

Welcome to
The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 10, 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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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

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Job 12:7-10

Reader: A reading from Job.

⁷ “But ask the animals, and they will teach you;
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
⁸ ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
⁹ Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the LORD has done this?
¹⁰ In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 148:7-10

Celebrant and the People read the psalm by half verse.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!
⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

THE EPISTLE: Galatians 6:14-18

Reader: A reading from Galatians.

¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷ From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. ¹⁸ May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Elyse Gustafson

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 the Olson Family, Rebecca and Brad and Theodore, Peter, Maggie, Brandon, Yevgeniya, Missy, Julie, Erwin, Andrea, 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, especially Betty, 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 and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And with thy spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

The people stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

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

The Rev. Elyse Gustafson
Priest Associate

Altar Flowers

Given by Julie Davis in memory of her parents, Julia Olive and Richard Brooke, who were married at Good Shepard on October 10, 1958.

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 pray those in our diocese, especially for: Bethany Episcopal Church, Hilliard; St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Palm Coast; Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Gainesville; Chapel of St. Dismas, Baker Correctional; Christ Episcopal Church, Monticello; Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, Jacksonville

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:

The Olson Family, Rebecca and Brad Owens and Theodore, Peter Flood, Maggie, Brandon Centerwall, Yevgeniya, Missy L., Julie Beasley, Erwin Cascante, Andrea H., 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, especially for Betty Crittenden. 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: Rich, 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

Zachary Russell	October 12	Brian Palmer	October 16
Jamie Reaser	October 14	Kattee Patterson	October 16
Pat Rogers	October 15	Kenneth Chamberlain	October 16
Lee Bullock	October 15		

We give thanks for those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially

Dave and Kate Medill October 14

Announcements

We Remember Those Who Have Died

On All Saints' Day, we remember and honor those who have died. We are now gathering names of loved ones who have passed away. If you would like us to read a loved one's name aloud during the service on All Saints' Day, please share it with the office by emailing Gina at golson@gsjax.church or by calling the Parish Office at (904) 387-5691.

Gina's office availability will vary this week. Her grandmother, Kathryn Olson ("Grammee"), was hit by a vehicle when crossing the street, and she died. Gina is so grateful for everyone's prayers for her family, especially for her grandfather, David, and father, Eric.

Livestream Techs Needed

We need people to make the Livestream happen each Sunday. By live-streaming services on YouTube, people who otherwise would not be able to attend worship can attend. If you are interested in helping, please contact Anne Graham at acgraham916@gmail.com.

Service Attendance

September 29	Compline on YouTube	10
October 3		64

This Week

On Sunday Mornings

Bible Study in Craig Lounge and on Zoom Sundays at 9:00 am

Study the Bible in a non-threatening way and get to know others in the process. 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.)

Meeting ID: 778 9800 5402

Passcode: Bi0Dgu

Good Shepherd 101 in the Library at 9:00 am on Sundays and by Zoom

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.

Meeting ID: 728 2258 1242

Passcode: Wc0ZHT

Thank you, Lay Weeders!

Thank you to our Lay Weeders for their work around the grounds the previous Saturday. Lee Edgar, Sheryl Pulley, Steve Gillick, Dale Taylor, Anne Graham, and Debbie Conder all helped out.

If you would like to join this group for service and fellowship, you're invited! Lay Weeders meets on the first Saturday of each month.

During the Week

Wednesday Noon Bible Study, 12:00-1:00 pm in Craig Lounge only

Good Shepherd member Julie Davis facilitates this Bible study. Our first study uses *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven* by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine and 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?

Prayer Shawl Group at 4:00 pm in the Courtyard

The prayer shawl ministry meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00 pm in the courtyard. This group gets together to knit and crochet prayer shawls and prayer blankets that are blessed and distributed. If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, or just spending time with caring and interesting people, join them.

Wednesday Evening Book Study, 7:00 pm by Zoom only

We 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*. The Book Study is at 7:00 pm by Zoom each Wednesday. After the book study, you can attend a service of Compline on our YouTube channel. Zoom Meeting ID: 711 7700 7115 Passcode: Zc4PB2

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Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, October 13th

- 12:00 pm Wednesday Noon Bible Study in Craig Lounge
4:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Courtyard
7:00 pm *Searching for Sunday* Book Study by Zoom only
7:00 pm Compline on YouTube

Sunday, October 17th

The Twenty-First 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, so you can attend the book study without missing Compline.

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