

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

August 7, 2022
at 9:00 a.m.

Holy Baptism

The Church of the Good Shepherd

108 West Broad Ave + Berlin, NJ 08009

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 (White #27) “*Jubilate Deo*”

Please stand as you are able.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Acclamation *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for
ever. Amen.**

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.

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) Denise King

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) Denise King

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.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

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
People*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

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 Sermon

Fr. Pervez Baig

THE HOLY BAPTISM

Procession to Fount

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Celebrant says:

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

***Parents and Godparents:* I present John Sherwood to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant asks the parents and godparents:

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

***Parents and Godparents:* I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

***Parents and Godparents:* I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents:

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

***Answer* I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

***Answer* I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

***Answer* I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

The Celebrant then says to the congregation:

Let us now pray for *this person* who *is* to receive the Sacrament of new birth:

Leader Deliver *him*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open *his heart* to your grace and truth.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill *him* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep *him* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach *him* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send *him* into the world in witness to your love.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring *him* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says:

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. ***Amen.***

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying:

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.
Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage
in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus
received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy
Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death
and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are
buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his
resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.
Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his
fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in
the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water:

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your
Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and
born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus
Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and
glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

John, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *this* your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *him* to the new life of grace. Sustain *him*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *him* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant says:

John, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Welcoming the Newly Baptized

Let us welcome the newly baptized.


Celebrant and People:

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

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

Announcements, Greetings, and Recognitions

 We rejoice this morning as we celebrate the baptism of John into the one Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, and

welcome him joyfully into the Good Shepherd church family. [*Welcome any visitors in attendance*].

 **ECW:**

 **Outreach:**

- **School Backpack & Supplies Drive** to benefit Berlin-area students. Collections through Sunday, August 28, 2022. You are welcome donate the money to purchase the items. If you donate online, please note that it's for "School Backpacks." If you donate in-person, please write your name and "School Backpacks" on a giving envelope.
- **Community Engagement/Fun Day**, here at the Church, Saturday, September 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain date: Sunday, September 11, 2022, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.). Games, Bounce Houses, Giveaways, and Fun for the Whole Family ... and it's FREE.

 **Fundraisers:**

- **Wawa Hoagie Coupons** are available at \$5 each. Please see Lillian if you are interested.
- **Christmas Shopping Raffle** tickets are available at \$5 each. **1st Prize** - \$1,000 worth of store and restaurant gift cards; **2nd Prize** - \$500 TD Bank Gift Card Raffle; **3rd Prize** - \$250 TD Bank Gift Card Raffle. **Summer Incentive (June 1 through August 31)** - *for every 10 raffle tickets sold by each parishioner, you get a free Wawa hoagie coupon.* Please see Darlene for tickets.
- **Basket Auction and Luncheon** will be held on Sunday, October 23, 2022, at Paris Caterers Berlin. Tickets are \$35 each. If you would like to donate any items for the baskets and for tickets, please see Darlene or Lillian.

 **Other:**

- **Save the Date – Bishop's Visit and Founder's Day Luncheon, Sunday, October 2, 2022.** The Bishop

will be performing Confirmation and possibly First Holy Communion. If you are interested in Reception or Reaffirmation, please let us know as soon as possible. **The Luncheon & Award Ceremony** will follow at 11 a.m. at Villa Deli Catering. All active parishioners are invited to attend. RSVP forms will be available shortly.

- **Women of Hope Fashion Show** – Thursday, September 29, 2022, 6 p.m. at Lucien’s Manor, Berlin. RSVP by September 22. Ticket price: \$60 per person (includes sit down dinner), children ages 4 to 11 \$30, and children under 4 free. Flyers are in the back of the Church.
- **Bible Study with Fr. Russell and Cynthia** – September 14 – November 9, 2022. Wednesday mornings: 10:30 – noon; Wednesday evenings: 6:30 – 8 p.m. You may attend in person or via Zoom. Registration cost is \$26.95 for the materials. For more information, please see the flyer in the back of the Church.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST

Offertory Hymn (White #103)

“Be Not Afraid”

If you have not already done so, you may at this time place your envelope/offering in the offering plate at the back of the church.

Please stand as you are able.

The Offering of the Bread and Wine

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.**

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 (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. *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

**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 Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; Joseph her spouse, with the apostles, martyrs; 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.**

Breaking of The Bread

Celebrant Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

People ***Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.***

Celebrant Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him, all you peoples. For his loving kindness toward us is great, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.

People **Blessed are those who are called to the Supper
of the Lamb.**

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 #3)

*“Come into His
Presence”*

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.**

Recessional Hymn (White #28) “*Rock-A My Soul*”

Dismissal

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

Thank you to the worship leaders for their contribution to today’s service; and to everyone, both in person and online, for worshiping with us today.

Today’s Counters

Denise King and Jane Makin

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Happy Birthday:

Chloe Mccauley, Gary Donohue, Joan Gainer, Collin McCafferty, Sheila Williams, and Billy (William) Mealey.