go out into the world to serve.

People: **God has lifted you up. God inspired you when you needed inspiration; gave you rest when you needed sleep; helped you find answers when you had questions and doubts.**

Graduate: You have multiplied, O my God, your wondrous deeds and thoughts towards me. Just as you blessed my studies, you will bless my future studies and ministries as I walk the Way of Christ and embody the Christian hope for reconciliation in the world.

Presider: Happy are those who trust in God, who pick up their cross and follow Jesus. Happy are those who do not become proud and chase after the false gods of this age.

Graduate: God, you have put a new song into my mouth, a song of praise to you. May the world know that you sent me by the song of your love in my life.

All: **We have waited patiently for God, and God has heard our cry. We are the people of God, shaped and molded by the story of God, freed from sin by the blood of Christ, who made us into a kingdom of priests. God has called us to be faithful servants, and God will keep us and bless us as we go into the world to serve in love.**

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: All My Hope on God is Founded, vv.1-3, 5 (*The Hymnal 1982* #665)



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom

5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -

5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -

5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
3 more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.

5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt., after Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Music: *Michael*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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.

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

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

September 23, 30

with Betsy Grabinski & the Rev. Ken Grabinski

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

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

Evergreen Regional Youth Group

TODAY, 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**.

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.



The What and Why of the Bible

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

October 7, 14, 21, 28

*with Christine Hosler
& the Rev. Josh Hosler*

What is the Bible, and what is it for? This is probably the question most dividing Christians from one another—and from non-Christians—in the world today. In this four-part series, we'll dig beneath the surface of the Bible to encounter it in ways we think you'll find helpful! And remember: when you're dealing with the Bible, the best thing you can do is ask lots and lots and LOTS of questions! Register using this QR code or contact **Pastor Josh**.



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September 20	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Tech Team		Bob Neal, Dina Johnson
Ushers		Linda Butcher, Tracie Manolides
Altar Guild		Carole Loudonback
Flowers		Linda Butcher
Worship Assistant	Judith Perkins	
First Lector	Judith Perkins	Alisa Kincade
Second Lector/Intercessor	Nancy Krueger	Carole Loudonback
Eucharistic Ministers		Anna Lynn, Maggie Monaghan
Coffee Hour	Ray and Nancy Krueger	Rani Rose, Lee Hitzeman, Lady Bridget Akparanta
Counters		Judith Perkins, Mary Aronen

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