

Welcome to
The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

8:00 AM, THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

Welcome to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd!

COVID-19 Precautions

Please wear a face mask over your nose and mouth. Be considerate of others during this time. Together we can slow the spread of the virus in our area. Thank you.

Visitors

Welcome! We're glad to have you worship with us. If you'd like to learn more about this community of faith and our different ministries, fill out one of our visitor cards (in the pews) and hand it to an usher.

Restrooms

Exit through the courtyard. A family restroom is available to your right in the Worsham Hall building as soon as you go through the glass door.

Ask an usher if you need any assistance.

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Our website is gsjax.church.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Celebrant and People

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Reader: A reading from Isaiah.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146

Celebrant and the People read the psalm by half verse.

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

- ² Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.
- ³ When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- ⁴ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- ⁵ Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- ⁶ Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- ⁷ The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- ⁸ The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
**he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**
- ⁹ The LORD shall reign for ever, *
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!**

THE EPISTLE: James 2:1-10, 11-13, 14-17

Reader: A reading from James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who

oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Brent Owens

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael Curry, John Howard, and our priests Brent Owens and Elyse Gustafson, and our postulant Teri

Calinao, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially our president, Joe Biden; our governor, Ron DeSantis; and our mayor, Lenny Curry, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor, especially for Julie, Erwin, Andrea, Rich, Courtney, Rodman, Alex and Dave, Allison, Polly, Lawrence, Jennifer, Ann, Brian, Lisa, Nancy, Ted, Sally, Randall, Ingo, John, Glenn, Ruth, Constantine, Joyce, Gail, Art, Patricia, E. G., Judy, Dorothy, Ellen, Shirley and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant

Let us humbly confess our sins unto almighty God.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Celebrant continues

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

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.

The people kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

**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.**

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and

that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

*A blessing is offered and the people respond **Amen.***

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Rev. Brent Owens
Rector

Altar Flowers

Flowers given by Elizabeth and Michael Milton in Thanksgiving for our grandchildren,
Jane, Flora, and Stella Milton and Lindley and Walter Leutzinger

Special Prayers

We pray for peace throughout the world.

We pray for our companion dioceses of Cuba and Peru, and especially for our companion parish, The Church of the Annunciation in Florida, Cuba.

We give thanks and pray for the safety of all healthcare workers during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, especially for: Dean, Karen, George, Alan, Naya, Jay, Lysa, Tony, Tom, Brett, Susanna C., MacLean Nasrallah, Ilya Nasrallah.

We give thanks and pray for all the frontline workers.

We pray for those in need of healing, strength or guidance, especially for:

Julie Beaslie, Erwin Cascante, Andrea H., Rich, Courtney, Rodman, Alex and Dave, Allison DeFoor, Polly, Lawrence, Jennifer Keen, Ann Ottesen, Lisa, Nancy, Ted, Sally McKeithen, Randall Burke, Ingo, John, Glenn, Ruth, Constantine, Joyce Norville, Gail Dunn, Art Jennette, Patricia Lee, E. G. Newsom, Judy Martin, Dorothy, Ellen, Shirley Walters, and our postulant Teri Calinao and husband George.

We pray for those affected by COVID-19, and for those who have died from the virus.

We pray for those who have died.

May their souls, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

We pray for all who are serving in our Armed Forces and Intelligence Services, both at home and abroad, especially for: Ashton, Zachary, Brooker, Caleb, Charlie, Erik, Katie, Bradley Williams, Thomas Crouch, Jonathan Ubl, Channing Mattix, Warren Butler.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially

Raymond Mason	September 6	Steven Castanien	September 8
Carter Elliott	September 6	Stephen Williams	September 8
Austen Pappalardo	September 7	Helen Plaughner	September 9
		John Zell	September 11

We give thanks for those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially

Courtenay and Steve Wilson September 6

Announcements

Vestry Announces A New Mission for Good Shepherd and Supports the Biblical Standard of the Tithe

The Vote: At their last meeting, the Vestry of Good Shepherd voted to affirm the Biblical standard of the tithe by donating 10% of Good Shepherd's income for September through December 2021 to mission outside the Church. The Vestry has decided to partner with the non-profit RIP Medical Debt to help eliminate the injustice of medical debt in Florida. As Paul tells us in Colossians 2:6-7, followers of Christ are to be rooted in faith and growing in gratitude. We believe this is one way to demonstrate both our faith and gratitude for God's blessings!



