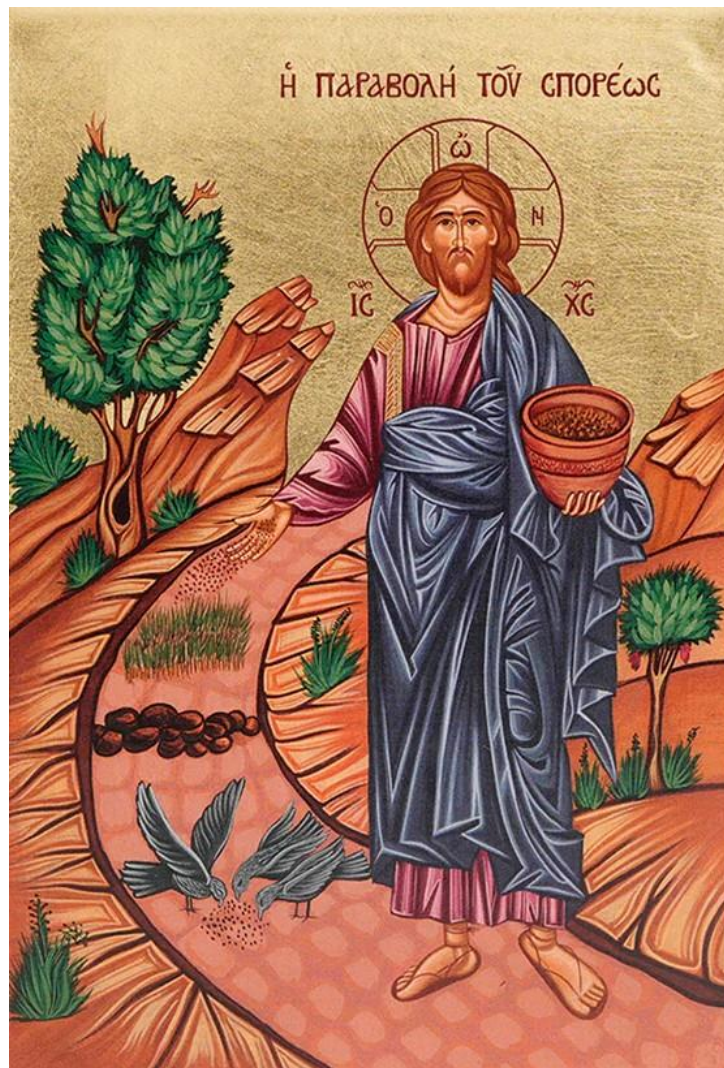




# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist, Enriching Our Worship

July 12, 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-3<sup>rd</sup> grades, **Faith Explorers** for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades, **EYC** for youth in grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, and **Sunday Adult Forum** for adults.

### ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS & DEDICATIONS

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

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**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
**July 12, 2026, at 8:00a**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Acclamation and Opening Collect**

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* Glory to God for ever and ever.

*Celebrant* God our rock and refuge: keep us safe in your care and strengthen us with your grace, that we may pray to you faithfully and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives for ever and ever.

*People* Amen.

**Trisagion**

*Celebrant* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

*People* Have mercy upon us.

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* Amen.

**First Lesson** Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm** 65:9-14

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.

**Second Lesson** Romans 8: 1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

**Gospel** Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

*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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 IV

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy;

*People* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy;

*People* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy;

*People* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy;

*People* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit [, especially those added to our parish prayer list this week, \_\_\_\_\_]; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy;

*People* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* We commend to your mercy all who have died [, especially \_\_\_\_\_]; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy;

*People* Hear our prayer.

*Silence is kept, during which the People may add their own prayers.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## Confession & Absolution

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*All* God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Christ 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, Enriching our Worship Eucharistic Prayer I**

*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 our thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

*All* Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

*All* Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*Celebrant* Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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 Fraction**

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.  
*People* We who are many are one body, because we all share in the one bread.

## **The Invitation & Communion of the People**

*The Celebrant gives the invitation to Communion and then the People may be seated.*

### ***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* God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **The Blessing**

*The Celebrant gives the blessing.*

People            Amen.

## **The Dismissal**

*The Celebrant bids the dismissal.*

People            Thanks be to God.

## **PARISH PRAYER LIST**

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**For the special concerns of:** Ricardo Cruz, Sam Conner Jr., Jim Connally, Leah MacPhee, Marlene Bekey, Mary Helman, the Henderson, Pollard, Barker, and McGarry families, Stephen Post, Elena Johnson, Joe St. Germain, Spencer Goldman, Jane and Kirk Taylor, Cora, Robert Harrison Reed, Rod McFadden, Alfonse Russiero, Barbara Burgess, Robert Grey, Heather Abrams, Michael Dubin, Susan Marshall, Cindy, Ken, Elizabeth Anderson, Marcia Brock, Susan Generazio, Gary Halstead, Jim Zernicke, Carleen Poole, Nancy Ehlke, Margaret Donahoe, Norris and Charlene Sisson, David Stiles, Doug Smith, Craig Dubishar, Alli Houseworth, Ann Grey, Diane Stevens, John Wires, Ray and Judy Caddell, Nim Mercado, Rita Farris, Dianne Carman, Dorien, Linda Fox, the Allard, Barker, Jillson, Yoshiko Goto, Marion Cooney, Ric Pettit, Addie, Elijah, Pete Larsen, Ted Stevens, Bill Schuiling, Ivey Virgil, Fran Vassalotti, Kate, Cory, Jason, Sherry Cable, Christian Cancino, David Jones, Steve Goldman, Max Dale, David L., Bob and Chepi DiCalogero, Tom Allen, Christy Brown, Gabriel Neagle, Maryann Stinson, Elaine Sasser, Jason Hartman, Anna Jones, Evangeline, Ida Portland, Steve and Diane Gaiser, Joseph Nolan, Margaret McHugh, Kay Silver, Heather Bartee, Jenny Seguinot, Arline Easley, Sean, Lily, Pam and Doug Hawkins, Charlie Kemp, Lee McKenna, Anne Jackson, Helen Demestihis, Betty, David Chamberlain, Calvin Kraft, Nancy Biele, Maureen Murray, Linda, Barton Fox, Elizabeth Ames, Carol and Bill, Sharon Jones, 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.

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