



The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg

October 11, 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer: Rite II

Participants in the service:

Leading Morning Prayer: Linda Crocker

Preaching: Toni DeVore

Intercessor: Vickie Bono

Director of Music: Scotty Rockhold

Lector: Greg Cigal

Welcome Center: Tom & Linda Simpson

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

A few moments of silence are observed.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People, kneeling

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.

Officiant, kneeling

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

(All stand)

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People **Come let us adore him.**

Venite (next page)

1. Come, let us sing to the
 Lord; — let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -
 va - tion. — 2. Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing —
 — and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. — 3. For the
 Lord is a great God, — and a great King a - bove all
 gods. — 4. In his hand are the cav - erns of the earth, —
 — and the heights of the hills are his al - so. — 5. The
 sea is his, for he made it, — and his hands have
 mold - ed the dry land. — 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the
 knee, — and kneel be - fore the Lord our Ma - ker. — 7. For
 he is our God, — and we are the peo - ple of his
 pas - ture — and the sheep of his hand. —
 — Oh, that to - day you would heark - en to his voice! —

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
People **Come let us adore him.**

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

(All sit)

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

- 1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord *
or show forth all his praise?
- 3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!
- 4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.
- 6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;
- 20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
- 21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
- 23 So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Exodus (32:1-14)

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you

brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

(All stand)

Hymn (vs. 1) (back page)

“There’s a wideness in God’s mercy”

In Babilone

(All sit)

A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Philippians (4:1-9)

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Hymn (vs. 2) (back page)

“There’s a wideness in God’s mercy”

In Babilone

(All sit)

A Reading from Matthew (22:1-14)

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him

hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

(All stand)

Hymn (vs. 3) (back page)

"There's a wideness in God's mercy"

In Babilone

(All sit)

The Homily

Toni DeVore

Announcements

(Ushers pass the plates during the Offertory)

The Offertory

"For Where Love Is There Is God"

Douglas Wagner

The Presentation *(all stand while person with offering walks in silence)*

Officiant: All things come of you O Lord

People: **Of your own have we given you**

Officiant: We offer you these financial gifts in gratitude and to express our desire for all
your gifts to bear fruit in our lives.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

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

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.

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. Amen.

The Prayers

The People stand

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray as we sing.

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

(The People sit or kneel.)

The Suffrages

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care:
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
 V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
 R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
 V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
 R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all those on our parish prayer list.

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

Safe travel for those attending the Acolyte Festival		Marcia Doyle – healing
Patience Oshe – healing	Diane Cottrill – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
Ann Stevens– healing	Buck Harris – strength/healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	Kim Forrester - healing	Amanda Morris – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Gene Allander - healing	John Currey – healing
Ian Israelsen – recovering from surgery		

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	Ben Buskirk	Jeff Alkire
Courtney Rodriguez			

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to

your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days: through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn #671

“Amazing Grace”

New Britain

The Officiant may then conclude with

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

(If bells are present)

“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

Postlude

“Postlude Brevis”

David Lasky

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of Almighty God in thanksgiving for the birthdays of their grandchildren by Karen and Paul Miller.

Third Quarter Giving Statements are available in the Narthex for you to pick up.

Open Altar Flower dates: Oct. 18 & 25 and Nov. 15. Contact the office with your requests.

Bell Tower Work – Phoenix Associates is still working on the Bell Tower repairs – the last part of our Capital Campaign. Pray for no rain for a couple of weeks so they can resume work..

Prayers of the People – We need someone to compose the prayers for the 2nd Sunday of the month for November. We can give you guidance about what to include. We would love to hear the prayers in **your** words.

SNAP and Medicaid Community Meeting Oct. 19 at 7 PM – We are hosting a meeting to inform our neighbors about the many changes affecting eligibility taking effect in the next few months. We would like to serve some light refreshments. Contact Bob Crocker, if you can help. 304-863-2591.

SAVE THE DATE:

Oct. 21 – 6-8 PM Gather Gladly Adult Formation and Hymn Sing Potluck

Oct. 27 – 6-8 PM Family Movie Night

Nov. 4 – 6-8 PM Firm Foundation Adult Formation & Hymn Sing Potluck

Dec. 11 – 3-7PM Advent Open House @ Katie Beth Miksa's

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1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide-ness
 2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures
 3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat - ter Like a crowd of



1. of the sea; There's a kind - ness in his jus - tice
 2. of our mind, And the heart of the E - ter - nal
 3. fright - ened sheep? Fool - ish hearts, why will you wan - der



1. Which is more than lib - er - ty. There is plen - ti - ful re -
 2. Is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more
 3. From a love so true and deep? There is wel - come for the



1. demp-tion In the blood that has been shed; There is
 2. sim - ple We should take him at his word, And our
 3. sin - ner And more grac - es for the good; There is



1. joy for all the mem-bers In the sor - rows of the Head.
 2. lives would be thanks - giv - ing For the good-ness of our Lord.
 3. mer - cy with the Sav - ior, There is heal - ing in his blood.