



THE
SEVENTEENTH
SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST

September 15, 2024, at 9:00 am

The Episcopal 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 (1982 Hymnal #168) “O Sacred Head,
Sore Wounded”

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Acclamation *Please remain standing as you are able.*



Celebrant: ☒ Bles - sed be God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spirit.



Community: And bles - sed be his Kingdom, now and for e - ver. A - men.

Collect for Purity

The Celebrant may say:

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.***

Confession of Sin

Celebrant:

Let us 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.

Te Deum Laudamus (CWTL #89)

(sung together twice through, all remain standing as you are able)

You are God, we praise you.

You are the Lord, we acclaim you.

You are the eternal Father.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow’r and might,
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.

The First Lesson (Isaiah 50:4-9)

Kaydiann Sangster

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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

Psalm 116-1-8 (*read responsively by verse*)

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; * I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: * "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; * our God is full of compassion.

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; * I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, * for the LORD has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, * my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD * in the land of the living.

The Second Lesson (James 3:1-12)

Kevin Sangster

A Reading from the Letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (CWTL #75) “*Sing Alleluia to the Lord*”
Please stand as you are able.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

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

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

The Homily

Fr. Stephen J. Connor

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:

The Lord is gracious and just, a compassionate God who protects and saves his people. Let us pray to our heavenly Father, trusting in the anointed Son he gave up for our salvation as we pray, Lord, hear our prayer.

Lay person & people read responsively:

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect; Sally, our Bishop; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; and Bartholomew, the

Patriarch of Constantinople, that they may keep the Church in the faith of Peter.

Silence

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

For our elected representatives, especially, Joe, our President; Phil, our Governor; and Rick, our Mayor, that they may respect the rights of the unborn, the helpless, and the aged.

Silence

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

For the consecrated contemplative religious, that men and women may be called to share their lives of self-renunciation and penance.

Silence

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

For members of our church community who suffer, that they may know the Son of Man who “was destined to suffer grievously.”

Silence

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

For the special intentions which we offer on behalf of:

- 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 Timothy Walters and Linda Mulero.*
- The victims of crime in our communities.
- The victims of natural and environmental disasters, *especially those of the West Coast wildfires, the Nigeria and the Vietnam floods, and Hurricane Francine.*

- Those nations engaged in wars and suffering from the devastation in the wake of conflicts.
- Our family and friends celebrating birthdays, *especially Chloe McCaully, William Bewley, and Tammy Wall.*
- 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.**

For the repose of the souls of the departed, that they may see the Redeemer who suffered and died for them, *especially [N].*

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:

God of mercy and compassion, through the merits of our Savior, hear the prayers of the Church, confessing with Peter, our faith in Christ your Son, who lives and reigns forever and ever. 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

- ✚ **Sunday School** resumes next Sunday, **September 22.**
- ✚ **Lay Readers and Presenters of the Elements Sign-up sheets for October and November** are in the back.
- ✚ **Founders' Day Brunch**, today, starting at 11 a.m., at *Villa Deli Catering, 507 Williamstown Rd, Sicklerville, NJ 08081.*
- ✚ **Stewardship Month/Campaign** begins in October.
- ✚ **The Adult Formation Course, *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible***, commences on Wednesday, October 2 and on every Wednesday through November 20, with two daily sessions – 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Both sessions are the same, so you need not attend both. There is a registration sheet in the back, and Information on the course has been made available via a handout/bulletin insert. Please see Fr. Russell or Cynthia with any questions.
- ✚ **Fundraisers:**

- **Basket Auction and Luncheon** will be held on **Sunday, October 27, 2024**, at Paris Caterers Berlin. Tickets are **\$45 per person**. If you would like to donate items for the baskets, purchase, or get tickets to sell, please see Darlene or Lillian.
- **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.

Offertory Hymn (1982 Hymnal #254)

*“You Are the
Christ, O Lord”*

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. *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 and Benedictus (*JMT #3*)

(sung together, all remain standing as you are able)

**Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of Power
God of power and might.**

**The heavens and the earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

**✠Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, Hosanna, 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." ✠

Celebrant



There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Celebrant and People



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

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.



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.

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 (CWTL #80)

“*Shout to The Lord*”

Postcommunion 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. And the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

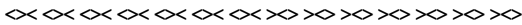
The Dismissal *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn (LEVAS II #20) *“When We All Get
to Heaven”*

After Worship Prayer *BCP #68, Page 835*

Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***



The Ministers of the Liturgy

The Rev. Canon Stephen J. Connor, STM
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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).

Current Military Service:

Aiden Borden	John Kirkbride
Andrew Miller	Jonathan DeMaria
Carter Smyth	Joseph Hodges
Charles Devoll	Keith Taylor
Dalton Anders	Mason Smiley
David Daniels	Reed Mikkelson
Dave Niglio	Ted Chavis
Dominique Trappey	
Felix Perez	
Francois Trappey	<u>Expectant Mothers and their Babies</u>
Jacob Listman	Elizabeth Schaffer (January)
Jessica Smyth	
Jimmy Sheridan	

Comfort & Healing

Albert Spinelli	Jason	Regina Listman
Autumn Mrezcko	John Collier	Richard Mealey
Barbara Hill	John Rankin	Ricky Beam
Barbara MacLeod	Joseph Wright	Robert Bratty
Barbara Peters Villari	Joyce Foster	Robert Kebler
Betsy Richards	Lisa Gallagher	Sheila Williams
Carlos Guemes	Lori Gantz	Steven Ireland
Celiann Santiago	Mackenzie Wister	Tom Knott
Dale Maloney	Mary Corson	
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Gary Spinelli	Pat Knott	
Hailey Mikula	Paul Williams	
Jack Rogers	Pauleen Williams	