



August 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

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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Please enter and sit in the Sanctuary quietly in reverence to our Lord and others meditating. Kindly turn off or silence cell phones for the duration of the service.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Time for quiet meditation

Processional Hymn (1982 Hymnal #688) *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Acclamation



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:

Brothers and Sisters, let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

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 (CWTL #89) (*sung together, remain standing as you are able*)

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS Kemper Crabb

Em Am D Em Em Am
You are — God, we praise — you, You are the Lord, we ac —

D Em Am Em rit. C B
claim — you. You are the e - ter - nal Fa - ther.

Em *a tempo* Am D Em Am Bm
Ho - ly, — ho - ly, ho - ly — Lord, God of pow'r and

Em Am Em C D
might, heav - en and earth are — filled with your glo - ry.

Em Am Bm Em
Ho - ly, — ho - ly, ho - ly — Lord.

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Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the readings.

First Lesson (Genesis 15:1-6)

Margaret McCafferty

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 33:12-22 (*read responsively by verse*)

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! * happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The LORD looks down from heaven, * and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the LORD; * he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, * for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, * as we have put our trust in you.

Second Lesson (Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16)

Kevin Sangster

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

Luke 12:32-40

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

The Homily

Fr. Russell A. Griffin, SSC

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

Andrew Listman

The Celebrant says:

In receiving the gift of faith, we are called to be obedient, to hope, and to be prepared to welcome Christ at any hour. Let us intercede for others with a sense of that faith as we pray, Lord, hear our prayer.

Lay person & people read responsively:

For all bishops, priests, and deacons who serve and lead the Household of Faith, especially *Stephen*, the Archbishop of York/Interim Head of the worldwide Anglican Communion; *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop; *Sally*, our Bishop; *Leo XIV*, the

Bishop of Rome; and *Bartholomew* the Patriarch of Constantinople.

Silence

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

For world leaders, especially *Donald*, our President; *Phil*, our Governor; and *Rick*, our Mayor, who one day must give an account of their work before Christ.

Silence

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

For respect and care for God's creation in the environment.

Silence

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

For faith that looks forward to an eternal city "founded, designed, and built by God."

Silence

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

For the special intentions of this church that our petition may be heard in heaven, as we pray for:

- All Missionaries throughout the world.
- The persecuted Church throughout the world.
- Our troops serving at home and abroad.
- All expectant mothers and their unborn children.
- All those who are sick and suffering, *especially [N]*.
- The victims of crime in our communities, *especially the five soldiers injured in the Fort Stewart army base shooting.*
- The victims of natural and environmental disasters.
- Those nations engaged in wars and suffering from the devastation in the wake of conflicts.
- Our family and friends celebrating birthdays, *especially Sheila Williams and Billy Mealey.*
- 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 all who have died in faith, 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:

Eternal Father, we do not know the day or hour when your Son will return as Judge. Look upon our prayers as signs of faith in His coming. We ask this, through Christ our Lord. 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

- **Mission Committee** meets today at 11 a.m. after our Fellowship Potluck Brunch.

- **Trex Recycling Film Challenge:** Please continue to bring in your household plastics for special recycling to benefit Good Shepherd. White bins are provided for you to place your plastics in.
- **Sign-Up Sheets and Forms** in the back:
 - **Founders' Day Reception**, Sunday, September 14, 2025.
 - **Lay Readers**
 - **Memorial Pavers**
 - **Prayer Request**
 - **Sunday School**
- **Fundraisers:**
 - **Basket Auction and Luncheon, Sunday, October 26, 2025.** at Paris Caterers Berlin. Tickets are **\$45 per person**. If you would like to donate **brand new** items for the baskets, purchase or get tickets to sell, or **if you are available to help wrap the baskets**, 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.
 - **Dine on Sundays at Volcano Steak & Sushi**, 61 N Route 73, West Berlin, and Good Shepherd gets 20% of the pre-tax meal cost. Just tell them you are from Good Shepherd. Cards will be available soon.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST

Offertory Hymn (1982 Hymnal #628)

*“Help Us, O Lord,
to Learn”*

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, brothers and sisters, 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 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:

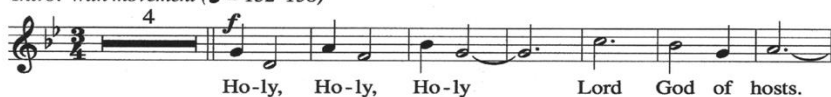
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.*

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

HOLY

Intro: With movement (♩ = 132-138)



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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." ✠



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.

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.



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 S-169

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

1 *All* 2 *Cantor or Choir*

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

All

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Agnus Dei

LAMB OF GOD

Celtic Mass
Christopher Walker

Choir/Cantor *All*

Lamb of God, }
*Bread of Life, } you take a - way the sins of the
**Lamb of God, }

1, 2... 3

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.

Celebrant:

☒ Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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 (LEVAS II #8)

“Deep River”

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 #4)

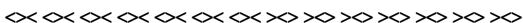
“Better be Ready”

After Worship Prayer

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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.*



Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for brunch immediately following the service.

The Ministers of the Liturgy

The Rev. Fr. Russell A. Griffin, SSC
Celebrant and Homilist

Andrew Listman
Margaret McCafferty
Eucharistic Ministers

Louis Durham
Music Minister

Margaret McCafferty
Kevin Sangster
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).

Current Military Service:

Aiden Borden	Jonathan DeMaria
Andrew Miller	Joseph Hodges
Carter Smyth	Keith Taylor
Charles Devoll	Mason Smiley
Dalton Anders	Roman Mealey
David Daniels	Ted Chavis
Dave Niglio	
Dominique Trappey	
Felix Perez	
Francois Trappey	<u>Expectant Mothers and their Babies</u>
Jacob Listman	Laura Lomberdelli (Nov)
Jessica Smyth	
Jimmy Sheridan	

Comfort & Healing

Barbara Alber	Jim Jackson	Ryan Kass
Barbara MacLeod	John Collier	Tom Knott
Barbara Peters Villari	John Rankin	Sheila Williams
Bernice Finkbeiner	Joyce Foster	Wanda Sarno
Betsy Richards	Judi Hathaway	
Bob Nottle	Lee Mencl	
Carlos Guemes	Linda Mulero	
Dave McMichael	Mary Corson	
Dona Smith	Mr. & Mrs. Moe	
Donna Vandy	Norman Rogers, Sr.	
Edna Krug	Pat Knott	
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George Makin	Regina Listman	
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Jack Rogers	Ricky Beam	
Jason	Robert Huster	
Jean Hackett	Robert Kebler	
Jerry Hathaway	Robert Macioce	