

Welcome to
The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd



THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 7, 2022

10:00 AM, THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
& HOLY BAPTISM

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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OPENING VOLUNTARY

Fantasia in D Minor, P. 124

Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

WELCOME

The Rev. Brent Owens, *Rector*

OPENING HYMN God of grace and God of glory CWM Rhondda Hymnal 594

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your

will; 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: Genesis 15:1-6

Reader: A reading from Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 33:12-22

Celebrant and the People read the psalm by half verse.

¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *

happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven, *

and beholds all the people in the world.

¹⁴ From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *

on all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵ He fashions all the hearts of them *

and understands all their works.

¹⁶ There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *

a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

- ¹⁷ The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.
- ¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
- ¹⁹ To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
- ²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.
- ²¹ Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- ²² Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

THE EPISTLE: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Reader: A reading from Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered himself faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to

return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN This is the hour of banquet and of song *Morestead* **Hymnal 317**

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Elyse Gustafson

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

- Celebrant* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
- Parents and Godparents* I present Clark Alexander Moran to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
- Celebrant* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
- Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
- Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
- Parents and Godparents* I renounce them.
- Celebrant* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
- Parents and Godparents* I renounce them.
- Celebrant* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
- Parents and Godparents* I renounce them.
- Celebrant* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
- Parents and Godparents* I do.
- Celebrant* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
- Parents and Godparents* I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents I do.

To the congregation:

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Clark in his life in Christ.

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with Clark who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Please stand.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for Clark who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Clark, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Clark, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

The Celebrant then says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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

OFFERTORY

Hymn prelude on St. Agnes

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380 (vs.3)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The people stand.

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 our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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

The Celebrant and People sing

Hymnal S-129

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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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

FRACTION

Celebrant and People say

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

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

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

CLOSING HYMN

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding *Merton*

Hymnal 59

THE DISMISSAL

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on CWM *Rhondda*

Paul Manz (1919–2009)

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the wedding anniversary of Maureen & Davis Ely
by Maureen & Davis Ely.*

Clark Alexander Moran
Candidate for Holy Baptism

Lauren Bonenclark & John Moran, III
Parents

Samantha Bonenclark & Michael Moran
Godparents

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: 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, 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

Charlotte Lewis	August 7
Charlotte Herford	August 9
Vera Brown	August 11
Ross Krueger	August 13

We give thanks for those celebrating anniversaries.

*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

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.

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Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, August 10th

7:00 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study in Betsy Lovett Hall
7:00 pm Compline on YouTube

Sunday, August 14th

The Tenth 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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