

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd



The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025

10:00 am, The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Welcome to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd!

Visitors Welcome! We're glad to have you worship with us. If you'd like to learn more about this community of faith and our different ministries, fill out one of our visitor cards (in the pews) and hand it to an usher.

Children & Youth A staffed nursery is available each Sunday from 8:30 - 11:30 am and at other times as needed. The nursery is the closest Early Learning Center classroom to the pool. It is the first room on the right after you go through the gate. Infant through 4 years old.

Restrooms Exit through the courtyard and walk straight through the double glass doors. Ask an usher if you need assistance finding the restrooms.

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

Sonata 1, Op. 65: Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

INTROIT

The King of love my Shepherd is

Irish Melody

OPENING HYMN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Lauda anima

Hymn No 410

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant

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

Glory to God

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Hymnal S-280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	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.**

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 32:7-14

Reader: A reading from Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that

he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, `I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 51:1-11

Anglican Chant: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

Sung by the choir

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

² Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.

⁵ And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

⁶ Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁷ For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

⁸ Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

⁹ Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

¹⁰ Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

¹¹ Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

THE EPISTLE: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Reader: A reading from 1 Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN O for a closer walk with God *Caithness* **Hymn No 684**

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Elyse Gustafson

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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

Leader

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Scott and Chip our Assisting Bishops; for our
Priests, Elyse and Gee, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for Billy, Bob, Angelina, Yvonne, Dale, Dean, Mike, Klara, Glenn, Evelyn, Richard, Patrick, Katrina, Ruthee, Don, Kurtis, Cory, Jacob, Kathleen, Greg, Arleen, George, Pat, Habib, Jack, Peggy, Susan, Vera, Pat, Pat, Sperry, Megan, Mona, Robin, Bobby, Paul, Jesse and Ed, Charlotte, Patti, Skye, Missy, Constantine, Yevgeniya, Jennifer, Gail.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially for Doug, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

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

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

○ Love, How Deep Everett Titcomb (1884–1968)

O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
It fills the heart with ecstasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us he prayed, for us he taught,
For us his daily works he wrought,
By words, by signs, and actions, thus
Still seeking not himself, but us.



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All glory to our Lord and God
 For love so deep, so high, so broad;
 The Trinity whom we adore
 Forever and forever more. Amen

THE DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise Him above, ye heav'n-ly host;

Refrain
 Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. O — praise him, O — praise him,

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! A-men.

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord Robert Powell (b. 1932) Hymnal S-129

Celebrant and People sing

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Hymnal S-161

Celebrant and People sing

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

You may either take communion by intinction (dipping the host into the chalice) or you may drink from the common cup. Please let the priest know if you desire a gluten free wafer. If you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the priest.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Deck thyself, my soul with gladness

Schmücke dich

Hymn No 339

Adoramus te, Christe

Quirino Gasparini (1721-1778)

(sung in Latin)

*Adoramus Te, Christe,
et benedicimus tibi,
quia per sanctam crucem tuam
redemisti mundum.*

We adore thee, O Christ,
and we bless thee:
because by thy holy cross
thou hast redeemed the world.

THE SENDING

(When lay eucharistic visitors are present)

Celebrant In the name of this congregation we 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 all share one
bread, one cup.**

*With this prayer we joyfully send our lay eucharistic visitors to take communion to people
who are not able to be with us today due to health or other infirmity.*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

*A blessing is offered and the people respond **Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN There's a wideness in God's mercy *Beecher* Hymn No 470

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Festival Voluntary, Op. 87

Flor Peeters (1903–1986)

Altar Flowers

*Given to the glory of God &
in loving memory of Hank and Dorothy Baker
by David and Jane Gonsalves.*

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 14th *The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite I in Chapel
10:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite II in Nave
11:30 am Rector Focus Group in Fant Library

Wednesday, September 17th

8:00 am Men's Bible Study in Craig Lounge
10:30 am 1 Corinthians Bible Study in Craig Lounge
4:30 pm Outreach Committee Meeting in Fant Library
5:30 pm Evening Prayer in Chapel
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room

Thursday, September 18th & Saturday, September 20th

9:00 am Lay Weeders Workday in Courtyard & Parking Lot

Sunday, September 21st *The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite I in Chapel
10:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite II in Nave
11:30 am Rector Focus Group in Fant Library



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