

The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025

We Welcome Our Guests

The Good Shepherd faith community welcomes those who are visitors. Your presence and participation in our worship service is a blessing to us all. All are welcome, whoever you are, just as you are!

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Good Shepherd's Sunday School

Sunday School is held during the first half of our 10am Sunday Service, on the first and third Sunday of the month. All Sunday School volunteers have undergone CORI background checks and received training, including the Safe Church training required by the Episcopal Church for all those who work with children. ***Sunday School is closed for the summer. It will reopen on September 7.***

Good Shepherd's Sunday Nursery

Children of all ages are always welcome at our Sunday Services. Good Shepherd operates a nursery on Sunday from 9:50 –11:10am for infants and children through kindergarten (age 5-6) for those who wish to use it. The nursery is staffed by two adults who have completed Safe Church Training and a CORI background check. ***The Sunday Nursery is closed for the summer. It will reopen on September 7.***

For more information about our Good Shepherd Community please go to our website at www.goodshepherdwareham.org or scan the QR Code here.



Again, thank you for blessing us with your presence and participation this morning!

ASSISTING MINISTERS			
July 27, 2025		AUGUST 3, 2025	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
<u>READERS:</u> CHUCK MCCULLOUGH	<u>READERS:</u> BECKY RYDER JAN BARTON	<u>READERS:</u> JANET DRUM	<u>READERS:</u> JANE MANDELL SHERYL FACCHETTI
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	<u>COFFEE HOUR HOST(S):</u> WV PAULIN & GINA GALLERAN		<u>COFFEE HOUR HOST(S):</u> CHURCH GUILD



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song *(10am Service)*

"Seek Ye First"
(please stand as you are able)

(see page 9)

The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: **You come to your people and set them free.**

The Service Introduction

The Confession

Deacon:

Remembering that we are loved and that we sometimes fall short in following Jesus' commandment to love one another, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People:

**Most merciful God,
we confess of the ways we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
For the times we have not loved you with our whole heart;
and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
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

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you 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 Opening Prayer

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Together, let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God,

you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray,

and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve.

Pour upon us your abundant mercy.

Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience,

and give us those good things that come only through your Son,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.*

(please be seated)

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

The LORD said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 138 responsively by half verse

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ² I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- ³ For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- ⁴ When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- ⁵ All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- ⁶ They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁷ Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- ⁸ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
**you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**
- ⁹ The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
**O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Gospel Acclamation:

“Alleluia”

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(10AM Service only)

(please stand as you are able)

Refrain: All

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

lu - ia. lu - ia!

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The Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel Acclamation (10AM Service)

Repeat Gospel Acclamation Refrain once (page 3)

The Message (please be seated)

The Prayers of the People (please stand as you are able)

Leader: God in your love for us.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us take a moment to turn and share a sign of peace with those around us. If you do not wish to shake hands, simply fold your hands in front of you and say, "Peace be with you." We will then pray together the Prayer of St. Francis.

The Prayer of St. Francis

Presider and People:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Announcements (please be seated)

Our Sunday Offerings:

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The Offertory Anthem: (10AM Service)

"My Prayer For You"

Jessica Campbell and Michael Farren, arr. Galbraith

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Words of Praise

Presider and People:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Memorial Acclamation

Presider & People:

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider 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

Presider: We who break this bread, share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body in Christ.**

Communion

All are invited to receive communion, no exceptions. Please come to the front of the church as directed by the hospitality minister. To receive the communion bread, please extend your hands, one on top of the other, with your palms up. To receive from the communion cup you may dip the communion wafer into the wine in the cup or take the cup into your hands and drink from it. The response to receiving communion is "Amen". If you need to have communion brought to you, please inform the hospitality minister. Gluten free wafers are available. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please inform the priest when you come up for communion.

(please be seated after receiving communion)

Communion Anthem:
(10AM Service)

"The Prayer"

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Carol Bayer Sager and David Foster, arr. Mendoza

The Prayer after Communion *(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Together let us pray.

Presider and People:

**God of unbounded love and compassion,
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
May this time of worship transform our hearts,
as we go forth to proclaim in word and deed
your message of love;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Dismissal

People's Response: **Thanks be to God.**

The Concluding Song:
(10AM Service)

"Grateful"

(see page 8)

"Grateful"

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Refrain

Grate-ful for the life you give us, thank-ful for your
Grate-ful for the Bread of Heav - en, thank-ful for your

Ho-ly Son, joy - ful in your Spir - it flow - ing
Ho-ly Word, joy - ful in your mer - cy flow - ing,

1

o - ver all, O God of Love.

2 to Verses Final

we will praise you. we will praise you.

Verses

1. You are more than we i - mag - ine, An-cient, Ho - ly, Liv -
2. May our lives pro-claim your jus - tice, may our voic - es sing

1. - ing Lord. E - ven when we doubt
2. your praise. May our hands work in

1. your pres - ence you are faith - ful to
2. your ser - vice to the glo - ry of

1 to Refrain 2 Interlude to Refrain

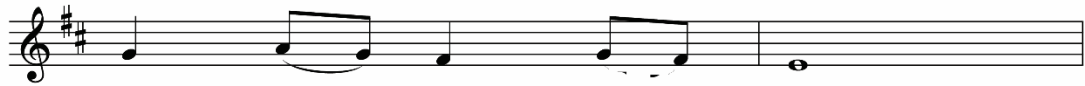
1. your Word. 2. your name.

"Seek Ye First"

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1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
 3. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,



and seek, his right - eous - ness,
 there and you shall find,
 I am I in their midst;



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;
 and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;



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



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



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

**May be sung as a two-voice canon.*

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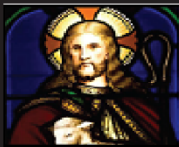
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