

Welcome to
The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

10:00 AM, THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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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OPENING VOLUNTARY Meditation on *Lobe den Herren* J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

WELCOME The Rev. Brent Owens

INTROIT We Will Extol You, Everblessed Lord *Old 124th*

OPENING HYMN Praise to the Lord, the almighty *Lobe den Herren* **Hymnal 390**

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.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant

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

GLORIA **Hymnal S-280**
(*Hymn numbers preceded by an "S" are found in the front of the hymnal.*)

Celebrant and People

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

- ⁴ The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.
- ⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- ⁶ He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- ⁷ He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.
- ⁸ He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

THE EPISTLE: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Reader: A reading from 1 Timothy.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN God of mercy, God of grace *Lucerna Laudoniae* **Hymnal 538**

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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 (FORM III)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Michael Curry, John Howard, our
priests Brent Owens and Elyse Gustafson, and our postulant Teri Calinao;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially our
president, Joe Biden; our governor, Ron DeSantis; and our mayor, Lenny Curry;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially for Penelope,
Fernanda, Jonathan, Virgil, Jo, Doug, Richard, Richard, Diane, Jamie, Elizabeth, Skye,
Missy, Peter, Brandon, Yevgeniya, Julie, Courtney, Polly, Lawrence, Jennifer, Brian, Nancy,
John, Ruth, Constantine, Gail, E. G., Dorothy, Ingo, Ellen, and Shirley; **That they may be
delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

CONCLUDING COLLECT

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Seek to Serve

Lloyd Pfautsch (1921–2003)

May I live in the world as one who always seeks to serve.
May I live as one who knows the love of God.
Lord, teach me how to live and how serve.

With my ears may I hear. With my eyes may I see.
With my lips may I speak. May your word be heard through me.
Thus as I live each day may love sustain the will to serve.

Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Refrain
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

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.

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 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 HYMN

Lamb of God

Hymnal S-161

Celebrant and People sing

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

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.

COMMUNION MOTET

O Salutaris Hostia

Giovanni Anerio (1569-1630)

COMMUNION HYMN

This the hour of banquet and of song

Morestead

Hymnal 317

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. Mark's Episcopal Church, Jacksonville; Trinity Parish Episcopal Church, Saint Augustine; St. Teresa Prison Ministry at Wakulla Correctional Institution; St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, Jacksonville Beach; St. Mary's Mission Episcopal Church, Jacksonville; St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Jacksonville; St. Christopher's Episcopal Mission, Flagler Beach.

We pray for those in need of healing, strength or guidance, especially for: Penelope Nasrallah, Fernanda, Jonathan Reynolds, Virgil, Jo, Doug Walkinshaw, Richard, Richard, Diane, Jamie, Elizabeth, Skye Carroll, Missy L., Peter Flood, Brandon Centerwall, Yevgeniya, Julie Beasley, Courtney, Polly, Lawrence, Jennifer Keen, Nancy, John, Ruth, Constantine, Gail Dunn, 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

Jane Gonsalves	September 18
Diane Bunker	September 18
Julie Beasley	September 20
Earl Farris	September 21
Robert Rowe	September 23
Tommy Davis	September 23

Russ Collins September 23
Mtr. Elyse Gustafson September 24

We give thanks for those celebrating anniversaries, especially for

Alan & Jodie Coleman September 18

*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.
welcome@gsjax.church*

Our prayer list was last updated on September 15, 2022.

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.

Pride Parade at Good Shepherd!

River City Pride is just around the corner! On Saturday, October 1, the annual parade will walk right by our church, and we want to cheer them on! Join us at 1:00 pm (the parade kicks off at 2:00 pm) for food, drinks, and our first ever cheering party! If you have any questions or if you would like to help, contact Elyse at egustafson@gsjax.church. We look forward to seeing you there!

Blessing of the Animals: Outdoors on Saturday, October 8 & on Sunday, October 9 during the 10:00 am Service

On Saturday, October 8, we will have a Blessing of the Animals in the church parking lot. Plan to come with your pet and a donation of pet food. Come for a short service and blessing, and stay after the service to learn more about how you can help your pets and animals in our community. First Coast No More Homeless Pets will join us to accept donations of pet food and supplies for their Jacksonville Pet Food Bank.

