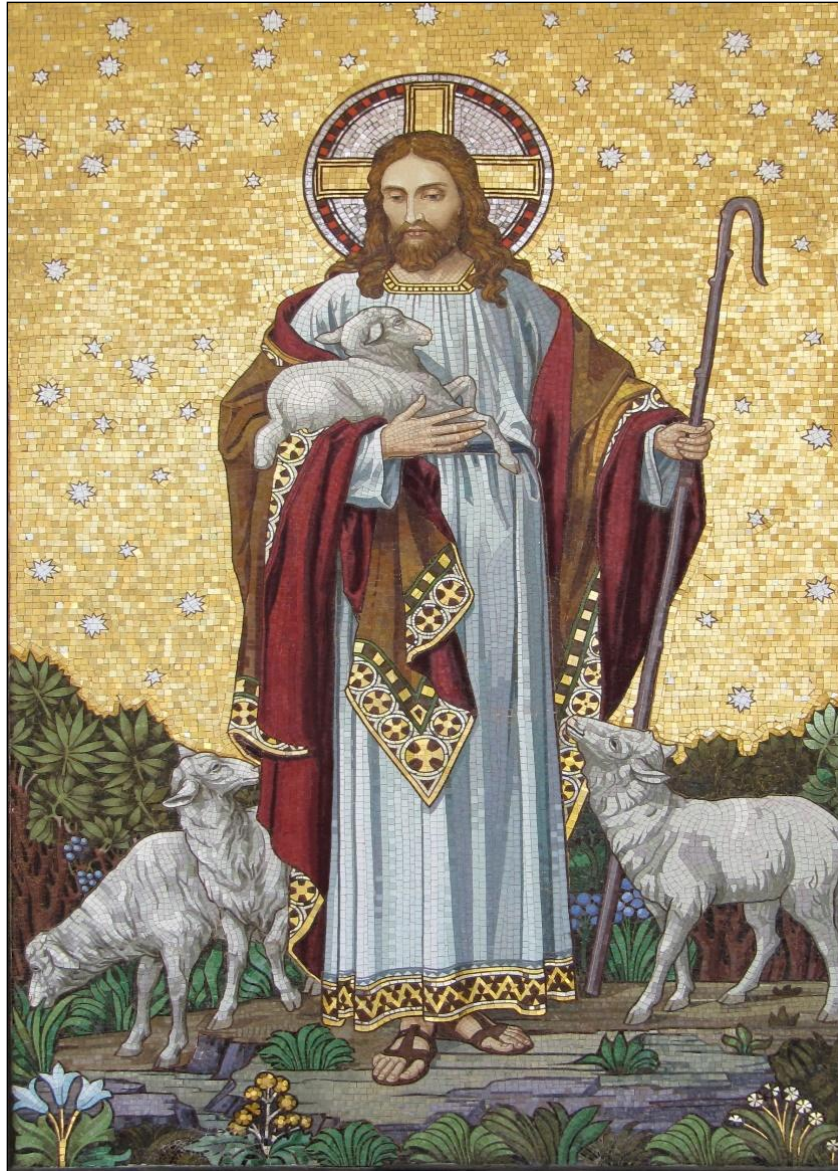




The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg

July 26, 2026 10:15AM

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Participants in the service:

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

Chalice: Greg Cigal

Lector: Carolynne Cooper

Director of Music: Scotty Rockhold

Intercessor: Dave Johnson

Welcome Center: Ava & Larry James

The Word of God

Prelude

“Cantilena”

John Scriveyner

Processional Hymn #680

"O God our help in ages past"

St. Anne

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

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

Glo - ria_a Dios, glo - ria_a Dios,
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,

glo - ria_a Dios en los cie - los.
glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Paz pa - ra ti, paz pa - ra mí,
Peace be to you, peace be to me,

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 (29:15-28)

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name

of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

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

Psalm 105:1-11, 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.
 - 7 He is the Lord our God; *
 his judgments prevail in all the world.
 - 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
 the promise he made for a thousand generations:
 - 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
 the oath that he swore to Isaac,
 - 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
 an everlasting covenant for Israel,
 - 11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
 to be your allotted inheritance."
- 45b Hallelujah!

