

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 2026

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite II



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

Our Sunday 10 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.

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

Most of the sung music is found in the blue hymnal, *The Hymnal, 1982*. In the bulletin, an "H" indicates the hymn section of the book; an "S" indicates it's from the service music section in the front of the book.



Virtual Worship Bulletins

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Tranquillament e dolente
From *Three Liturgical Preludes*

George Oldroyd
(1886-1956)

During the Voluntary, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE HYMN H-523

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

ABBOT'S LEIGH

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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, 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 IN EXCELSIS S-280

Robert Powell

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray... O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

THE FIRST READING

The people sit.

Exodus 17:1-7

Lector The First Reading is taken from Exodus chapter 17...

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 78

Hal H. Hopson

All sing this refrain, the cantor reads the verses

Refrain



O Lord, still guide us on our way; be our hope and stay.

Listen, my people, pay attention to every word I say. God established a decree with Jacob and appointed a law for Israel. We must tell it to our children. We must tell it to the coming generations. We must tell them of the glorious deeds of the Lord and the wonders that God has done. **(Refrain)**

God worked wonders for our people in Egypt. God divided the sea and led them through. They were led by a cloud by day, and a glowing fire by night. The desert rocks were split and water sprang forth. Food came from heaven. They ate the food of angels. **(Refrain)**

In spite of God's goodness, the people became blind to the wonders of God. Some of their days suddenly vanished like a breath. Others repented and remembered their Rock and Redeemer. God was merciful to them, and remembering that they were mortal beings, forgave them. **(Refrain)**

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

Lector *The Second Reading is taken from Philippians chapter 2...*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Lector *The Word of the Lord.*

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John Schiavone

All sing this refrain; cantor sings the verse:



Cantor: You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. Alleluia. **(Refrain)**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

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

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

Celebrant When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human

origin,” “we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON *The people sit.* The Reverend Whitney Burton

NICENE CREED *All stand as 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Lector Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. 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 Sharon Ozbun, Brettan Dickie, Sally Miller, Aggie Kall, and Julia Peterson; and the anniversaries of Butch and Diane Niford, Susan Howat and David Thornton, and Bill and Pat Elmendorf.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially those on our parish prayer list and those we now name aloud or in our hearts (*Pause*), give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector We commend to your mercy all who have died, and those we now name aloud or in our hearts (*Pause*) that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Please kneel or stand as 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE *Please be seated.*

OFFERTORY Great Is Thy Faithfulness William Runyan

PRESENTATION HYMN H-380 OLD HUNDREDTH

(stanza 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him thanks and praise.**

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

Celebrant adds a proper preface.

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 S-129

Robert Powell

**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 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:

All **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.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM S-155

Gerald R. Near

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, 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

Lord of All Gentleness

Margrethe Hokanson
(1893-1975)

COMMUNION HYMN H-685

Rock of Ages

TOPLADY

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand, sit, or kneel as you wish.

Celebrant Let us pray...

All **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the
spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior
Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living
members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And
now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love
and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and
to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN

Once A Father Told His Children

NETTLETON

Once a father told his children, “Go and do your daily chores.
Go and work out in my vineyard; all that’s mine will soon be yours.”
One responded, “I won’t do it!” then he changed his mind and went.
One said, “Yes! Just send me to it!” but he went back home again.

Once a church was filled with Christians who were proud and feeling blessed.
“God has called us and we’ve answered! We have truly answered, “Yes!”
On a chilly Sunday morning, when a homeless man came by,
they said, “Go! It’s not yet storming! God is love—he will supply.”

Once a woman, quite the sinner, struggled deep in pain and doubt.
As she passed that church in winter, there she saw that man walk out.
He was homeless, worn and weary, so she stopped her car and said,
“I’m no saint but you look hungry—let’s go buy some soup and bread.”

God of love, you call your children; some say, “No!” and some say, “Yes!”
Lord, forgive us for our judging who will be among the blessed.
For your kingdom is surprising; some you call will not obey;
those we find ourselves despising may be those who seek your way.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

You are invited to remain for the closing voluntary.
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VOLUNTARY

Allegro moderato

G. F. Handel
(1685-1759)

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays – Sharon Ozburn, Brettan Dickie, Sally Miller, Aggie Kall, and Julia Peterson

Anniversaries – Butch and Diane Niford, Susan Howat and David Thornton, and Bill and Pat Elmendorf

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Reverend Whitney Burton
Guest Organist	Dr. Linda Pointer
Cantor	Judy Warner
Crucifer	Ayden Watson
Torch/Chalicists	Tammi Wrest and Ashley Kilroy
Lectors	Ashley Kilroy and Ryan Stollenmaier
Prayers of the People	Linda Corliss
Ushers	Crystal Collyer and Linda Corliss Gidget DiRienz and Ryan Stollenmaier
Building & Grounds	Cheryl Sharpe

Dr. Linda Pointer, DM Indiana University, is retired from St. Petersburg College and from regular church work and enjoys filling in at area churches. She is happy to return to Good Shepherd. When not making music she enjoys gardening, reading, and playing with her cat.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR

Allan T, Judy B, Marie M & Pedro G, Colette S & Eileen J, Larry S, Jeremy S, Chuck G, Liz N, Allison W, David B, R. J., Pat B, Pam T, Breanna B, Olivia and Spencer, Heather S, Tony S, OL Park 2, Lou F, Colette S, Bernie L, Pedro G, Nancy B, Bernie L, Norman L, Mandeville P, Angela P, Mavis S, Jonquil S, Michael W, Butchie L, Eva P, John W, Patrick R, Jay O, Rose Marie, Mary Ann W, Elena G, Judy W, Carol B, Millie L, Hilda M, Sharon D, David M, Hazel D, Reverend Kathy, Rosemarie W, Pat and Carol C, Sherry B, 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, Bill G, Indra E, Mark and Maryellen, Kam M.

FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Bible Study meets from 1:30-3 PM.

Soul Sisters will start again on October 17th at 10 AM in Kirk Hall.

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.

Youth Group meets every second Sunday at 11:30 AM in the Youth Room.

Sunday School is available during the 10 AM service.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of the Animals will be on Sunday, October 4th at 4 PM in the patio courtyard, weather permitting.

Choir Resumes in October - Choir will be returning on the second Sunday of October. Rehearsals will be weekly on Thursdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. beginning October 8th with a 9:30 a.m. warmup on Sundays. Your voice is needed. Talk to Choirmaster/Organist Tom Huffman about it.

Quilt and Craft Show and Sale will take place on Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11. 25+ quilts plus unique, handmade items on display and for sale. Proceeds and donations will support Pack-a-Sack.

Shepherds on the Go - “Grandma Rocks” at the Largo Central Park Performing Arts Center, Sunday, October 11th from 2-3:30 PM. Doors open at 1, sing-along at 1:30. Limited free tickets, please contact Elena Goletz.