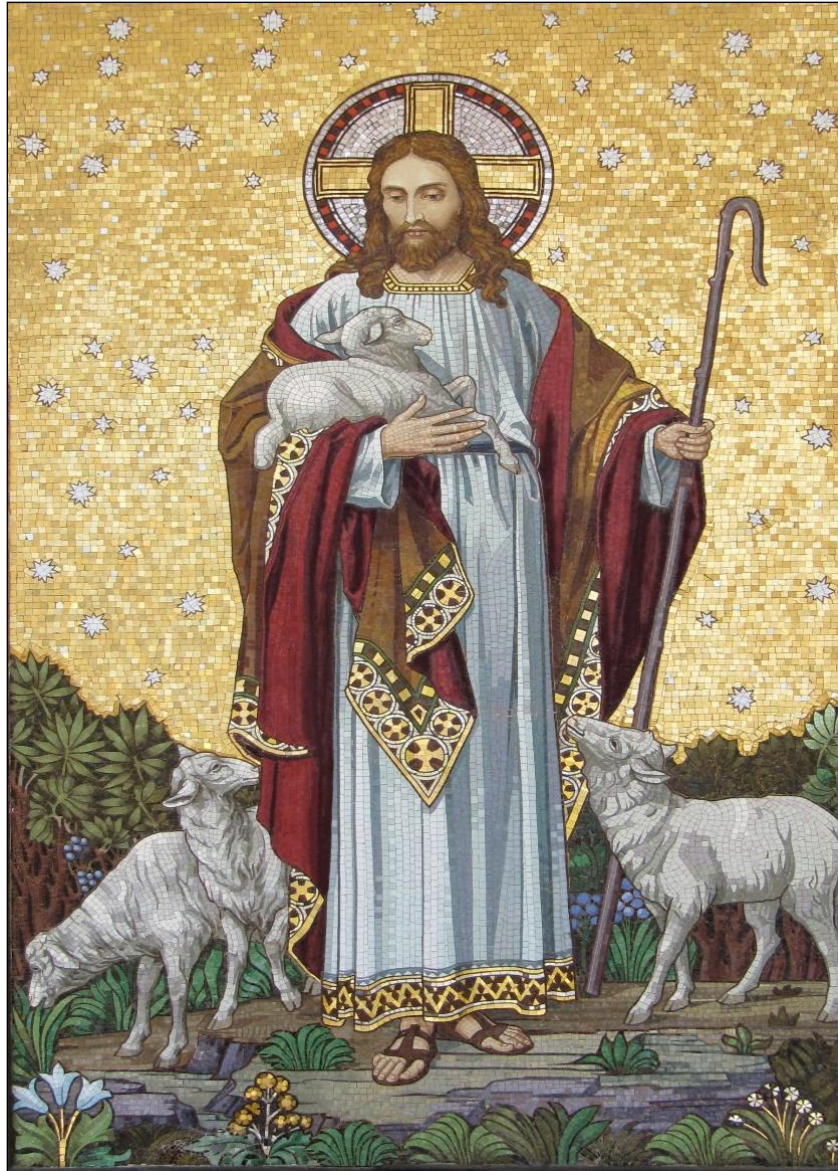




The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg

August 9, 2026 10:15AM

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Participants in the service:

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

Chalice: Ava James

Lector: Greg Cigal

Director of Music: Scotty Rockhold

Intercessor: Linda Crocker

Welcome Center: Vickie Bono, Linda Crocker

The Word of God

Prelude

“Nearer, Still Nearer”

arr. by Lani Smith

Processional Hymn #608 (vs. 1 & 2)

“Eternal Father, strong to save”

*Melita**The people standing, the Celebrant says**Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***Celebrant*

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

“Glory to God”

Gloria a Dios

The musical score for "Gloria a Dios" is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are in Spanish and English. The first system is: "Glo - ria_a Dios, glo - ria_a Dios, / Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,". The second system is: "glo - ria_a to Dios en los cie - los. / glo - ry to God in the high - est.". The third system is: "Paz pa - ra ti, paz pa - ra mí, / Peace be to you, peace be to me,". The fourth system is: "paz pa - ra to - da la tie - rra. / peace be to all, peace to all the earth.".

The Collect of the Day*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Let us pray.

The people remain standing

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.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (37:1-4, 12-28)

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
 make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
 and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
 let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
 continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
 his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
 O children of Jacob his chosen.
 16 Then he called for a famine in the land *
 and destroyed the supply of bread.
 17 He sent a man before them, *
 Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
 18 They bruised his feet in fetters; *
 his neck they put in an iron collar.
 19 Until his prediction came to pass, *
 the word of the Lord tested him.
 20 The king sent and released him; *
 the ruler of the peoples set him free.
 21 He set him as a master over his household,*
 as a ruler over all his possessions,
 22 To instruct his princes according to his will*
 and to teach his elders wisdom.
 45 Hallelujah!

A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans (10:5-15)

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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

The Sequence Hymn #684 (all verses) “O for a closer walk with God”

Caithness

Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (14:22-33)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the

strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

Godly Play – The Story of Joseph

Sermon

The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People *Please kneel.*

(Response for each prayer)

Lord, hear our prayer.

