

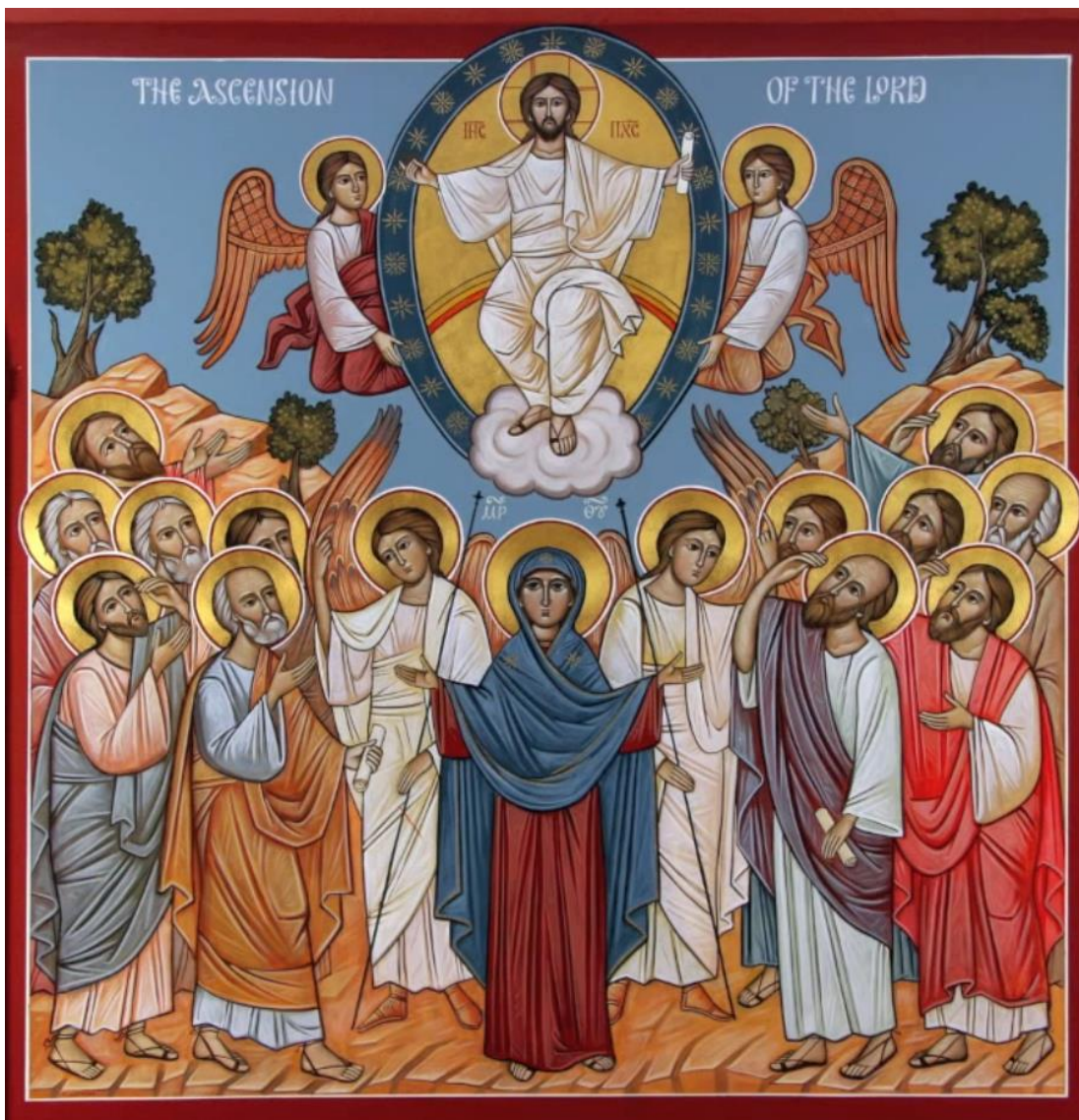


THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Feast of the Ascension (Observed)

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

May 17, 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.

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The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God.

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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.

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

First Lesson Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have

heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

Second Lesson Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Luke 24:44-53

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Redmond Self, *Associate 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 of Sin

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.

Commitment to Christian Service

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A commissioning of Cathy Gaiser and Haley Harger for service leading our outreach ministries.

Celebrant Cathy and Haley, do you accept the call to leadership of our parish's Outreach Committee?
Candidates I do, with God's help.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your commitment to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself, and to respect the dignity of every living being?
Candidates I do, with God's help.

Celebrant May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this, and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of his Christ.
People Amen.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation I commend you to this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support.

The Congregation is invited to stand, as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.
 Almighty God, look with favor upon these persons who have now reaffirmed their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People 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 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.

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 to you,...

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 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

Priest Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

COMING EVENTS

Outreach Sunday & Parish Breakfast – THIS MORNING at 11:30a (Parish Hall)

Join us for a delicious breakfast to support of our Outreach Ministries at Good Shepherd. Eat well and find out more about how you can get involved with how we share Christ's love with our neighbors.

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.c.caldwell@good-shepherd.net) with the names of those you know and love who are graduating this spring!

SAVE THE DATE! September 25-27

Our sixth annual Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont is only five months away!

Firepits, s'mores, hiking, fishing ... 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 (james_caldwell@yahoo.com).

BECOME AN USHER!

We're looking for a few more volunteers to join our Usher Teams for the 10:15 service. If you're interested in serving, please reach out to Pete Jouannet by email (pete.jouannet@gmail.com) or call/text (703-901-4726).

MUSICAL THEATRE CAMP

Registration is open for the Children's & Youth Music Ministry's three camps starting in July. This year, we are featuring Imagination Station, Frozen Jr., and Anastasia (Youth Edition). Reserve your spot today!