Come again on Sunday, October 9. Animals will be blessed during the 10:00 am service.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Sunday, October 9 at 5:00 pm
Woodwind Quartet in Craig Lounge**

9B is a group of 4 local semi-pro musicians who play in various groups throughout the Northeast Florida area. In the summer of 2021, Jeff Ackerman, the founder of 9B and oboist for the group asked 3 of his fellow musicians to join him in reading music for a Woodwind quartet. "We started rehearsing together and it worked." The quartet was formed. The name of the quartet, 9B came a few months later. Yvonne Tolbert on flute, Lynn Jacobson on clarinet, and Miranda Thompson on bassoon complete the 9B quartet. What makes 9B unique is that all the musicians play multiple instruments. 9B performs all types of acoustic music for lighter occasions. The 9B quartet is a volunteer group that performs for the love of music.

We Remember Those Who Have Died

On All Saints' Sunday, November 6, 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. **Please share names with us by Monday, October 31.**

Good Shepherd 101: The On Ramp to Good Shepherd!

You are invited to Good Shepherd 101 on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the Library! This class welcomes everyone into the life of Good Shepherd and the Episcopal Church to help equip us to carry out the work of Christ in the world. We will explore liturgy, history, our spiritual gifts, the sacraments, and much more. Whether you are a new or a longtime member, we invite you to explore the Episcopal Church with us as we also discern our spiritual journey. Each session is a "stand-alone" class so that you can attend one, all, or something in between.

Youth Group on Sundays

The new middle and high school youth group will meet in the newly renovated third-floor youth room following the 10:00 am service. This group is open to 5th graders through high school seniors. We have chosen a curriculum published by the Episcopal church that combines studies in thematic topics such as diversity, relationships, and spirituality with the liturgical calendar. Along with this curriculum, we will have guest teachers and service projects. Together this new group will enjoy food, fellowship, fun, friendship, and... food!

Feed the Youth Group!

We are looking for volunteers to provide lunch for our weekly youth group meetings after the 10:00 am service. This lunch can be a homemade four-course meal, or a pizza and sub sandwiches. We are not picky! We would love for you to join us for lunch but you are also welcome to drop off the food. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. We will contact you the week prior to your scheduled date with a head count and any food allergies. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Medill at (904) 716-5965.

Hospitality Ministry News

GOING GREEN

Good Shepherd is gradually going green. We are reducing plastic usage. We have already replaced cups, plates, and take-away containers with biodegradable versions. The plates and containers are made from bagasse. Bagasse is fiber residue resulting from sugar cane and sorghum processing, and is compostable.

DECLUTTERING

We are beginning to declutter the kitchen and pantry. If you are missing any kitchenware, check to see if we have it; we have an excess of baking dishes and other items. We are slowly labeling the storage areas so supplies can be readily found and stock monitored.

HELP US REDUCE FOOD WASTE. Sometimes it's difficult for us to judge how much to serve at coffee hour. Proper food service health protocols require us to throw out leftovers. You can help us avoid waste by bringing something home. Even if you leave before the coffee hour is over, take something along with you. To-go containers are provided.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

A huge thanks to all who help make the coffee hours a success! We are recruiting seven more helpers and two more team leaders. This way, team leaders will serve every fourth Sunday and helpers every sixth Sunday. Please contact Juan Vegega at juan.s.vegega@gmail.com if you're able to volunteer.

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.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study in Craig Lounge

A study of *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple* by Adam Hamilton meets each Wednesday at noon. Julie Davis leads this study.

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, September 21st

7:00 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study in Betsy Lovett Hall
12:00 pm Wednesday Study of *Simon Peter* in Craig Lounge
7:00 pm Compline on YouTube

Sunday, September 25th

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 by Zoom)
9:00 am Good Shepherd 101 in the Fant Library
10:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Church and on YouTube
Coffee Hour follows the 10:00 am service in Craig Lounge.
Youth Group follows the 10:00 am service in the Youth Room.

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