

Church of the Good Shepherd

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

Rooted in the Word, Nourished by the Sacraments, Alive in Jesus Christ



October 26, 2025, A Service of Holy Eucharist Reformation, observed – 10:30am

Welcome to Church of the Good Shepherd! We are delighted to worship God with you this morning. Everything you need for the service is here in these pages and in the bible found in the pews. If you are visiting and would like more information about Good Shepherd, please fill out a guest card at the ushers table or call the parish office (607-723-8032). At Good Shepherd you will find friendly people, engaging sermons, joyful worship, practical teaching, and lots of kids. Welcome!

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Prelude

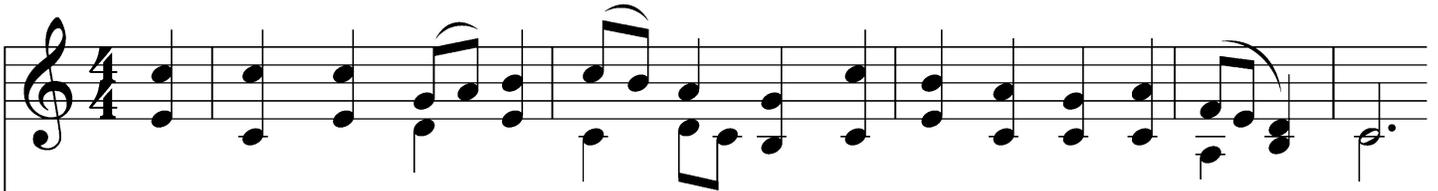
“Adagio in a minor”

J. S. Bach

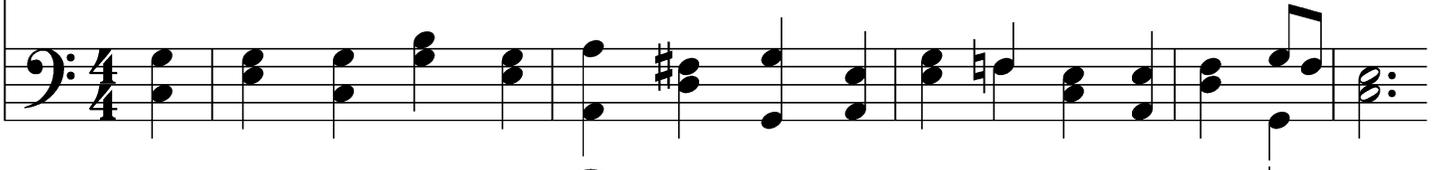
The Processional

A Mighty Fortress

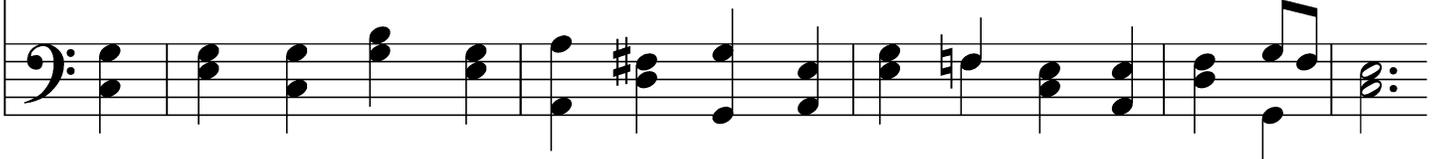
The people stand, if able, and sing facing the procession

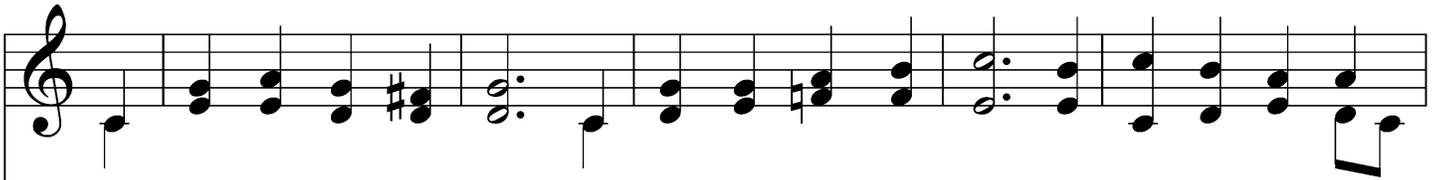


1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threaten to un - do us,
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs no thanks to them a - bid - eth;

