



The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg

October 5, 2025 10:15AM

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Participants in the service:

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Matthew D. Cowden

Assisting: The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

Director of Music: Ella Rockhold

Guest Pianist: Aiden Shreves

String Quartet - Sena Elhassan, Madison Young, Lydia Kress, Ella Rockhold

Choral Scholars – Tom Blissett, Kristen Hainkel, Bob Herceg, Melissa Herceg

Acolytes: Eva Crocker, Kaitlyn Foggin, Courtney Heasley, Aubrey Smith, Anthony Williams

Lector: Bob Crocker, Linda Crocker, Gardiner Smith

Chalice: Toni DeVore

Intercessor: Vickie Bono

Welcome Center: Sally Harris, Cathy Freed

The Word of God

Prelude

“All’ Offertorio”

Domenico Zipoli

Processional Hymn

“Great is thy faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

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

The Collect of the Day

The people remain standing

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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 Lamentations (1:1-6; 3:19-26)

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

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

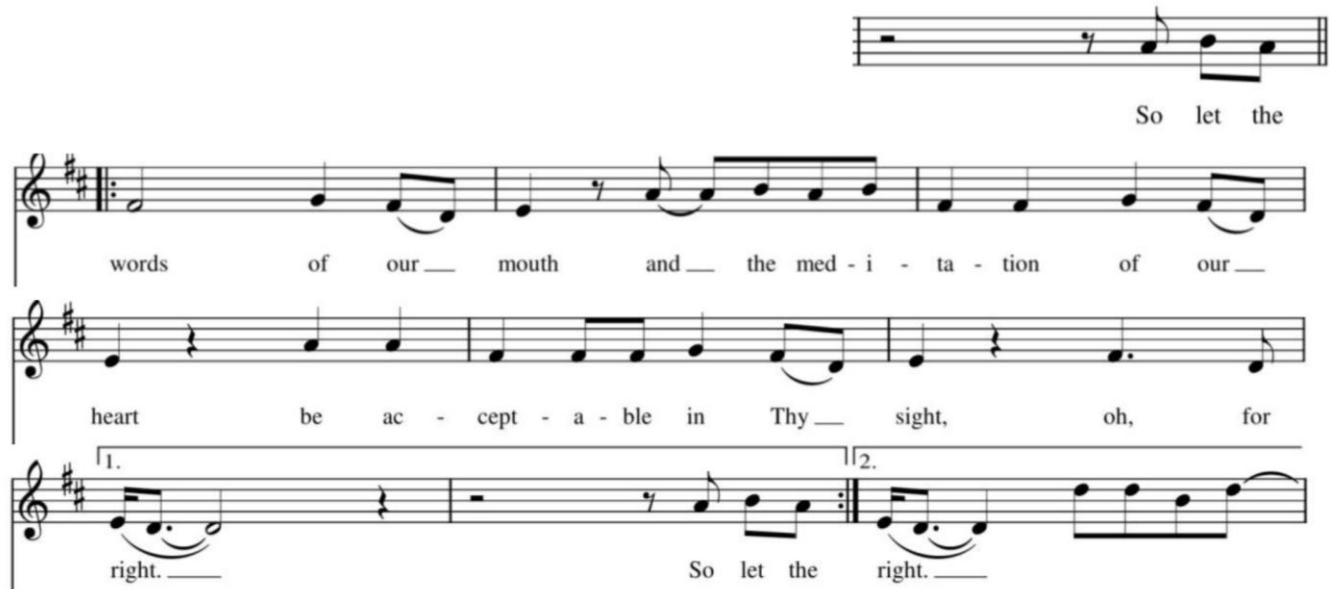
By the Rivers of Babylon

By the riv-ers of Bab - y - lon where He sat down
and there He wept when He re - mem - bers
Zi - on. 'Cause the wick - ed car - ried us a - way, cap -
tiv - i - ty, re - qui - red from us a song. How
can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?
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Psalm 137

- 1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, *
when we remembered you, O Zion.
- 2 As for our harps, we hung them up *
on the trees in the midst of that land.
- 3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: *
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
- 4 How shall we sing the Lord'S song *
upon an alien soil.
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, *
let my right hand forget its skill.
- 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, *
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.
- 7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O Lord, against the people of Edom, *
who said, "Down with it! down with it! even to the ground!"

8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, *
 happy the one who pays you back for what you have done to us!
 9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, *
 and dashes them against the rock!



