

THE
FIFTEENTH
SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST

September 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

The Church of the Good Shepherd

108 West Broad Ave + Berlin, NJ 08009

A Mission in the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey.

Where Love Abounds and Hope is Found!

Our Vision: *To be a faithful and growing Church that connects people to Jesus Christ.*

Our Mission: *To know Christ more fully,
To love and serve Him more faithfully,
To make Him better known to others.*

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Processional Hymn (C.W.T.L. #2)

*“Glory and Praise
to Our God”*

Please stand as you are able.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Acclamation

Please stand as you are able.



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.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated for the readings.

First Lesson (Ezekiel 33:7-11)

Denise King

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:33-40 (*read responsively by verse*)

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, * and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; * I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, * for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees * and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; * give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, * which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, * because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; * in your righteousness preserve my life.

Second Lesson (Romans 13:8-14)

Andrew Listman

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The

commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as you are able.

SALISBURY ALLELUIA

Christopher Walker



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The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

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

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

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are

alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Fr. Tinh Huynh

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand as you are able: all say together)*

**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.***

Prayers of the People

Margaret McCafferty

The Celebrant says:

“Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with them.” By His grace, Christ has gathered us together in His Name. Our prayers and petitions will be granted by our Father in Heaven as we pray in the Spirit, for we know that Jesus is here in our midst. Let us therefore offer our intercessions to God as we pray, Lord, hear our prayer.

Lay person & people read responsively:

That the members of the universal Church may walk together in

unity, as we pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sally, our Bishop; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; and Bartholomew, the Patriarch of Constantinople.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That leaders of nations may respect human rights of all people and reject repression and torture, as we pray for, especially, Joe, our President; Phil, our Governor; and Rick, our Mayor.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That people whose actions separate them from the Church may be reconciled.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That we may be just, and that we may witness to others the love of Christ as we live out the commandments of God in this our parish community.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That Christ might grant the intentions of this church, as we pray for:

- All Missionaries throughout the world.
- The persecuted Church throughout the world.
- Our troops serving at home and abroad.
- All pregnant women and their unborn children.
- All those who are sick and suffering, *especially [N]*.
- The victims of crime in our communities.
- The victims of natural and environmental disasters, *especially the people suffering from the effects of the tropical systems affecting the United States, the*

Caribbean, East Asia, and the Pacific; and the victims of the earthquake in Morocco.

- Those nations engaged in wars and suffering from the devastation in the wake of conflicts.
- Our family and friends celebrating birthdays, *especially Michaela Liquori, Catherine Pollanti, Isabella Guemes, Jane Chappell, David Gainer, and Chloe McCaully*; and for those celebrating anniversaries, *especially Bob Nottle & Margaret McCafferty*.
- For our absent brothers and sisters.

The people are invited to add their own intercessions either silently or aloud.

- Silence -

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That the dead may be cleansed and prepared for eternal unity with Christ, *especially Arretta Cuff.*

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Let us pray together for the Good Shepherd Church Family:

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for the Church family of Good Shepherd. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant:

Lord God, our heavenly Father, grant the prayers of your people. We join them to the intercession of Jesus who is in our midst; He who is our Brother, Priest, and King, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant:

Let us humbly confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

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

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.

General Prayer for Comfort and Healing *(please come forward to the altar rail if you are interested).*

The Peace *Please stand as you are able.*

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

Announcements

-  Join us in the Fellowship Hall downstairs immediately after service for our monthly **Potluck Brunch**.
-  The **Mission Committee meets** in the upper level of the Church Hall **at 11 a.m.** Everyone is welcome.

- ✚ **Memorial Gardens Paver Request forms** are available in the back for those interested in having their loved ones memorialized.
- ✚ **Sign-up Sheet Fall Bible Study classes** is in the back.
- ✚ **Sunday School** resumes on **September 24**. Registration forms are available in the back for those interested in having their young ones join our Sunday School.
- ✚ **Bishop's Visit and Founders' Day Luncheon**, Sunday, September 17, 2023. **Please arrive at church on time! There will be a special offering plate for donations to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.** The **Luncheon & Award Ceremony** will follow at 11 a.m. at ***Villa Deli Catering, 507 Williamstown Rd, Sicklerville, NJ 08081***. Today is the ***last day to RSVP***. The sign-up sheet is in the back. If there's any change of plans, absent a last-minute emergency, please let me know today.
- ✚ **Fundraisers:**
 - **Christmas Shopping Raffle** tickets are available at \$5 each. 1st Prize - \$1,000 worth of store gift cards; 2nd Prize - \$500 Visa Gift Card; 3rd Prize - \$250 Visa Gift Card. Proceeds to benefit the church. Please see Darlene or Lillian for tickets.
 - **Wawa Hoagie Coupons** are available at \$5 each. Please see Lillian if you are interested.
 - **Basket Auction and Luncheon** will be held on **Sunday, October 29, 2023**, at Paris Caterers Berlin. Tickets are **\$45 each**. If you would like to donate any items for the baskets and for tickets, please see Darlene or Lillian.

Offertory Hymn (Black #112)

"Come Holy Ghost"

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Please stand as you are able.

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 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. *For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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 and Benedictus

**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. 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:

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 Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; Joseph her spouse, with the apostles, the martyrs, and 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 sing:

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

[Fraction Anthem]

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) (sung together)

Celebrant:

✠ 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.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [**Amen.**]

Communion Hymn (White #121)

*“On Eagle’s
Wings”*

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and people:

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

Celebrant blesses the congregation:

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. May our blessed Lady, blessed Joseph, and all the saints pray for you; and the blessing of God Almighty, the ☩ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn (Blue #618)

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

The Ministers of the Liturgy

The Reverend Father Tinh Huynh
Celebrant and Homilist

Andrew Listman
Margaret McCafferty
Eucharistic Ministers

Louis Durham
Music Minister

Denise King
Andrew Listman
Margaret McCafferty
Lay Readers

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! You may be new to us, but you are known and loved by God. Please fill out the visitor's card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you and having you worship with us again soon.

Prayer List (please let us know when your loved one should be removed).

Military Service:

Aiden Borden	Reed Mikkelson
Andrew Miller	Ruben Costelano-Gomez
Charles Devoll	Ted Chavis
Dalton Anders	
Dave Niglio	
Felix Perez	
Jacob Listman	
Jamie Berry	
Jimmy Sheridan	
John Kirkbride	
Jonathan DeMaria	
Joseph Hodges	
Keith Taylor	

Expectant Mothers and their Babies

The Buscers (September)
Denise Knott (December)

Comfort & Healing

Barbara Hill	John Rankin	Richard Mealey
Barbara MacLeod	Lee Anna Smoler	Ricky Beam
Barbara Peters Villari	Linda Swinney	Sheila Williams
Betsy Richards	Lisa Gallagher	Theresa Ennis
Carlos Guemes	Lori Blue	Tom Knott
Christina Camuccio	Lori Gantz	Victor Kayati
Connie Buch	Mackenzie Wister	Wlm. Luebberman
Corin King	Marian Ive	Zella Dixon
Dave McMichael	Mary Corson	
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Edna Krug	Mrs. Moe	
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Jason	Pauleen Williams	
Jim Krug	Paulette Bahn	
John Collier	Regina Listman	