

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd



**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 27, 2025
10:00 am, The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
with Holy Baptism**

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.

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel (*Vater unser*) Johann Schneider (1702–1788)

Stephen Ackert, *Guest Organist*

OPENING HYMN O worship the King, all glorious above! *Hanover Hymn* № 388

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
<i>People</i>	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
<i>Celebrant</i>	There is one Body and one Spirit;
<i>People</i>	There is one hope in God's call to us;
<i>Celebrant</i>	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
<i>People</i>	One God and Father of all.

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.

Celebrant

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 18:20-32

Reader: A reading from Genesis.

The Lord said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 138

Celebrant and the People read responsively by half verse.

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;

³ For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

⁴ When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

⁵ All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁶ They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁷ Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

⁸ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
**you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

⁹ The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
**O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

THE EPISTLE: Colossians 2:6-15, 16-19

Reader: A reading from Colossians.

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

For the bread which you have broken

Omni die

Hymn № 341

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Michael Moore

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
<i>Parents</i>	I present Colton to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
<i>Parents</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
<i>Parents</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
<i>Parents</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
<i>Parents</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
<i>Parents</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
<i>Parents</i>	I do.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
<i>Parents</i>	I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Parents I do.

To the congregation:

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Colton in his life in Christ.

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with Colton who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Please stand.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for Colton who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen

life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Colton, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Colton, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Colton, receive the light of Christ and carry the light of Christ into the world.

The Celebrant then says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE ASPERGING OF THE PEOPLE

The priest sprinkles the people with holy water as a reminder of our baptism.

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Benedictus from Mass for the Parishes

Francois Couperin (1668–1733)



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THE DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Hymn N^o 380 (*vs. 3*)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Please stand as you are able.

The Celebrant says

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant offers the proper preface which celebrates God's action in the world for this season.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,

and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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

Celebrant and People say

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

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

Partita on St. Flavian, part 1

Robert Edward Smith (b. 1946)

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

"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee

St. Flavian

Hymn No 615

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Partita on St. Flavian, part 2

Robert Edward Smith (b. 1946)

Being Baptized Colton Wood Moulder

Ashton Moulder
Mayra Moulder
Parents

Lizeth Cardoza
Alfonso Cardoza
Godparents

Altar Flowers
Given to the glory of God & in loving memory of
Paul and Mary Bunker
&
John and Doris Duncan
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Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 28th 6:00 pm Vestry Meeting in Fant Library

Wednesday, July 30th

8:00 am Men's Bible Study in Craig Lounge

5:30 pm Evening Prayer in Chapel

Thursday, July 31st

9:00 am Lay Weeders Workday in Courtyard

Saturday, August 2nd

9:00 am Lay Weeders Workday in Parking Lot

Sunday, August 3rd *The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite I in Chapel

10:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite II in Nave

11:20 am "Being With": Session #6 (Mission) in Parish Office

3:00 pm Vacation Bible School (1 Day Only) in Classrooms



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