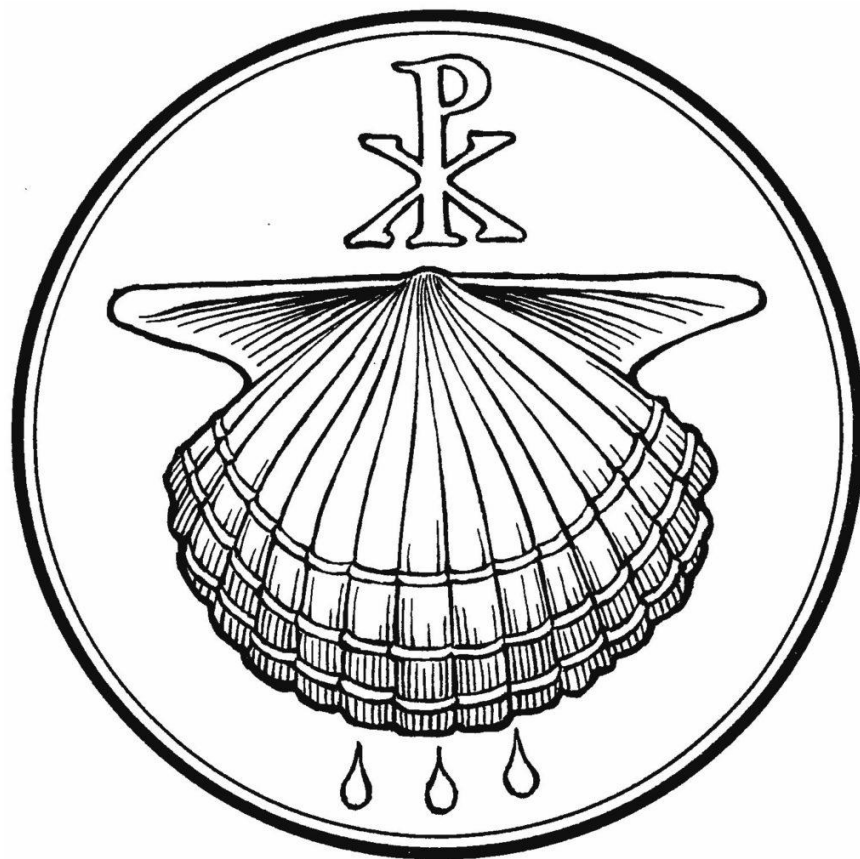


GOOD SHEPHERD

Episcopal Church and School



THE SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Baptism
The Holy Eucharist - *Rite Two*

June 22, 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 are delighted to have children in worship and welcome their wiggles, whispers, and wonder. If your little one becomes fussy, you may prefer a quieter space, a family room is available just off the Narthex. It features a window into the sanctuary and a sound system so you won't miss the service. Nursery care for children under three is available during the 10:00 a.m. service in the Ryon Building (church office), lovingly staffed by trained and caring adults. Please note that Sunday School is on summer break and will resume at the end of August. Worship bags with quiet activities for children are available in the Narthex. We invite you to borrow one for the service and kindly return it afterward. After the 10:00 service, children are invited to Kids in the Courtyard for snacks and lemonade—a chance to play and connect with friends!

THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

The season after Pentecost extends from the Monday after Pentecost Sunday until the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. The first Sunday of this season is Trinity Sunday, and the last Sunday is Christ the King Sunday. It may include as many as twenty-eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. It may be referred to as the “green season,” because green is the usual liturgical color for this period of the church year. This period is also understood by some as “ordinary time,” a period of the church year not dedicated to a particular season or worship theme, but instead to the ordinary rhythms of daily life.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

The people stand.

HYMN • 372 *Praise to the living God*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving--kindness; 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 READINGS

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 65:1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:18-27 *read in unison*

- 18 Be not far away, O LORD; *
 you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, *
 my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
 my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
 in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
 stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
 all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
 neither does he hide his face from them; *
 but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
 and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
 "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
 he rules over the nations.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand

HYMN • 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 8:26-39

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

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

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Sanford H. Groff, Jr.

A moment of quiet reflection will follow the sermon.

HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

- Priest* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
- Parents & Godparents* We present **Ava Gail Cook** to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
- Priest* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
- Parents & Godparents* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
- Parents & Godparents* **I will, with God's help.**

The Priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the child.

- Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
- Answer* **I renounce them.**
- Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
- Answer* **I renounce them.**
- Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
- Answer* **I renounce them.**
- Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
- Answer* **I do.**
- Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
- Answer* **I do.**
- Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
- Answer* **I do.**

The Priest addresses the congregation, saying:

- People* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in her life in Christ?
We will.
- Priest* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Priest 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.**

Priest 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.**

Priest 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.**

Priest 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.**

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

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

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

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

Priest 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 Priest then says to the congregation

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

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Priest says

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 forever. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSION TO THE FONT

We Bring Our Children

Cosnett/Angelus

The baptismal candidate and clergy gather around the font for the administration of Holy Baptism.

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.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

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 forever 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 forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The candidate is presented by name and water is poured upon the candidate, with the words

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

The Celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with oil of Chrism and says:

Ava Gail, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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.**

The godparents light the baptismal candles.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant & 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 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.**

THE OFFERING

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

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

Amazing Grace

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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.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic 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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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 (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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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

You are called by name, forever loved

R. Brown/SARA H.

You're called by name, for ever loved,
adopted as a child of God.
Now one with us,
the family of those who know and love the Lord.

Refrain

In your hands we place your own.
Lord, in their lives make your love known.

Marked as Christ's own, signed by the cross
where Jesus for our sins once died.
with Jesus buried in his death,
called to confess Christ crucified. **REFRAIN**

Raised to new life, a life of grace,
set free from sin, in Christ to grow;
his resurrection to proclaim,
his love in all of life to know. **REFRAIN**

Sealed by the Spirit, Lord of life,
sustained and strengthened by his might.
Joined to the church to share, with us,
the inheritance of saints in light. **REFRAIN**

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Sung by the congregation

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Hymn 296

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.**

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

The demons might know your name, but Christ knows it better.
The chains that held you lie shattered at the bottom of the sea.

The same voice that calmed the storm speaks peace into your chaos.
The same hands that cast out legions reach out to lift you up.

Go now, not to hide your scars but to tell what God has done,
for they have become your testimony.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN • 493 *O for a thousand tongues to sing*

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Celebrant	The Rev. James B. Cook
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Sanford H. Groff, Jr.
Acolyte Server	Jack Grashof
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Verger	Larry Smith
Reader	Alicia Howard
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Healing Ministers	Joan Engskow, Kate Gouery
Ushers	Kelly Bonneau, Marcia Cassidy
Greeters	Pam Mayer, Nancy Cole
Musicians	The Parish Choir
Organist	Timm C. Johnson-Reynolds
Sound	Erik Pariseleti
Altar Guild	Eleanore Browne, Judy Collins
Coffee Hour	Rob Grover
Flower Delivery	Kate Gouery

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