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

Victims of war and violence	Marcia Doyle – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
Flood Victims	Larry Landrith – healing	Diane Cottrill – healing
Ann Stevens– healing	Buck Harris – strength/healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	Marlene Smith - healing	Amanda Morris – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Gene Allander - healing	John Currey – healing
Courtney Rodriguez - healing		

Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces

Donovan Burns, Sterling Slusher, Peter Keiser

Those needing healing from cancer

Mirtala Smith	Alana Dailey	John Stevens	Lois Switzer
Everett Gilmore	Faith Beha	Gary Greer	Rudi Miksa
Charles Sterchak	Ellen Faymon	Brenda Pugh	Ben Buskirk

Concluding Collect (Priest offers a concluding collect for the prayers of the people.)

Confession

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.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Music

“This is My Father’s World”

arr. by Phillip Keveren

Doxology Hymn #380 (vs. 3) (10:15)

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer C

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 our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Mass of Creation

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might:

heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na

in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The people remain standing. Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection,

As we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem (vs. 1 only)

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

The Celebrant says
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, followed by those present.

Communion Music

“How Great Thou Art”

arr. by Marcia Wells

Post Communion Hymn (next page)

“Holy Spirit”

Brian and Katie Torwalt

INTRO



VERSE 1



1. There's noth-ing worth more that will ev-er come close. No thing can com-pare;



You're our liv-ing hope. Your Pres-ence.

VERSE 2



2. I've tast-ed and seen of the sweet-est of loves, where my heart be-comes free



and my shame is un - done, in Your Pres-ence, Lord.

CHORUS 1a



Ho-ly Spir-it, You are wel-come here; Come flood this place and fill the at-mos-phere; Your

25 1

A Dmaj9 Bm7

glo-ry, God, is what our hearts long for, to be o - ver-come by Your Pres-ence, Lord.

INTERLUDE 1

2 3

A Dmaj7 Bm7 Bm7 D.S. Bm7

Your Pres-ence, Lord. Pres-ence, Lord. Pres-ence, Lord.

INTERLUDE 2

A Dmaj7 Bm7 A

Your Pres-ence, Lord. Your Pres-ence, oh God,

BRIDGE 1a

40 Dmaj7 Bm7 A5

how we love Your Pres-ence, Lord. Let us be-come more a-ware

44

of Your Pres-ence; Let us ex-per - i-ence the glo - ry of Your good - ness.

BRIDGE 1b

Dmaj7 A/C# Bm7 A/C# Dmaj7 A/C#

Let us be-come more a-ware of Your Pres-ence; Let us ex-per - i-ence the glo-

Bm7 A/C# Dmaj7 A

Play 3 times

CHORUS 1b

50 - ry of Your good-ness. Lord. Ho-ly Spir-it, You are wel-come here; Come

55 Dmaj9 Bm7 A

flood this place and fill the at - mos - phere; Your glo - ry, God, is what our

58 Dmaj9 Bm7 A5

hearts long for, to be o - ver - come by Your Pres - ence, Lord.

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Post Communion Prayer – Adapted from the Church of England

Celebrant and People

Gracious God, lover of all, we are one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, and one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another, and grant to us your humble servants, that by your holy inspiration, we may think those things that are good, and by your merciful guiding, may perform the same. Nurture us into the full maturity of the Body of Christ. All this we ask, through your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Blessing

Birthdays: April Kessell

Anniversaries: Linda & Tom Simpson, Toni DeVore & Joe Smith

Closing Hymn #493 (vs. 1-3)

“O for a thousand tongues to sing”

Azmon

The Dismissal

Celebrant

People

Thanks be to God.

“Go Now in Peace” (sing 1 time together, first part of round high voices, second mid voices, third low voices)

Go now in peace;

go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you

everywhere, everywhere

you may go

Please remain for the postlude as you are able.

Postlude

“Rise, Go Joyously into Life”

Lani Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Matthew Fielder by Bob and Vicki Fielder.

Flood Recovery – The diocese is encouraging congregants to donate to a fund to help with flood recovery efforts around the state. Visit wvdiocese.org/donate and choose the disaster relief fund.

Open Altar Flower dates: August 16th and Sept. 27. Contact Ginger in the office with your requests.

Bell Tower Work – Phoenix Associates has started the Bell Tower repairs – the last part of our Capital Campaign. Pray for safety and no hidden surprises.

SAVE THE DATE: Adult Education session 3 is scheduled for this Wed., Aug 12. It will start at 6 and end no later than 8pm. The format will be similar to the Lenten series—a potluck followed by activities and discussion. The topic is *the Two Popes*.

Prayers of the People – We are still looking for people to compose the prayers for the 2nd Sunday of the month for September, October and November. We can give you guidance about what to include. We would love to hear the prayers in your words. See the current issue of the “Shepherd’s Staff” for details.

United Thank Offering – We will begin collecting the UTO blue boxes on Sept. 13. Make sure you notice all there is to be thankful for in this last full month of summer.

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TO GIVE

