



The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg

August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer: Rite II

Participants in the service:

Officiant – Carolynne Cooper

Lector: Bob Crocker

Welcome Center: Ava & Larry James

Guitarist: Frankie Amore

Intercessor: Dave Johnson

Opening Hymn

“Have you seen Jesus my Lord?”

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.

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

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.

Antiphon

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People **Come let us adore him.**

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7 (recited in unison)*

Come, let us sing to the Lord;*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Antiphon
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People **Come let us adore him.**

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

(All sit.)

Psalm 146

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! *

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Psalm 147

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.

The Lord lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.

He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.

He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *
 in those who await his gracious favor.
 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
 praise your God, O Zion;
 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
 he has blessed your children within you.
 He has established peace on your borders; *
 he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
 He sends out his command to the earth, *
 and his word runs very swiftly.
 He gives snow like wool; *
 he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
 who can stand against his cold?
 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
 He declares his word to Jacob, *
 his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
 He has not done so to any other nation; *
 to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Job (4:1-6, 12-21)

Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered: "If one ventures a word with you, will you be offended? But who can keep from speaking? See, you have instructed many; you have strengthened the weak hands. Your words have supported those who were stumbling, and you have made firm the feeble knees. But now it has come to you, and you are impatient; it touches you, and you are dismayed. Is not your fear of God your confidence, and the integrity of your ways your hope? "Now a word came stealing to me, my ear received the whisper of it. Amid thoughts from visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on mortals, dread came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones shake. A spirit glided past my face; the hair of my flesh bristled. It stood still, but I could not discern its appearance. A form was before my eyes; there was silence, then I heard a voice: 'Can mortals be righteous before God? Can human beings be pure before their Maker? Even in his servants he puts no trust, and his angels he charges with error; how much more those who live in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, who are crushed like a moth. Between morning and evening they are destroyed; they perish forever without any regarding it. Their tent-cord is plucked up within them, and they die devoid of wisdom.'

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

(All stand)

Hymn

“I am the resurrection and the life”

(All sit)

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark (6:1-6a)

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching.

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

(All stand)

Hymn

"Second Story Window"

(All sit)

The Homily

Frankie Amore

Announcements: *(see back page)*

(Ushers pass the plates during the following hymn)

The Offertory Hymn "Sanctuary"

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

Officiant: All things come of thee O Lord
People: **And of thine own have we given thee**

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.

Sung Peterkin Style

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 thine is the power,

And thine is the glory

For ever and ever.

Amen, Amen, Amen,

Amen, Amen, Amen.

(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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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

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	Lynn Budno - 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

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

“These are the days of Elijah”

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we will have Morning Prayer led by Carolynne Cooper. Our Preacher and guitarist is Frankie Amore, Diocesan Director of Advancement and Programing for Peterkin Camp and Conference Center. Today’s loose plate offering is designated for support of Peterkin as a thank you for Frankie Amore’s visit. Checks should be made out to “Good Shepherd Church” with “Peterkin” in the memo line.

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of Almighty God in memory of Lena Maley, Connie Scott, Brian Swart, Sean Haverty & Matt Haverty by Ashley Semones.

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.

Last Sunday Supper: Next Sunday, August 30, is the Last Sunday Supper. Some of our regulars are on vacation. If you can help, we begin set-up and cooking at 1PM. If you are serving, please be here by 5:15PM to begin serving at 5:30PM.

Open Altar Flower dates: Oct. 11, 18 & 25. Contact Ginger in the office with your requests.

Come On In! The door to the office area is now unlocked during office hours since we already have volunteers posted there to help with our food ministries. Whether you are a member, a client or a visitor, you don’t need to push the buzzer for entrance unless the door is locked because our volunteer had to step away. We hope you and everyone else feels even more welcome to stop by.

Bell Tower Work – Phoenix Associates is still working on the Bell Tower repairs – the last part of our Capital Campaign. Pray for safety, good weather and no hidden surprises.

Prayers of the People – We need 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.

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