

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2026

8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite I



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Services: Sunday at 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday at 6 PM

Our Sunday 10:00 AM service is livestreamed

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

A gentle Reminder: Please enter the Nave quietly and reverently and silence your phones.



Virtual Worship Bulletins

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remain seated.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All **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.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray... Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Lector *The First Reading is taken from Exodus chapters 1 and 2...*

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives

bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 124

Lector *We will read responsively from Psalm 124...*

Lector If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say;

People **If the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us;**

Lector Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;

People **Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;**

Lector Then would the raging waters have gone right over us.

People **Blessed be the Lord! he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

Lector We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

People **Our help is in the Name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

Lector *The Second Reading is taken from Romans chapter 12...*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

Please stand as you are able.

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Celebrant When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Reverend Whitney Burton

NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

People **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 worshipped 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.

Celebrant Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Lector Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers,
and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity 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. God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Whitney, our Rector; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our Diocese; St. Edmund's, Arcadia; Christ Church, Bradenton; St. George's, Bradenton; St. Mary Magdalene, Bradenton; Church of the Annunciation, Holmes Beach; All Angels by the Sea, Longboat Key; Holy Spirit, Osprey; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector 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.

God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially our elected leaders, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children, especially those in the Middle East, might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor those on our parish prayer list and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly list who have asked for our prayers and those we name now. *(Pause.)*

God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector 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. We give thanks for the flowers given to the Glory of God, and for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays this coming week of Alastair Tracy, Terry Eldridge, Dan Smith, and James Lynch; and the anniversaries of Elena and James Goletz.

God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially those we now name aloud or in our heart. *(Pause)* We beseech 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. God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

People **AMEN.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Celebrant 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 GREETING OF PEACE

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Please be seated.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

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.**

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant says a proper preface

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

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.

Please kneel or stand, as you choose.

Celebrant 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.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you.

If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Stand, sit, or kneel as you choose.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 AND DISMISSAL

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant announces the blessing.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God!**

VOLUNTARY

Allemande

Maurice Greene
(1695-1775)

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant The Rev. Whitney Burton

Organist Tom Huffman

Crucifer/Chalicerist Rhiannon Sharpe

Lector Tony Bowman

Prayers of the People Rhiannon Sharpe

Ushers Bob DeStefano and Tony Bowman



PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR

Lou F, Colette S, Nancy B, Robbie R, Bonita and Dan B, Henry C, Baby Nico and Jay O, Heather S, Tony S, Rose Marie, Liz N, Breanna B, Pam T, Pat B, Allison W, Daniel B, Lynne H, David B, Elsie M, Pedro G, Joe and April M, Mary Ann W, Elena G, Judy W, Carol B, Millie L, Hilda M, Sharon D, David M, Hazel D, Revered Kathy, Rosemarie W, Pat and Carol C, Sherry B, Andrea Z, Tony and Priscilla, Linda, Gus R-P, Cheryl S, the Ozbun family, Jim and Barbara G, Ana M, the people of Ukraine, Jay H, Gloria and Dan S, Maureen B, Helen Marie, Bill G, Indra E, Mark and Maryellen, Kam M, Angela P, Mavis S, Jonqual S, Butchie L, Michael W, Enez P, Horace W, and Len G.



CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays – Alastair Tracy, Terry Eldridge, Dan Smith, and James Lynch

Anniversary – Elena and James Goletz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daughters of the King will be giving a Discernment class to be a Daughter starting the week of September 14th. This class is a 3-month course. Installation will be Sunday, November 8th. Any woman of the church interested in becoming a Daughter of the King should call Marianne de la Vega, Donna Charles, or the church office for more information.

Acolyte and Usher Training will be on Saturday, September 12th and 10 AM.

FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 2nd.

Soul Sisters will start again in October.

Dunedin Cares collection is sent every 3rd Sunday.

Daughters of the King meet each 4th Sunday at 11:30 AM in the lounge.

Cursillo Gathering is every 3rd Sunday in the Patio Room.

Sunday School is available during the 10 AM service. Kiddos kindergarten through grade 6 begin in the church with their families and return prior to communion.

The **Nursery** is available for infants through pre-K and begins at 9:45 AM on Sundays.