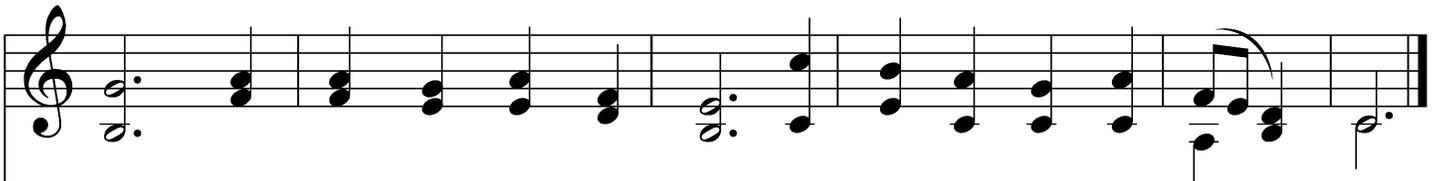
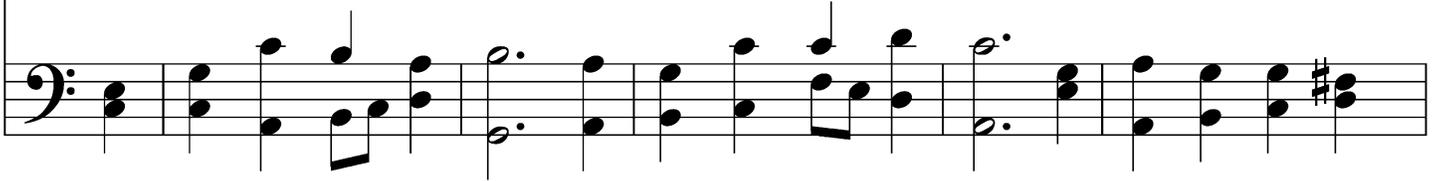


our help - er He, a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choos - ing.
we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.
the Spir - it and the gifts are ours thro' Him who with us sid - eth.





For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He; LORD Sab - a - oth His
 The prince of dark - ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we can en -
 Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al - so; the bod - y they may



great, and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 name, from age to age the same; and He must win the bat - tle.
 dure, for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still; His king - dom is for - ev - er.



The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

The people remain standing

Bishop The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,

People **And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.**

Bishop Your old men shall dream dreams,

People **And your young men shall see visions.**

Bishop You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,

People **That he is the Lord and there is none else.**

Bishop And it shall come to pass

People **That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.**

Joel 2:27-28, 32; acts 2:17, 21

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Bishop Let us pray.

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.**

The Summary of the Law

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

The people kneel if able and pray together

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all people:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against your divine Majesty,
provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant says

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

~Matthew 11:28

The Gloria

Glory to You

The people stand

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord
God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____
_ for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____
3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, _____ seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er._____

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you,_____ be -

5. Glo - ry to you,_____ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; _____ in the high vault of

depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, _____ 6. Glo - ry to you,_____

you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and

high-ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! _____

high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you mercifully give the light of the gospel to your church. Keep us in sound teaching that we may steadfastly believe and worthily follow your saving word, and finally by its holy comfort depart in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit for the reading of the lessons.

The First Lesson

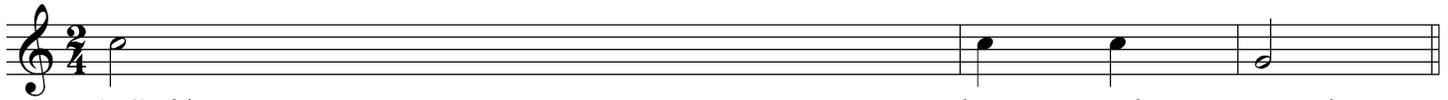
Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible pg. 660, LP pg. 784

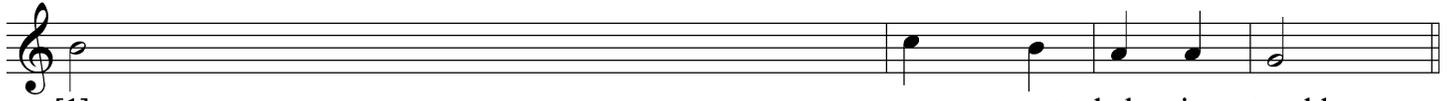
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

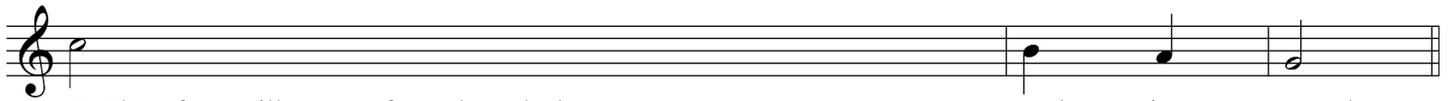
Psalm 46



1. God is our hope and strength :
 3. Though the waters thereof rage and swell :
 5. God is in the midst of her,* therefore shall she not be re - moved :
 8. O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord :
 10. Be still then*, and know that I am God :

