

Welcome to
The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 31, 2022

8:00 AM, THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

Welcome to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd!

COVID-19 Precautions

Masks are now optional. Please be considerate of those who choose to wear masks and observe social distancing. 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
People

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Reader: A reading from Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ~ and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 49:1-11

Celebrant and the People read the psalm by half verse.

- ¹ Hear this, all you peoples;
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- ² My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- ³ I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- ⁴ Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- ⁵ The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
and boast of their great riches?
- ⁶ We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;
- ⁷ For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,
- ⁸ In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.
- ⁹ For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- ¹⁰ Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.
- ¹¹ Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.

THE EPISTLE: Colossians 3:1-11

Reader: A reading from Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things— anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to

him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord 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, Charlie Holt, 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 Jonathan, Virgil, Jo, John, Paul, Gayle, George, Doug, Richard, Richard, Diane, Homer, Robert, Jamie, Michael, Kerry, Elizabeth, Skye, Kathleen, Missy, Peter, Brandon, Yevgeniya, Julie, Courtney, Rodman, Allison, Polly, Lawrence, Jennifer, Brian, Nancy, John, Glenn, Ruth, Constantine, Gail, Patricia, E. G., Dorothy, Ingo, Ellen, and 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 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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

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.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please let the priest know if you desire a gluten free wafer. If you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the priest.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

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.**

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Susan and Peggy Croom
in memory of Fulton & Florence Saussy and Rev. Letitia Croom.*

Special Prayers

We pray for peace throughout the world, especially for peace in Ukraine.

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 for those in our diocese, especially for: St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Saint Johns; St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Federal Point; St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Chiefland; All Souls' Chapel, Union Correctional; St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Mayo; All Saints' Episcopal Church, Jacksonville.

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

We pray for those in need of healing, strength or guidance, especially for: Jonathan Reynolds, Virgil, Jo, John, Paul, Gayle, George, Doug Walkinshaw, Richard, Richard, Diane, Homer, Robert, Jamie, Michael, Kerry, Elizabeth, Kathleen, Skye Carroll, Missy L., Peter Flood, Brandon Centerwall, Yevgeniya, Julie Beasley, Courtney, Rodman, Allison DeFoor, Polly, Lawrence, Jennifer Keen, Nancy, John, Glenn, Ruth, Constantine, Gail Dunn, Art Jennette, Patricia Lee, E. G. Newsom, Dorothy, Ingo, 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: Rich, Ashton, Zachary, Brooker, Caleb, Charlie, Erik, Bradley Williams, Thomas Crouch, Jonathan Ubl, Channing Mattix, Warren Butler.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially for

Russ Henry	August 1
Arya Lyons-Khadpe	August 2
Price Pickett	August 4

We give thanks for those celebrating anniversaries, especially for

Debbie & John Conder	August 6
Davis & Maureen Ely	August 6

*Let us know if there is someone who could be blessed by receiving flowers from the altar
or if you would like to add a name to our prayer list.*

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Announcements

What can I do to help people in Ukraine?



Episcopal Relief & Development and other Anglican partners can provide some assistance to those fleeing the violence in Ukraine. For more information, visit episcopalrelief.org. To donate, scan the QR code with your phone.

Door Update: Forbes Street Doors

We're excited to continue to see progress in the exterior door refinishing project. As always, we appreciate your patience. The Forbes Street office doors have been removed to be refinished. Please excuse the temporary maintenance. While this work is in progress, please enter through the Park Street door across from the pool entrance.

Save The Date: Blueberry Patch Blessing on Saturday, August 13 at 9:00 am

Join us for the blessing of the Good Shepherd Blueberry Patch on Saturday, August 13 at 9:00 am at White Harvest Farms! We will process through the 240 blueberry bushes we planted, blessing them and those who will receive their bounty as we go. We give thanks to God that these blueberry bushes will provide fruit for those in need in Jacksonville through Clara White Mission for the next 40-50 years of their life span! Afterwards, we will enjoy Krispy Kreme Donuts, coffee, and/or some cool drinks. Location of White Harvest Farms: 5232 Moncrief Road, Jacksonville, FL 32209.

Time to Collect School Supplies

Once again, we will collect school supplies for Central Riverside Elementary. Donations can be placed in the narthex or brought to the Parish Office during the week.

Items Needed: Clorox wipes, notebook paper, #2 pencils, Sharpies, pens, glue sticks, highlighters, computer/copy paper, folders with pockets and prongs, white out, colored pencils, tissues, Scotch tape, Post-it notes, hand sanitizer, and crayons.

Altar Flower Sign-up in the Narthex

There are still available dates for altar flowers in 2022. Flowers are \$75. Please sign up on the chart in the narthex (back of the church).

Blessing of the Backpacks

Bring your backpacks to church on August 14 and they will be blessed at the altar as children begin a new school year.

Parents of Little Ones (POLO) Cookout at Owens' House: Saturday, August 20 at 5:00 pm

All of our families with children at home are invited to a cook out at Father Brent and Malinda's house on Saturday, August 20 at 5 pm! We plan on eating, drinking, and hanging out as we form the Good Shepherd POLO group and plan our next steps to support our families and kids. You don't need to bring anything except yourselves. Please RSVP to Father Brent, so we have plenty of refreshments and food!

RSVP to bowens@gsjax.church or text/call (904) 866-9772.

This Week

EWES on Tuesday at 11:30 am

EWES ("Eating With Episcopalians Socially") is a flock of Good Shepherd women who meet for lunch at 11:30 am on the first Tuesday of the month. No invitation is needed and no reservation is required. It's just a pleasant gathering with no agenda. Bring your lunch and join them in the courtyard.

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Weekly at 7:00 am in Betsy Lovett Hall

Get a mid-week boost each Wednesday from 7:00 am to 7:45 am! Enjoy eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, oatmeal, yogurt, fruit, and, of course, Sequential Coffee. Father Brent will lead us in a short Bible Study and we will pray before we continue on our day.

Wednesday Evening Compline on YouTube

Visit our YouTube channel at or after 7:00 pm each Wednesday for a service of Compline. Services are led by different people each week. These services are brief and a good way to find peace after a long day.

Lay Weeders on Saturday

If you would like to join the "Lay Weeders," simply come to Good Shepherd on the first Saturday of the month between 8:00 am and noon. You can bring gloves and gardening tools. This group meets in the courtyard and beautifies the natural spaces around Good Shepherd.

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Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, August 2nd

11:30 am EWES Lunch in the Courtyard

Wednesday, August 3rd

7:00 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study in Betsy Lovett Hall

7:00 pm Compline on YouTube

Saturday, August 6th

8:00 am Lay Weeders in the Courtyard

Sunday, August 7th

The Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

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

9:00 am Bible Study in Craig Lounge (and by Zoom)

10:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Church and on YouTube
Fellowship Hour follows the 10:00 am service in Craig Lounge.

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