How It Works: RIP Medical Debt acts as a broker to purchase bad medical debt so that it can be forgiven. About \$100 will purchase \$10,000 of bad medical debt. There is over \$140 billion in medical debt in America; 2/3rd of all personal bankruptcies are due to medical debt; 31 million Americans do not have any health insurance, and 18% of Americans have medical debt in collection. RIP Medical Debt limits its relief to people living at or below 200% of the poverty line, or \$53,000 for a family of 4, so this relief goes to those who need it most. Once a church purchases medical debt through RIP Medical Debt, a letter goes to everyone whose debt has been bought, telling them that the church forgives their debt, and a letter goes to the credit reporting agencies. This is life-changing for many who have bad medical debt which has ruined their credit and damaged job opportunities.

Reputation and Results: The Vestry has investigated RIP Medical Debt and learned: it has a 100% rating from Charity Navigator (a respected organization that evaluates charities). Our Treasurer, Joe Porter (who previously served as a Director of the American Cancer Society), reached out to those who know the principals of RIP Medical Debt and found they are reputable and that the results of their ministry are highly scored for impact. Additionally, dozens of Episcopal churches have partnered with RIP Medical Debt to wipe out millions in medical debt.

How Much Medical Debt Can We Forgive? The Vestry anticipates that 10% of our income for the next 4 months will be around \$10,000. We are also excited to announce that the Schultz Foundation has partnered with us by giving Good Shepherd \$5,000 toward this ministry. Also, a gift of \$100 has been made which must be matched by another \$400. So we anticipate that we will extinguish around \$1.5 million of medical debt for Floridians!

Fall Classes at Good Shepherd

On Sunday Mornings

9:00 am Adult Classes

Starting on September 12, through December 19 (no class on Thanksgiving weekend)

African Bible Study in Craig Lounge and on Zoom Sundays at 9:00 am (starts Sept. 12)



We study the Bible in a non-threatening way, and also get to know others in the process. It is a quest for spiritual insight by inviting the Holy Spirit to be present in our Bible study and creating relationships with each other. No preparation or study is required. “African Bible Study” is a method first introduced by the African Delegation to Lambeth Conference in 1998 (Lambeth Conference is a gathering every 10 years of all bishops of the Anglican Communion.) It is rooted

in the ancient method of praying the scriptures, known as Lectio Divina, or “Holy Reading.” We have 8-10 in attendance most Sundays. Led by Malinda Owens.

Good Shepherd 101 in the Library at 9:00 am on Sundays (starts Sept. 12)

This class welcomes everyone (whether new to Good Shepherd or a long-time member) into the Episcopal Church to help equip us to carry out the work of Christ in the world. We will explore Episcopal liturgy and history, our own spiritual gifts, the sacraments, and much more. Please explore the Episcopal Church with us as we also discern our own spiritual journey. Each session is a “stand-alone” class so that you can attend one, or all or something in between. Led by Fr. Brent Owens.

During the Week

Wednesday Noon Bible Study, starting September 15, 12-1:00 pm in the Library

Good Shepherd member Julie Davis will facilitate this Bible study. Our first study will be *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginners Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*, by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. This study addresses: What might Jesus' teachings have meant to those who first heard them? How do they enhance our reading of the rest of the Gospel of Matthew, and how do they speak across the centuries to listeners today? How, if we pay careful attention to his words, does Jesus provide us a road map to living as God would have us live?

