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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 16, 2017

10:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

VOLUNTARY: Prelude on *Mit Freuden Zart* (Sing praise to God)

T. F. Candlyn

Please stand as the organ introduces the processional hymn.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN: Sing praise to God

Hymnal 408

(the service continues on p. 355 in the Book of Common Prayer)

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

BCP, p. 355

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, p. 355

GLORIA

Hymnal S-280

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON: Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119: 105-112 *[read responsively by half verse at the asterisk]*

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet * **and a light upon my path.**

106 I have sworn and am determined * **to keep your righteous judgments.**

107 I am deeply troubled; * **preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.**

108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, * **and teach me your judgments.**

109 My life is always in my hand, * **yet I do not forget your law.**

110 O The wicked have set a trap for me, * **but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; * **truly, they are the joy of my heart.**

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes * **for ever and to the end.**

THE EPISTLE: Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law~ indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN: O Christ, the Word incarnate

Hymnal 632

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON:

The Rev. Ron Owen

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM IV)

BCP, p. 388

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP, p. 360

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Christ Hath a Garden

G. Near

Christ hath a garden walled around,
A Paradise of fruitful ground,
Chosen by love and fenced by grace
From out the world's wide wilderness.

Like trees of spice his servants stand,
There planted by his mighty hand;
By Eden's gracious streams, that flow
To feed their beauty where they grow.

Awake, O wind of heav'n and bear
Their sweetest perfume through the air:
Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom,
Till the beloved Master come:

That he may come, and linger yet
Among the trees that he hath set;
That he may evermore be seen
To walk amid the springing green.

DOXOLOGY: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Hymnal 380 (verse 3)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP, p. 367

PROPER PREFACE:

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.

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-129

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

FRACTION: My flesh is food indeed

Hymnal S-169

COMMUNION HYMN: **Lord, make us servants of your peace**

Hymnal 593

SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC VISITORS :

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these Holy gifts, that those to whom you go, especially Isla, E. G. and Joyce, may share with us in the body and blood of Christ.

People: **We who are many are One body, because we share one bread, one cup.**

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER:

BCP, p. 365

CLOSING HYMN: **Glorious things of thee are spoken**

Hymnal 522

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY: Improvisation on *Austria*

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 Anunciacion in Florida, Cuba.

We pray for those who are ill, especially for

Ken, Lee, Biff, Sharon, Pat, Wilson, Grant, Dorothea, Dennis,
Joyce, Curry, Shirley, Charles, Kara, Vladimir, Kathleen, Gary, Patricia, Sue

We pray for strength and guidance for

Liz and Jacob, Emma, Jen

We pray for all who are serving in our armed forces, both at home and abroad, especially for

Zachary, Brooker, Derek, Carrie

We give thanks for birthdays being celebrated this week

John Colhard 7/22

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Art Draper
given by Elaine Draper and family

and in memory of Nancy Louise Burrell (July 15, 1932 - December 1, 2016)
given by her loved ones, neighbors, and friends

The attendance on July 9, 2017

8:00 am: 11 10:00 am: 110

2017 Budgeted Offerings: \$395,000.00

Year to Date Actual Offerings through July 9, 2017: \$ 220,924.13

Needed Each Week: \$7,596

Received July 9: \$3,026

Announcements

- Welcome to The Church of the Good Shepherd - Good morning! We are pleased that you are worshiping with us this morning and we invite you to fully participate in our services. This leaflet outlines the service from the red Book of Common Prayer, including page numbers for the services, hymn numbers from the blue hymnal, scripture readings and further directions related to our services. Following the 8:00 am service we invite everyone for coffee and conversation in Worsham Hall. Following the 10:00 am service everyone is invited to Craig Lounge for coffee and conversation. We hope you will join us weekly at the service of your choice. Peace and blessings!
- Nursery - Our nursery is staffed every Sunday by Miss Seida and Miss Anela from 8:30 am until 11:30 am. The nursery is located in the Toddler room of the school wing. If you need assistance, please speak to an usher who can direct you to the nursery.
- Children's Worship Activity Bags - We welcome all children during our worship services. Activity bags are provided with age-appropriate items so that children can be engaged during the service. Please don't hesitate to speak to an usher at any time during the service for these special additions provided for your children.
- A Sunday Conversation - Our conversation at 9:15 each Sunday is a way to get to know each other better. Through July 30, it will move to Worsham Hall. Come join the conversation. Coffee and refreshments are available.
- Book Study- "Compass and Stars" - The 4-week book study led by Lee Purcell takes place at 9:15 am in Craig Lounge through July 30. We are reading and sharing our thoughts on the Rev. Martin L. Smith's book "Compass and Stars", a collection of short pieces that will help us restore our bearings in the life of the spirit.
- Block Party ~ Save the Date - On August 27th, 12.00~5.00, following the 10.00 service, Good Shepherd will have a party! We're inviting all members, and 'The Neighborhood.' Please invite your friends. We will have a great BBQ meal, music, and the Pool will be open for everyone! Details to follow, but put this wonderful party on your calendar, and plan to join us.
- Donations to St. Catherine's Food Pantry - This week we are suggesting dried fruits, nuts and granola bars. Please note that all non perishable items are accepted and sincerely appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

- Sunday Lunch Angels – We need a few Lunch Angels to make and deliver sack lunches to Church Without Walls on Sunday, July 30. Lunches should include a sandwich, chips, piece of fruit and cookie. We need lunches for 75 people. **See Linda Ross if you are willing to help.** Church without Walls is an urban mission within the Diocese of Florida that is helping to create a bridge between people in the pews and our neighbors outside of our churches. They have an outdoor worship service every Sunday at 1:30 pm in the parking lot at Market St. and E. Monroe, downtown. Following the service is a time to enjoy some fellowship and the sack lunches that various churches and other groups provide.
- Community Outreach – Once again it is time to think about school starting! We will have our school supply drive for the students and teachers of West Riverside and Central Riverside Elementary Schools. Collection boxes will be in the narthex beginning Sunday, July 16 - August 6.

Recommended list of needed school supplies:

Pencils—mechanical and wooden	Composition books
Pens—blue, black and red	Spiral notebooks
Crayons and markers	Children’s scissors
Highlighters	Rulers
Paper clips	Pencil erasers
Dry Erase markers	Folders with pockets
Water colors	Glue Sticks
Pencil Bags	Construction paper
Lined notebook paper	Sharpie Markers

- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – On Friday, August 11th we will co- host the back to school luncheon for the teachers at Fishweir, West Riverside and Central Riverside Elementary Schools. We have been asked again this year to provide desserts for 150 people; pick up desserts such as brownies, cookies, and bars are recommended. If you would like to help please sign up in the narthex and bring your desserts to the church by Wednesday, August 9th.
- A Call for Visual Artists – Are you an artist or know someone who is? Good Shepherd is looking for its 2017 Christmas Card art and artist. The submission deadline is August 15th. If you are interested in becoming a part of this initiative, please contact Kate Medill at kate_medill5283@yahoo.com.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 23rd

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

9:15 am Sunday Conversation (Worsham)

9:15 am Book Study Group (Craig)

10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

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