A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy (1:1-14)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

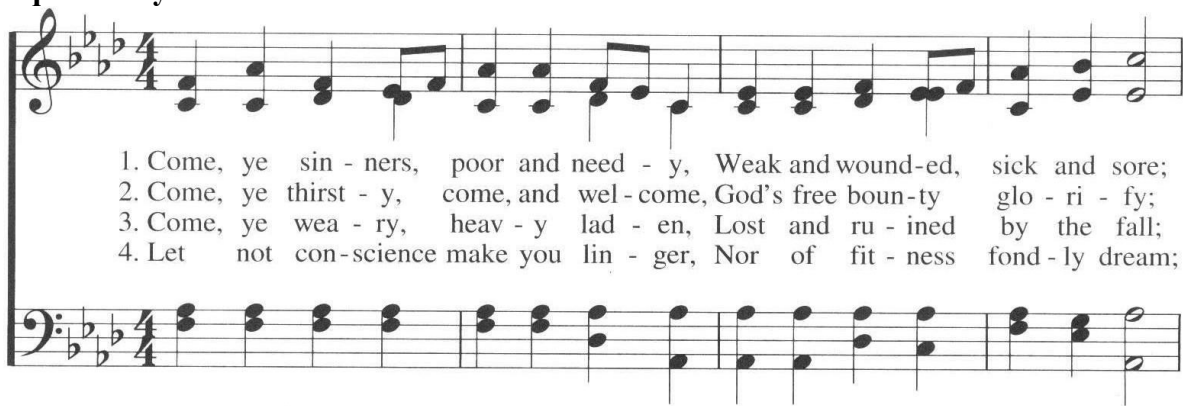
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People **Thanks be to God.**

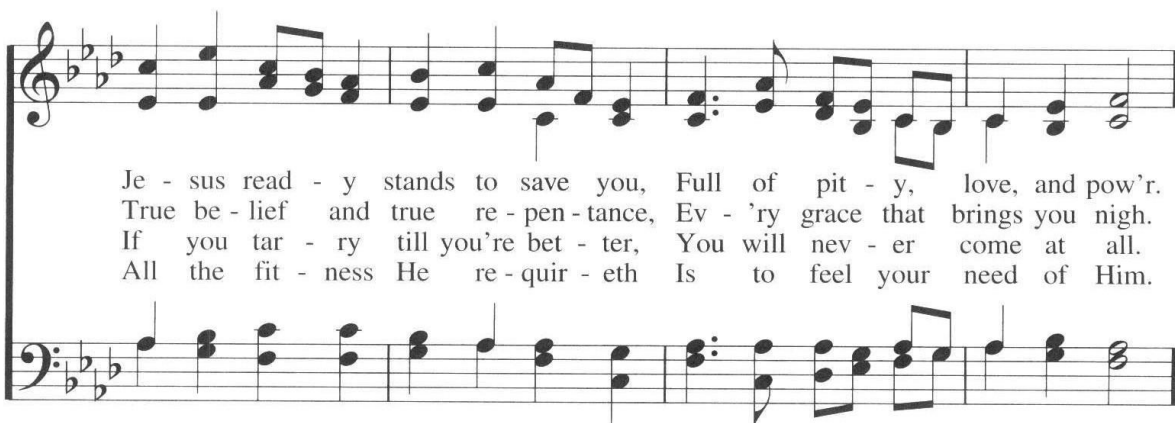
The Sequence Hymn

"Come Ye Sinners"

RESTORATION

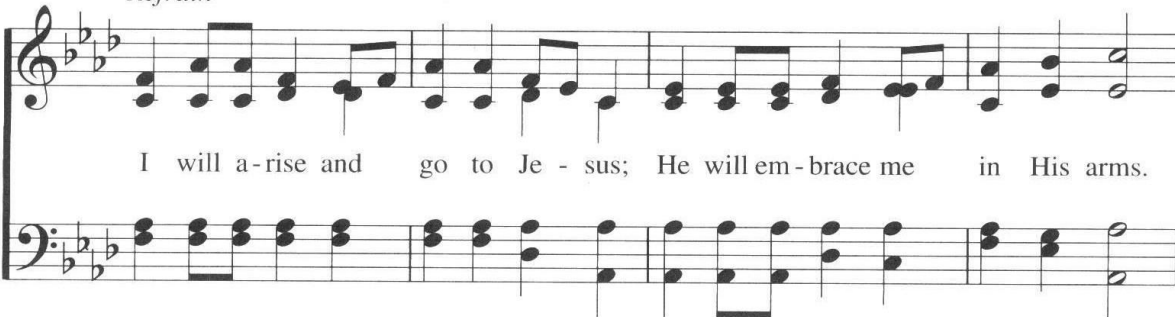


1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, Weak and wound-ed, sick and sore;
 2. Come, ye thirst - y, come, and wel - come, God's free boun-ty glo - ri - fy;
 3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, Lost and ru - ined by the fall;
 4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;




Je - sus read - y stands to save you, Full of pit - y, love, and pow'r.
 True be - lief and true re - pen - tance, Ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.
 If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will nev - er come at all.
 All the fit - ness He re - quir - eth Is to feel your need of Him.