Wednesday Evening Book Study, 7:00 pm by Zoom (September 15 through October 27)

We will explore a window into the millennial generation's detachment from religious institutions and also how some find their way back into the church with Rachel Held Evans' book *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church* which is available on Amazon and usual booksellers. If you cannot afford to purchase the book, Father Brent will buy it for you. The Book Study will be at 7:00 pm by Zoom starting Wednesday, September 15. See you on Wednesday evenings!

Brent+

Zoom Meeting ID: 711 7700 7115

Passcode: Zc4PB2

Other Opportunities

Support JASMYN now and during Pantry Drop-Off Days on September 18 and 20

JASMYN’s mission: JASMYN supports and empowers LGBTQ young people by creating safe space, providing health and wholeness services and offering youth development opportunities, while bringing people and resources together to promote equality and human rights.

How you can support JASMYN now: Purchase items from their Amazon Wish List. Shop with Amazon Smile and select “JASMYN” as your charity. Like, follow, and share their social media posts with others.

Pantry Drop-Off Days: Saturday, September 18, 10:00 am-Noon and Monday, September 20, 3:00-6:00 pm

Please only drop off items on their list (below). All donors are required to wear a mask for safety.

You can drop your items with Liz on the J1 porch at 923 Peninsular Place, the bright blue building. You'll find parking in front of J1, around the corner alongside J2, or in the back of the Jimmy Johns parking lot off Chelsea St.

Food Pantry	Hygiene/Clothing
1. Jimmy Dean breakfast cups and sandwiches 2. Pop-top cans or pouches of chicken or tuna 3. Soups and Chef Boyardee products 4. Beans/beans and franks 5. Ready-to-eat boxed meals/Hamburger Helper 6. Mac and cheese (pop-top, box or bag) 7. Lipton Noodles, Ramen noodles, noodles in a cup 8. Instant rice (boil in a bag)	1. Body wipes 2. Hand sanitizer (travel size); Lysol wipes/spray (travel size and regular) 3. Full size shampoo and full size conditioner 4. Natural hair care for Black hair 5. Full size body wash 6. Deodorant 7. Toothpaste, toothbrushes, toothbrush covers; floss

9. Pasta and pasta sauce	8. Lotion
10. Dried fruit or fruit and nut snacks	9. Razors
11. Pop-Tarts	10. Insect repellent
12. Drinks (bottled or boxed water, Capri Sun, Vita Water, Gatorade, etc.)	11. Body spray (Axe, Dove, etc.)
13. Granola/protein bars and cereal	12. Makeup and makeup remover, including darker tones of foundation
14. Crackers (cheese, peanut butter, animal crackers)	13. Sunscreen
15. Paper plates, bowls, cups, napkins; utensils	14. Travel packs of tissues
16. Dish soap, dish sponges, dish towels	15. New undershirts and tanks (all sizes)
17. Plastic bags, garbage bags	16. New underwear (all sizes, male or female, boxers or briefs)
18. Can openers and drawstring bags	17. New socks
19. Gift cards to stores (Publix, Walmart, etc.)	18. Gift cards to stores (TJ Maxx, Target, etc.)

Health Screenings on September 17 in Craig Lounge

Life Line is having health screenings in Craig Lounge on September 17. This is by appointment only and health safety protocols will be in place. Life Line says that these screenings are “generally best suited for people over the age of 50, OR have a risk factor such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, being overweight, smoking and a family history of stroke or cardiovascular disease.” To make an appointment, you can visit lifelinescreening.com and enter the church’s zip code (32204) in the box that says “Find a screening within your community.” Please note that these screenings are not free.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, September 6th

Labor Day **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday, September 7th

11:30 am EWES Lunch in the Courtyard

Wednesday, September 8th

4:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Courtyard

7:00 pm Compline on YouTube

Sunday, September 12th

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Chapel

9:00 am Bible Study in Craig Lounge and via Zoom

9:00 am Good Shepherd 101 in the Library

9:50 pm Children's Sunday School in Early Learning Center Classroom

10:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Church and on YouTube

Our YouTube videos will remain available to watch after the time they premiere.

Please check our online calendar at gsjax.church for updates.

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