



The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg

July 20, 2025 10:15AM

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Participants in the service:

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

Chalice: Toni DeVore

Acolytes: Logan Houdyshell & Anthony Williams

Welcome Center: Linda Crocker, Amber Hickman

Director of Music: Ella Rockhold

Intercessor: Linda Crocker

Lector: Amber Hickman

The Word of God

Prelude

“Prelude in C Major”

Bach

Processional Hymn #460 (vs. 1,3,4)

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Hyfrydol

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 #S278

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The people remain standing

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Amos (8:1-12)

This is what the Lord God showed me-- a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," says the Lord God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!" Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

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

Psalm 52

- 1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness *
 against the godly all day long?
- 2 You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, *
 O worker of deception.
- 3 You love evil more than good *
 and lying more than speaking the truth.
- 4 You love all words that hurt, *
 O you deceitful tongue.
- 5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, *
 topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living!
- 6 The righteous shall see and tremble, *
 and they shall laugh at him, saying,
- 7 "This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, *
 but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness."

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; *
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
9 I will give you thanks for what you have done *
and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians (1:15-28)

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

The Sequence Hymn #707

“Take my life, and let it be”

Hollingside

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (10:38-42)

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

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

The 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.

Prayers of the People

Celebrant In the midst of our lives, our needs, and desires, we are called to proclaim that the Kingdom of God has come near. Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the gift of the Church, inspired by your Spirit. You make us the sacrament of Christ in this world. We pray for all those who share in Christ; for all those who are laborers in your harvest. Hear us, O Christ.

People **Nourish us.**

Intercessor We thank you for our communities, our households, our friends, families, and neighbors. They shape us and lead us home, though we sometimes lose our way. Hear us, O Christ.

People **Encourage us.**

Intercessor We give thanks for those who care for others and we pray for those who need healing. We pray for wholeness and freedom from pain; for all those who suffer, in body, mind, or spirit, especially (*the congregation reads the parish prayer list's first names aloud*):

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

The People of Israel and Gaza	Marcia Doyle – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
The People of Ukraine	Peggy Roberts - healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Flood Victims	Jody Landrith – healing	Ann Stevens– healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Susan Allander - healing	Dee Milhoan – healing
Vickie Dilley – healing/strength	Heyward Roberts - healing	Colette Pawlik – healing
Charles Sterchak – healing	Gene Allander - healing	Lynn VanFossen – healing
Buck Harris – strength/healing	Amanda Morris – healing	

Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces
Sterling Slusher, Lauren Fielder, Peter Keiser

Those needing healing from cancer

Hal Foss	Julia Lee	John Stevens	Ellis Corra
Judy McCoy	Alana Dailey	David White	Chris Angotti
Doris Lowe	Gary Greer	Wendy Meridith	Lois Switzer

Intercessor Hear us, O Christ.

People **Restore us.**

Intercessor We give thanks for all those that we love but see no longer. We pray for all the departed and for all those who mourn. Hear us, O Christ.

People **Console us.**

Intercessor We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of creation, which restores us, though we threaten to destroy it. Hear us, O Christ.

People **Forgive us.**

Intercessor We pray for all those in authority—for Donald Trump our President, Patrick Morrissey our Governor, Tom Joyce our Mayor. We thank you for those who seek the common good and those who sacrifice themselves for others. Hear us, O Christ.

People **Lead us.**

Intercessor We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again. Hear us, O Christ.

People **Renew us.**

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.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Music

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Doxology Hymn #380 (vs. 3)

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 him 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.

