



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

September 27, 2026, at 9:00 am



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 and in celebration of the birthday of Lisa Libby.

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**Prelude** “Cantilene” from *Organ Sonata no. 11 op. 148*

Josef Rheinberger

## Gathering Bell

**Procession Hymn** 686 *Come, thou fount of every blessing*

*Nettleton*

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a

ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm.  
 Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

# THE WORD OF GOD

## Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.  
*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 Sung (S 280)

*Robert Powell*

*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 blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil  
and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may  
purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may  
be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*People* Amen.

## First Lesson Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away

from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

*Lector*                The Word of the Lord.

*People*              Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 25:1-8**

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

## **Second Lesson** Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death--  
 even death on a cross.  
 Therefore God also highly exalted him  
 and gave him the name  
 that is above every name,  
 so that at the name of Jesus  
 every knee should bend,  
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
 and every tongue should confess  
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
 to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

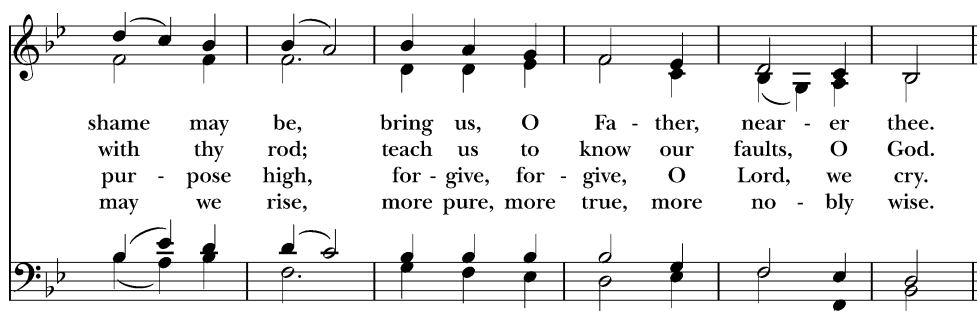
**Gospel Hymn 574** *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel*

*St. Petersburg*

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science  
 2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to  
 3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious  
 4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the  
 all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from  
 to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to  
 pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and  
 sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us  
 catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of  
 God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple



Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: *St. Petersburg*, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).

## The Gospel Matthew 21:23-32

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

*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 VI

*Intercessor* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Intercessor* For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

*Intercessor* For this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

*Intercessor* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

*Intercessor* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

*Intercessor* For the peace and unity of the church of God;

*People* For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

*Intercessor* For all bishops and other ministers;

*People* For all who serve God in his Church.

*Intercessor* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for those added to our parish prayer list this week [\_\_\_\_\_].

*The People may add their own petitions*

*Intercessor* Hear us, Lord;

*People* For your mercy is great.

*Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life,

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

*Intercessor* We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People* And praise your Name for ever and ever.

*Intercessor* We pray for all who have died [especially \_\_\_\_\_], that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*The People may add their own petitions*

*Intercessor* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People* Who put their trust in you.

*Intercessor* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Blessings

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory** *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele* op 122 no 5

*Johannes Brahms*

## Presentation of the Gifts *Sung Doxology*

Old 100th

*All* 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.

## 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.

*Celebrant* 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...

*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:

*Sanctus (Sung S 129)*

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

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*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...

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

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father...

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

..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.

*All* AMEN.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*  
*All*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
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 consecrated Bread.*

*The Fraction Anthem (S 163)*

Robert Powell

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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## The Invitation & Communion of the People

### *Communion Instructions:*

*To receive holy 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.*

### Communion Music Elevation #7

Dom Benoit

## The Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant*  
*All*

Let us pray.  
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.*

All Amen.

## Recessional Hymn 344 *Lord dismiss us with thy blessing*

*Sicilian Mariners*

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

## The Dismissal

*The Priest gives the dismissal.*

People Thanks be to God.

## Postlude *Nun danket alle Gott ("Now Thank We All Our God")*

Sigfrid Karg-Eler

## COMING EVENTS

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### **Blessing of the Animals**

*Sunday, October 4, 3:00p (Outdoor Chapel & Grove)*

Join us as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with a very special Blessing of the Animals. We will celebrate Holy Eucharist outside and rejoice in blessing the special animals in our lives. Bring your chairs, blankets, and pets for blessing, as we relax and enjoy the fun! All furry, feathered, and scaly pets are welcome, with treats for animals, children, and the whole family.

### **Outreach Fall Food Drive**

*October 4 - October 13*

In Fairfax County, more than 105,000 people are experiencing food insecurity. We can help by providing items from the list of staples that Food for Others needs most (Peanut butter, canned fruit, canned tomato products, soup, dried or canned beans, pasta and pasta sauce, rice, cereal, tuna and macaroni & cheese). Every single food donation helps in the fight against hunger.

### **Lois Lightfoot Blood Drive**

*Sunday, October 11*

Good Shepherd will host a blood drive on Sunday, October 11. INOVA requires commitments from 34 people. The minimum donor age is 16 (with parental consent). One blood donation can save up to three lives. If you have any questions, please contact Fred Jones at [dr\\_j433@yahoo.com](mailto:dr_j433@yahoo.com).

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

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**For the special concerns of:** Susan Norman, Bill Lackey, Lieke Skelton, Greg M., Jim Dooley, John Barth, Angel Hunt, Judy and Ray Caddell, Landra, Diane Stevens, Luke Margolis, Laura Hammer, Chen Hollifield, Richard Morris, Ricardo Cruz, Marlene Bekey, Mary Helman, 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, Elizabeth Anderson, Marcia Brock, Susan Generazio, Gary Halstead, Jim Zernicke, Nancy Ehlke, Margaret Donahoe, Norris and Charlene Sisson, David Stiles, Doug Smith, Craig Dubishar, Alli Houseworth, Ann Grey, John Wires, Nim Mercado, Rita Farris, Dorien, Linda Fox, Yoshiko Goto, Marion Cooney, Ric Pettit, Addie, Elijah, Pete Larsen, 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, 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, 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, Scott Allen, Shannon Allen.

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**For our service men and women serving their country both at home and abroad,** especially Mark Jaskot, Ryan Brock, Brad Nye, William Edward, Gabriel Cassell, Scott Brock, Adam, Brendan Cantwell, Luke Scruby, Kyle Hamrock, Grace Hall Vlach, Mhairi Terra, Matt Allen, Michelle Miller, Kristine and Matt Hime, John Wildt, Christian Peter Grey, and Connor Miller.