

GOOD SHEPHERD

Episcopal Church and School



THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

Instructed Eucharist

The Holy Eucharist
Rite Two

October 5, 2025 ♦ 10:00 a.m.

MISSION

We exist to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love.

VISION

We are a vibrant, spiritual, and educational community,
radiating God's love for everyone, everywhere.



WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU

We are so glad you're here. Whether you're visiting for the first time or returning after some time away, we all belong in God's community. We'd love to get to know you better and stay connected! Please scan the QR code below to share your information with us. It's a simple way for us to welcome you personally, answer any questions, and let you know about upcoming events. You are always welcome here—just as you are.



WELCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Jesus welcomed children and so do we. We don't mind wiggles and noise, but if you would prefer a quiet room when infants become fussy, one is located off the lobby. A window and sound system allow families to see and hear the service. Nursery care for children under three is available in the Ryon Building (office) for the 10 a.m. service and is well-staffed by caring adults. For children in preschool through 5th grade, Sunday School is available at 10:00 in the Ryon Building. Children join their families in church mid-service for communion. Be sure to ask the greeters for directions or help.

WELCOME TO AN INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST

Today's service is an opportunity to learn more about the worship we experience every Sunday. Verbal explanations of the parts of the service will be offered throughout, in place of a sermon. The Holy Eucharist has been the central act of Christian worship since New Testament times. In it we give thanks — the Greek word *eucharistia*, means thanksgiving — as we celebrate God's saving acts in Christ. The Eucharist consists of two parts, the **Liturgy of the Word** and the **Liturgy of the Table or Holy Communion**. The Liturgy of the Word, a series of readings from Scripture, comes to us almost unchanged from the early worship of the Jewish synagogues. During the Liturgy of the Table, we communally receive the consecrated bread and wine, the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Eucharist is the clearest, strongest way we know to tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, and to maintain our bond with him and with one another.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

The people stand.

HYMN • 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

INTRODUCTION TO AN INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY *Prayed by 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.**

During the singing of the Gloria, the Sunday School children (age 3 years – 5th grade) and their teachers will follow the acolyte down the aisle and go to their classrooms. A parent of a young child who is reluctant to go to Sunday School alone may walk with them to get them settled.

GLORIA • 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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE READINGS

THE FIRST READING

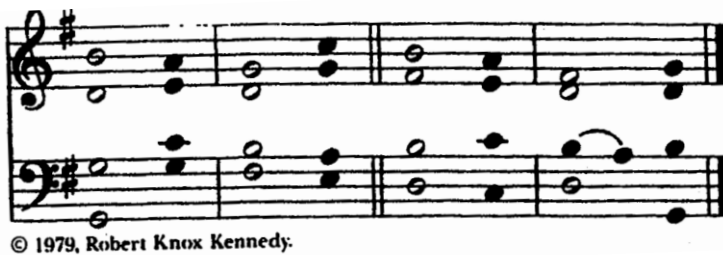
HABAKKUK 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous-- therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37: 1-10 *sung by all*



- 1 Do not fret yourself because of / evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do / wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the / grass, *
and like the green grass fade a/-way.
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do / good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its / riches.
- 4 Take delight in the / Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's de/-sire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in / him, *
and he will bring it to / pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the / light *
and your just dealing as the / noonday.
- 7 Be still before the / Lord *
and wait patiently / for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who / prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil / schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage a/-lone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to / evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut / off, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the / land.

THE SECOND READING

2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN • 655

O Jesus, I have promised

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 17:5-10

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Almighty God, increase our faith and hear our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help your church to perceive and answer your call to serve and to build the kingdom of God.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people and leaders of this nation towards unity of purpose and mutual regard, that we might be a civil society that offers hope and opportunity to all its members.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Embolden us to be committed stewards of the creation you have entrusted to our care that all future generations might know its abundance.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire us to go forth and share the good news with our neighbors so that through our actions they might see a glimpse of your glorious Good News.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make your healing presence known in the lives of all who suffer and let us be instruments of your healing love. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list and those we hold in our hearts.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May the dead know the brightness of your love, especially Marilyn McLean, Milo Coleman, and those we remember now either silently or aloud. May we also come to join them in your presence.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us now pray for our own parish family.