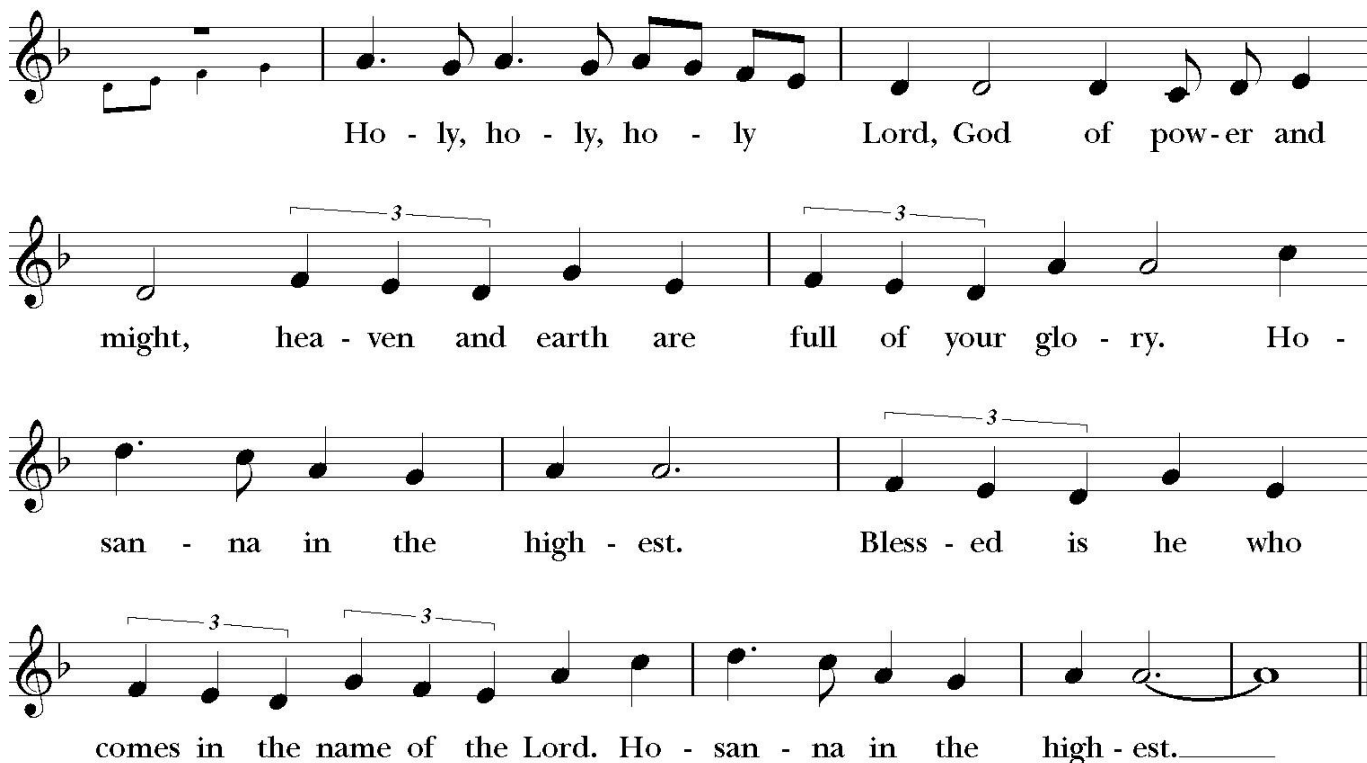
By his blood, he reconciled us.

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 # S129



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. Triplet markings (a '3' over a bracket) are placed over groups of three eighth notes on the second, third, and fourth staves. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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 Hymn #S154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Celebrant says

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

Communion Music

“He Hideth My Soul”

Lloyd Larson

Post Communion Hymn (next page)

“We Fall Down”

Chris Tomlin

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We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Je - sus, the
CHORUS
 great - ness of mer - cy and love at the feet of Je - sus. And we cry ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -
 ly, and we cry ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, and we cry ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lamb..
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After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Birthdays: Toni DeVore, Sue Ellen Waybright, Larry James

Closing Hymn #390 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation”

Lobe den Herren

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

“Go Now in Peace” (sung once & then as a 3 part round when bell ringers are present)

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

“Here is Love”

Vikki Cooke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Altar Flowers** today are given to the glory of Almighty God to celebrate Toni DeVore's birthday by Joe Smith and Sararose Lynch.

Service Change: Till mid-August we will have **only one service** beginning at 10:15AM.

Summer Adult Forum: Following this service, feel free to grab a snack, talk to a friend, and then head down to the junior high room for a sermon talk back. Our summer adult forum is the place to ask questions about the sermon and/or tell us what it made you think about.

Last Sunday Supper – Next Sunday, July 27th, is the Last Sunday Supper and we welcome your help, especially this month since some of our usual cooks and servers are away. We begin set-up and cooking at 1PM. All servers need to be here by 5:15PM to begin serving at 5:30PM.

Open Altar Flower dates: If you would like to give flowers in memory/thanksgiving of someone or an event in your life, we have several open flower dates to choose from, July 27, Aug. 3, 24, & 31. The cost has increased to \$65 a vase and the Columbarium arrangements are \$30. Since we need two vases each Sunday, you might consider sharing your date with someone else. Contact Ginger in the office with your requests.

Summer Hours – From now until Labor Day, the church office closes at 3:30pm each day. As usual, we are always closed on Friday.

Reading Camp: August 4-8 (Monday-Friday)

We need your help (adults and teens):

- Be here in the morning to accompany a group of 2-6 kids as they rotate through the learning stations. Serving all 5 days is ideal but if you can only help certain days, we can still use you.
- Be here in the afternoons to help monitor kids and transport them the days we go on field trips
- Serve lunch (11:45 AM – 12:45) M-F (we are ordering the lunches so no cooking involved)
- Help set-up and decorate Saturday Aug. 2 beginning at 10 AM

Call or text Linda (304-210-5591) or email (LLBC100@msn.com) to let her know what you can do to help offer this 'before school starts' boost to local elementary students.