



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

April 26, 2026, at 8:00a



The Church of the Good Shepherd

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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

We are glad you are here! If you are new to Good Shepherd or are interested in learning more about our community, please fill out a Welcome Card, located in the pews, and place it in the offering plate on the table at the back of the Sanctuary or hand it to an usher, greeter, or member of the clergy. Please call the parish office at 703-323-5400 if you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other needs.

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament of holy communion. Those who are not baptized are invited to come forward during communion to receive a blessing from a priest. If you are interested in learning more about the sacrament of baptism, please talk to a priest.

FAMILY ROOM

While all children are always welcome in the Sanctuary, families are also welcome to use the Parlor (to the right as you exit the Sanctuary) which has toys and room to move around as well as a livestream of the service.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

We offer Christian Formation for all ages at 9:00a on most Sundays, September through May. Classes include **Shepherd Kids** for K-3rd grades, **Faith Explorers** for 4th-6th grades, **EYC** for youth in grades 7th-12th, and **Sunday Adult Forum** for adults.

ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS & DEDICATIONS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our many blessings and in celebration of John and Faith Hurley's 39th wedding anniversary.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

People Amen.

Gloria

All 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.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

First Lesson Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and

having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (*King James Version*)

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul; *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; *
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Lesson 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel John 10:1-10

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

Sermon The Rev. Christine Love Mendoza, *Rector*

The Nicene Creed

All 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 of the People Form III

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mark, our Bishop; for our parish clergy; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for Donald, our President; Abigail, our Governor; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor Have compassion on those currently on our parish prayer list, [especially those added this week: _____,] and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor We pray for all those who serve in the armed forces;

People That they would know your loving presence.

Intercessor Give to [_____, and] all the departed eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession & Absolution

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

All 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.

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.

All Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements and Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Presentation of the Gifts

All All things come of thee, O Lord.
And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you...

The Celebrant gives thanks for the wonders of this day.

...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:

All Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God...

The Celebrant gives thanks for God's steadfast love and saving acts through Christ.

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

The Celebrant asks God's blessing on this celebration and the gathered community.

...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.

All AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All 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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation & Communion of the People

The Celebrant gives the invitation to Communion.

Communion Instructions:

To receive communion, offer your cupped hands to receive the host and then proceed to a chalice-bearer to sip from the cup. If you would like communion by intinction (host dipped in wine), give the appropriate gesture (fingers of one hand in the palm of the other) and the host will be dipped in the wine and offered it to you. Also, gluten-free communion is available, just ask the priest. As always, receiving communion in one kind (e.g. bread only) is considered full and complete. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest. If you would like Communion brought to you in your pew, please inform an usher.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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 Celebrant gives the blessing.

People Amen.

The Dismissal

The Priest bids the dismissal.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

COMING EVENTS

Parish Breakfast with Bishop Bourlakas

TODAY! 11:30a (Parish Hall)

Deepen the bonds with your community.

"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts" (Acts 2:46)

Your Flower Guild Invites You!

Saturday, May 16 - 9:30a-12:00p (Sheads Hall)

Come one, come all... including men! The Flower Guild is hosting a Hands-On Workshop. Now's your chance to make a lovely arrangement to take home! Learn all the tricks from arranging to keeping your flowers fresh. All flowers, supplies and light refreshments are included in the \$15 fee. Children 8 and over are free when accompanied by a paying adult. Please RSVP to Kate Kroehler by May 10. Pay on the 16th or on REALM. A fun and creative morning awaits you!

Thursday Bible Study

Thursdays, May 14 - June 4, 2:00p (Parlor)

Join the Reverend Redmond Self this spring for a journey through **Paul's Epistle to the Romans**. Bring your Bibles and come to discuss sin, salvation, and the eternal mercy of God!

We Love Our Class of 2026!

Do you know a graduating senior? On **Sunday, June 14**, we will celebrate our wonderful Class of 2026 High School and College graduates. Please email communications, Jennifer Caldwell, with the names of those we know and love who are graduating this spring!

SAVE THE DATE for the Shrine Mont Parish Weekend! September 25-27

Our sixth annual Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont is only six months away! Plans are taking shape and include a dynamic guest speaker, Southern comfort food, and lots of screen-free time for us all! If you have questions, please reach out to James Caldwell or Charles Sisson.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the special concerns of: Manuel Vega, Margaret Donahoe, Norris and Charlene Sisson, David Stiles, Doug Smith, Carol Waters, Jennifer, the Gerard family, Kathryn Libby, CJ Harris, Heather Abrams, Craig Dubishar, Alli Houseworth, Ann Grey, Diane Stevens, the Brock family, John Wires, Mary Helman, Ray and Judy Caddell, Nim Mercado, the Vitt family, Thomas Morris, Rita Farris, Dianne Carman, Carol and Joe St. Germain, Dorien, Linda Fox, the Allard, Barker, Jillson, McGarry, and Pettit families, Yoshiko Goto, Marion Cooney, Ric Pettit, Addie, Elijah, Pete Larsen, Ted Stevens, Linda Taylor, Bill Schuiling, Ivey Virgil, Fran Vassalotti, Kate, Cory, Jason, Sherry Cable, Christian Cancino, Elisabeth Seye, David Jones, Steve Goldman, Max Dale, David L., Bob and Chepi DiCalogero, Tom Allen, the Cronyn and Spence families, Christy Brown, Gabriel Neagle, Maryann Stinson, Elaine Sasser, Jason Hartman, Anna Jones, Marlene Bekey, Evangeline, Nancy Ehlke, Ida Portland, Steve and Diane Gaiser, Susan Marshall, the Raker family, Joseph Nolan, Margaret McHugh, Rod McFadden, Kay Silver, Heather Bartee, Jenny Lundeen, Jenny Seguinot, Arline Easley, Sean, Lily, Pam and Doug Hawkins, Peter Marshall, Rick Guy, the Bowers family, Charlie Kemp, Thomas Morris, Lee McKenna, Anne Jackson, Helen Demestihias, Doug Smith, Betty, David Chamberlain, Rachel Garff Burkett, Don Brown, Calvin Kraft, Nancy Biele, Dick Nugent, Maureen Murray, Linda, Max Dube and family, Barton Fox, Elizabeth Ames, Carol and Bill, Sharon Jones, Eileen Miller, Betty Laine, Rich Allen, Elva Crawford, Roy Jones, Elizabeth Helman, Monte Montgomery, Ann Johnston, Jana Allen, Christine Jouannet, Michael, Stacey Jolly, Toddy Fox, Catherine Mitchell, Emily Leanne Bucur, Scot Allen, Shannon Allen.

For those who have died: Sally Johnson and Cindy Bohn.