Refrain



I will a-rise and go to Je - sus; He will em - brace me in His arms.



In the arms of my dear Sav - ior, Oh, there are ten thou - sand charms.

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

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (17:5-10)
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

Godly Play Story

Melissa Cowden

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Matthew Cowden

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present these persons for Confirmation.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **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.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Bishop Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

A period of silence.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The confirmands come forward one by one.

The Bishop then lays hands upon each one.

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Music

“Our Father”

Craig Courtney

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

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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 3

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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.

Bishop

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey: And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Bishop and People

Sanctus # S125

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

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

Blessed 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 Bishop continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Bishop and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Bishop

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the blessed saints, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.



Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the in-spi-ra-tion



of your Ho - ly Spi - rit, we wor - ship you our God



and Cre - a - tor in voi - ces of un - end - ing praise.

Bishop and People



Bless-ed are you now and for ev - er. A - MEN.

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

Bishop and People

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

Bishop Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

Cantor or Choir



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break-ing of the

All

bread. The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the

Cantor or Choir

break-ing of the bread. The bread which we break, al - le -

All

lu - ia, is the com - mun-ion of the bod - y of Christ. The dis -

Cantor or Choir

ci-ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break-ing of the bread. One

All

bo-dy are we, al-le - lu - ia, though ma - ny we share one bread. The dis -

ci-ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break-ing of the bread.

Invitation to Communion

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

Communion Music

“Just Beyond this Land of Mortals”

Amber R. Maxwell

After Communion, the Bishop says:

Let us pray.

Bishop and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Birthdays: Judy Peascoe

Closing Hymn (pg. 14)

“I come with joy to meet my Lord”

LAND OF REST

The Dismissal

Bishop 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 Am I, Lord”

Shelly Hamilton

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Warm Welcome to Bishop Matthew Cowden and his wife, Melissa as well as all our new Confirmands. Please join us in the Great Hall immediately following the service for a reception in their honor.

Thank You to our guest pianist, Aiden Shreves, Choral Scholars, Tom Blissett, Kristen Hainkel, Bob Herceg and Melissa Herceg and string quartet, Sena Elhassan, Madison Young, Lydia Kress, and Ella, our Director of Music, for our beautiful music this morning.

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Mary Lou Hague by Richard and Liza Adams.

Open Altar Flower Dates – We have several open flower dates available. These include Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 9, 16, 23 and Dec. 14 & 28. If you would like to give flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special moment or person, please contact Ginger in the parish office.

Choir Practice – Choir Practice is Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. Come join us!

Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 4:15 PM studying Proverbs. Bibles are available or bring your own. All are welcome.

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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
Victims of gun violence	Jody Landrith – healing	Ann Stevens– healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Susan Allander - healing	Dee Milhoan – healing
Vickie Dilley – healing/strength	Gene Allander - healing	Lynn Budno - healing
Charles Sterchak – healing	Amanda Morris – healing	Buck Harris – strength/healing
Ty Smith – continued healing	Ian Israelsen – job search	John Wheeler – healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	Dave Magar – healing	Tommy Fielder – healing
Pat Heslep – recovering from surgery		
Wanda Grace Mitchell – broken hip & elbow		

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	Lois Switzer
Judy McCoy	Alana Dailey	Faith Beha	Chris Angotti
Doris Lowe	Gary Greer	Wendy Meridith	

Bishop's Offerings 2025: Sandscrest Conference & Retreat Center



Throughout 2025, the loose offerings received during Bishop's Visitations will support the work of Sandscrest Conference & Retreat Center as it continues to expand its ministry and update its facilities.

Located on nearly 300 rolling acres outside of Wheeling, Sandscrest Conference & Retreat Center is a place of retreat, rest, and hospitality for all who visit. Guests may stay in the 1847 farmhouse or 1920s guesthouse, enjoy delicious meals in the Sandscrest dining room, worship in Sandscrest's intimate chapel space, relax in rocking chairs overlooking the beautiful landscape, share fellowship and warm up at their firepit during cool evenings, tour the historic barn on the property, and more.