The Church of the Good Shepherd

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

November 8, 2026, at 8:00 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-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 Brian Daniels's birthday.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation and Opening Collect (BCP 355)

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

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 Amos 5: 18-24

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

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

Psalm 70

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.

Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Gospel Matthew 25: 1-13

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Sermon The Reverend Redmond Self*, Associate Rector*

The Nicene Creed (BCP 358)

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 (BCP 392)

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 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 A (BCP 361)

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 say 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 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 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 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 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 (BCP 365)

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.

COMING EVENTS

Feed-A-Family: Join in the Thanksgiving Feast as Good Shepherd helps feed under-served families
Join us as we give thanks for God's blessings by donating $100 for a whole meal, $50 for a half meal, or another amount to feed a family in need. Please make a contribution to help us reach our goal of feeding more than 300 families. Contribute by: Donating in REALM or by writing a check to Good Shepherd. Please designate all donations to Feed-A-Family.

Parish Breakfast hosted by Bigfoot Gourmet
Sunday, November 15 following the 10:15am service (Parish Hall)
Mmmmm. I bet you can taste the food already. It's time for our wonderful, monthly breakfast for our fellow parishioners and community. If you see someone new, reach out and introduce yourself.

Collecting warm winter jackets for the unhoused
The Lamb Center, a daytime drop-in shelter for the unhoused in Fairfax, is advertising an urgent need for warm winter coats and jackets. The Outreach Committee will have a collection box in the narthex to collect gently used winter jackets (men's and women's), which we will then take to The Lamb Center. It's a win-win for you. Clean out your closets and donate usable jackets to our neighbors in need.

A Christmas Story - the Musical
November 27-29 & December 4-6
Reserve your seat today and support your community for the upcoming hilarious story set in the 1940s about 9-year-old Ralphie, who desperately wants a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. The antics keep coming and will fill your family with holiday spirit.