

May 21, 2023
at 9:00 a.m.

The Church of the Good Shepherd

108 West Broad Ave + Berlin, NJ 08009

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 (Blue #215) “*See the Conqueror
Mounts in Triumph*”

Please stand as you are able.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Acclamation *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant ☒ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis *(sung together, all standing as you are able)*

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 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.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the readings.

First Lesson (Acts 1:6-14)

Kaydiann Sangster

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 (*read responsively by verse*)

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; * as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; * YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, * God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; * but the rebels shall live in dry places.**
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; * you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; * in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; * his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! * the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

Second Lesson (1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11) Margaret McCafferty

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the

same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Please stand as you are able.

The Holy Gospel

John 17:1-11

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

”I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on

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

Gail Cecchini

The Celebrant says:

Gathered together through the eucharist, we await the coming of the Holy Spirit, with the apostles and with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We come to the Father, through the Son who prays for His Church throughout the world as we pray, Lord, hear our prayer.

Lay person & people read responsively:

That God's holy people may deepen the interior life of prayer,
let us pray to the Lord.

Silence

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

That the nations may know the only true God and Jesus Christ
whom he has sent.

Silence

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

That all who suffer persecution for being Christians may see
their sufferings as a grace and blessing.

Silence

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

That we may work and pray for the unity of all who bear the
name of Christ.

Silence

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

That Christ the true light of the world might grant the special intentions of this parish as we pray:

- For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; William, our Bishop; Sally, our Bishop-elect; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; and Bartholomew, the Patriarch of Constantinople.
- For Joe, our President; Phil, our Governor; and Rick, our Mayor.
- For all Missionaries throughout the world.
- For the persecuted Church throughout the world.
- For our troops serving at home and abroad.
- For all pregnant women and their unborn children.
- For the victims of crime in our communities.
- For the victims of natural and environmental disasters.
- For those nations engaged in wars and suffering from the devastation in the wake of conflicts.
- For *Sheila Williams, Andrew, Brittany Mealey, John Collier, and Jon Rankin.*
- For our family and friends celebrating birthdays, *especially Carole Marella*; and for those celebrating anniversaries, *especially Paul & Nicole Gainer.*
- 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 God the Son may give eternal life to the dead entrusted to Him, *especially Catherine Alpaugh.*

Silence

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

Let's 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:

Father, you glorified your Son, and in Him we will be glorified. As we pray in this world, welcome our prayers because we belong to you. We as this, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Celebrant:

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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.

Blessing of the Sunday School Children and Teacher

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

- ✚ Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall immediately after service for our **Fellowship Brunch**.
- ✚ The **Mission Committee** meets in the Sunday School area at **11 a.m.**
- ✚ **Sign-up Sheet in the Back for Readers** for services in June.
- ✚ **Faith and Service Award:** Nomination deadline is **July 16, 2023**. Nomination forms are available in the back.
- ✚ **Save the Date: Community Fun Day**, Saturday, August 12, 2023, noon to 4 p.m. on the Church Lawn. We will distribute the backpacks and school supplies at the event. The **Annual Backpack and School Supplies Drive** starts now and runs through August 6.
- ✚ **Save the Date: Founders' Day Brunch**, Sunday, September 17, 2023, at 11 a.m. (after service), at Villa Deli in Sicklerville.

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 Hoogie 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 per person**. If you would like to donate items for the baskets, please see Darlene or Lillian.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST

Offertory Hymn (White #70)

*“My Shepherd Will
Supply My Need”*

Please stand as you are able.

The Offering of the Bread

The Celebrant takes the bread to be consecrated and places it on the corporal. The following may be said:

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Life.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Offering of the Wine

The Celebrant takes the wine to be consecrated and places it on the corporal. The following may be said:

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to
offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us our spiritual drink.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Celebrant may address the community with these words.

Celebrant: Pray, brethren, that my Sacrifice and yours may
be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: **May the Lord receive the Sacrifice at your
hands, to the praise and glory of His Name,
both to our benefit, and that of all His holy
Church.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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. *But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious
resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the*

true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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

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:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to His command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

Celebrant continues:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being ✠ sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Virgin Mary; blessed Joseph her spouse; with the apostles, martyrs; and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. ***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]

Celebrant The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

People ***The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.***

Celebrant The bread we break, Alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

People ***The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.***

Celebrant One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

People ***The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.***

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 #4)

“Glorify Thy
Name”

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.

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

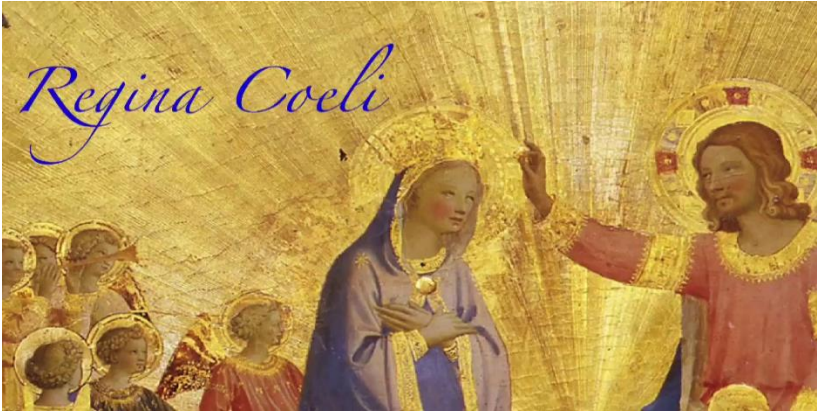
And may our Blessed Lady, Saint Joseph, and all the saints pray for you; and the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia,
Alleluia.

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

Recessional Hymn (Blue #618) “*Ye Watchers and Ye Holy
Ones*”



Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!
As He promised hath arisen. Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray,

O God who by the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to bring joy to the whole world. Grant that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

The Ministers of the Liturgy

The Reverend Father Russell A. Griffin, SSC
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Andrew Listman
Gail Cecchini
Eucharistic Ministers

Louis Durham
Music Minister

Gail Cecchini
Kaydiann Sangster
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Lay Readers

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

Military Service:

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

Expectant Mothers and their Babies

Colleen Roback (July)
Elisabeth Busick (August)
The Buscers (September)

Comfort & Healing

Baby Noah		Regina Listman
Barbara MacLeod	Lee Anna Smoler	Richard Mealey
Barbara Hill	Linda Swinney	Ricky Beam
Besty Richards	Lisa Gallagher	Theresa Ennis
Carlos Guemes	Lori Blue	Tom Knott
Christina Camuccio	Lori Gantz	Victor Kayati
Connie Buch	Mackenzie Wister	Wlm. Luebberman
Dave McMichael	Marian Ive	Zella Dixon
Debbie	Mary Corson	
Donna Vandy	Mary McGrath	
Edna Krug	Meredith Del Rosi	
Floss Egizi	Meredith Flinn	
Gary Spinelli	Mrs. Moe	
Irene Livacz	Mrs. Simon	
Jasmin Mulero	Norman Rogers, Sr.	
Jason	Paul Williams	
Jim Krug	Paulette Bahn	