A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans (8:26-39)

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all

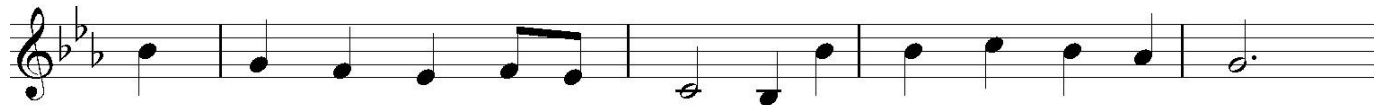
of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

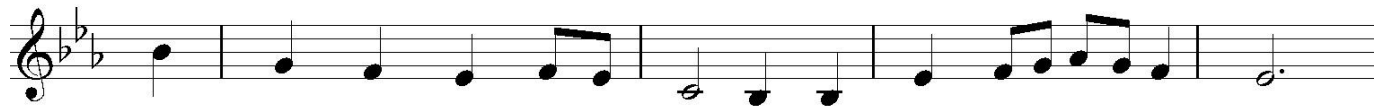
The Sequence Hymn #655

"O Jesus I have promised"

Nyland



1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end:
 2 O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee,



be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 a - bove the storms of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

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

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:14-30)
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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

Godly Play – The Story of Jacob

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.

Please kneel

The Prayers of the People — adapted from Common Worship, Church of England

In faith and hope we pray:

For the Church of God. For all bishops and other ministers; and for all people of God. God of mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For those who govern, that peace and justice may prevail. For those who suffer due to violence, poverty, war, or natural disaster; may all in need of refuge find relief and safety. God of compassion,
Hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world, and the well-being of Creation. God of life,
Hear our prayer.

For this congregation and our communities, that we may be attentive to one another, and responsive to the needs of the world. God of reconciliation,
Hear our prayer.

For all that is graceful in our lives, and of those we love.
(*The congregation may add your own thanksgivings silently or aloud here.*)
God of joy,
Hear our prayer.

For those entrusted to our prayers, may they live in joy, peace, and health:

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

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

God of love,
Hear our prayer.

For all who have died, that they may know God's love and life eternal. God of grace,
Hear our prayer.

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

“Nothing Between”

C. A. Tindley arr. Wilma Bruce

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

“Near the Cross”

arr. by John Carter

Post Communion Hymn

“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 **A** **Dmaj9** **Bm7** **1**

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

INTERLUDE 1

A **Dmaj7** **Bm7** **2** **Bm7** **D.S. Bm7** **3**

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-

50

Bm7 A/C# Dmaj7 A

Play 3 times

CHORUS 1b

- 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: Kaitlyn Foggin, Kim Forrester, Scotty Rockhold

Closing Hymn (next page)

“I’m going to live so God can use me”

Spiritual

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)

The Dismissal

Celebrant
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

“Praise to the Living God”

Franklin Ritter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of Almighty God in honor of the birthday of Bob Fielder by his wife, Vicki.

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 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*.

Last Sunday Supper – Today is the Last Sunday Supper. Some of our workers are on vacation, so your help will be very much appreciated. We begin set-up and cooking at 1PM. All servers need to be here at 5:15 to begin serving at 5:30PM. Thanks.

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.

Juliets – The Juliets, women of Good Shepherd and Trinity, will meet for dinner on Aug. 4 at 6PM at the Boathouse Barbeque in Marietta. There is no agenda other than to eat and chat. Please let the office at Trinity know you are coming by calling 304-422-3362.

Try This! – Support our church and its ministries. Scan the QR code below then use the drop-down menu to donate to our food ministries, non-food outreach, the capital campaign, other ministries or to pay your pledge. You can also visit our website to donate online.

TO GIVE