Almighty and everlasting God, make our parish of Good Shepherd truly a community of prayer and belonging. Raise up in our midst the resources and leadership which will enable us to act upon what you would have us do, in this place and in a ministry of love and concern for others. *Open my mind and heart to discern what you would have me do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

CONCLUDING COLLECT *Prayed by Celebrant*

God of power and might, in the life of your Son you have shown us the model and potential of our own lives. Grant us the faith to continue his mission and ministry and answer our prayers as may be best for us and to your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrant and People

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on these your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you as you celebrate your birthday or wedding anniversary this week, and always. **Amen.**

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOST AND BELOVED ANIMALS

Officiant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

God of all creation, your blessed Son, Jesus, taught us that not even a single sparrow is forgotten in your sight. Strengthen our trust in your unfailing love for every creature you have made. We give you thanks and praise for the gift of animals, and for the relationships we share with them—bonds that bring joy, affection, comfort, and delight to our lives. Today we remember before you our beloved companions, and we thank you for the abundant love they have given and received. In your mercy, comfort all who grieve their loss. Grant us faith to entrust these beloved creatures of your own making to your eternal care, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

VESTMENTS, GESTURES, AND OFFERING

THE OFFERING

Celebrant O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have your being. *Revelation 4:11*

In the season after Pentecost, we live into the steady, Spirit-filled work of growing in faith and serving the world. Your offering helps Good Shepherd remain rooted in the love of Jesus Christ and responsive to the needs of our time. Giving is more than support; it's participation. It is how we join the slow, holy work of transformation that God is unfolding among us. Thank you for being part of this faithful, everyday miracle.



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OFFERTORY MUSIC

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DOXOLOGY • (blue Hymnal, 380 vs. 3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord of all seasons, who sows grace into ordinary days and brings forth holy fruit in due time. Receive these offerings, given in trust and love. In them we see signs of your goodness, and may they be tools of your mercy in a world that longs for healing. Bless those who give, and those who are drawn near by the generosity of others, that together we may grow day by day into the likeness of Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Prayer A*)

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 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Celebrant and People

SANCTUS (S-125)

**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.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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.**

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.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BEING TRANSFORMED BY BEING FED

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the bread followed by a moment of silence.

FRACTION ANTHEM (S154) *sung by all*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to receive communion this morning, an ancient practice intended for all baptized Christians, no matter your tradition.

You may receive just the bread (which is full participation in the sacrament), or both the bread and the wine. As an alternative to sipping directly from the cup, you are invited to receive by intinction and the priest will dip the bread in a separate chalice for you. To receive by intinction please fold your hands in front of you at the altar rail to indicate your preference. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

For those not receiving communion, you may also cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.

If you would like special prayers for healing--whether it be physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual--members of the Healing Team are available to pray with you in the side chapel. Please notify an usher if you would like a Healing Team member to come to you.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Temple

Sung by the congregation

O Master, let me walk with thee

Hymn 660

SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC VISITORS *When scheduled*

Celebrant In the name of God and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts to N.,
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 and one cup. Amen.**

NOW FED, WE ARE SENT

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

Go forth with mustard-seed faith,
small yet strong enough to move mountains of doubt.

Go forth as servants of Christ,
not seeking reward, but finding joy in the work of love.

Go forth with hearts instructed,
that in bread and wine you may discern Christ's presence,
and in daily living you may reveal his kingdom.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN • 535 *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim*

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Sanford H. Groff, Jr.
Acolyte Server	Jonah Gouery
Torch Bearers	Samantha Taylor, Hayden Bickford
Verger	Peggy Greene
Reader	Janice Thomas
Intercessor	Sandy English
Eucharistic Ministers	Alex Serra-Wolfington, Carol Block, Alicia Howard
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Ushers	Mike Greene, Ken Gahre
Greeters	Rob and Andrea Taylor
Musicians	Peter Carras, Mark Chittum, Peggy Chittum, Jenna Hoefert, Emily Kane, Patrick Levitsky, Chantelle Pontbriand, Gary Riggs, and Debbie White
Organist	Timm C. Johnson-Reynolds
Sound	Erik Pariseleti
Altar Guild	Wendy Frezza, Judy Collins
Coffee Hour	Mike Howard
Flower Delivery	Julie Bohnsack

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