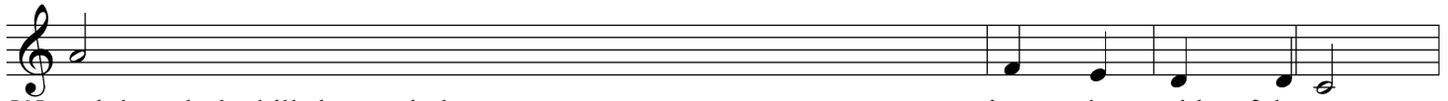


[1] a very pre - sent help in trouble.
 [3] and though the mountains shake at the tem - pest of the same.
 [5] God shall help her, and that right early.
 [8] what destruction he hath brought up - on the earth.
 [10] I will be exalted among the heathen*, and I will be ex - alt - ed in the earth. †refrain



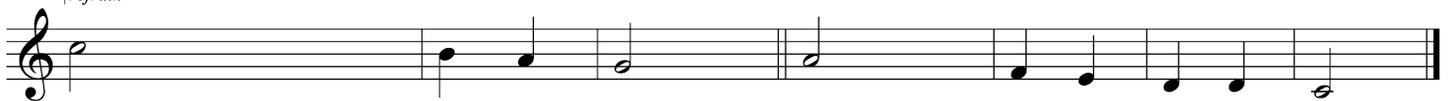
2. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved :
 4. The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God :
 6. The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved :
 9. He maketh wars to cease in all the world :

[skip to refrain below]



[2] and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
 [4] the holy place of the tabernacle of the most - Highest.
 [6] but God hath shewed his voice,* and the earth shall melt a - way. †refrain
 [9] he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder,* and burneth the chari - ots in the fire. _____

†refrain



†7&11. The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Ja - cob is our refuge.

*pause for a full breath

**knappeth the spear=shatters the spear into small pieces.

The Second Lesson

Acts 23:12-24

Pew Bible pg. 932, LP pg. 1108

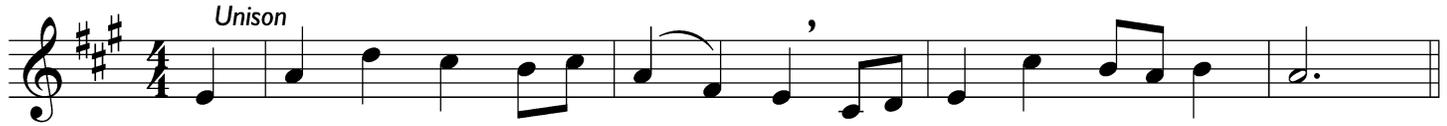
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

O Let Me Hear Thee Speaking

The people stand and sing, facing the procession



O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,



a - bove the storms of pas sion, the mur-murs of self - will;



O speak to re - as sure me, to hast - en or con - trol;



O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guar-dian of my soul.

The Gospel

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

People Glory to You, Lord Christ.

John 8:31-36

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Julian Dobbs

Confirmation

The Presentation, Exhortation and Examination

Presenters **Reverend Father in God, we present these persons to receive the laying on of hands.**

Bishop Have they been adequately prepared?

Presenters **They have.**

The Bishop then says

Dearly beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be Confirmed or Received in this Church publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; become his disciples; know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church. God's grace is imparted in Baptism, through which we are made God's children by adoption and given the Holy Spirit. By the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are enabled to be God's people for the sake of the world.

Now, these Candidates desire publicly to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and their commitment to follow him as Lord. They also desire the strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands, that the Holy Spirit may fill them more and more for their ministry in the Church and in the world.

The Bishop then addresses the Candidates

Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them?

Candidates **I do.**

Bishop Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

Bishop Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

Bishop Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

Bishop Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Candidates **I do.**

Bishop Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Candidates **I do.**

Bishop Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Candidates **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

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?

The Congregation responds

We will.

Prayer and the Laying on of Hands

The Bishop stands and says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we beseech you to strengthen these your servants for witness and ministry through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them your manifold virtues of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the spirit of holy fear, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confirmation

Each Confirmand kneels in front of the Bishop. The Bishop, then laying his hands upon the person's head, prays

Defend, O Lord, this your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he/she* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until *he/she* comes into the fullness of your everlasting kingdom.

People **Amen.**

Or this

Strengthen, O Lord, with your Holy Spirit, your servant *N.*; empower *him/her* for your service; and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life.

People **Amen.**

Concluding Prayer After the Laying on of Hands

The Bishop then says

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

The Peace is now exchanged.

Bishop The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Then the Celebrants and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Announcements

The Offertory

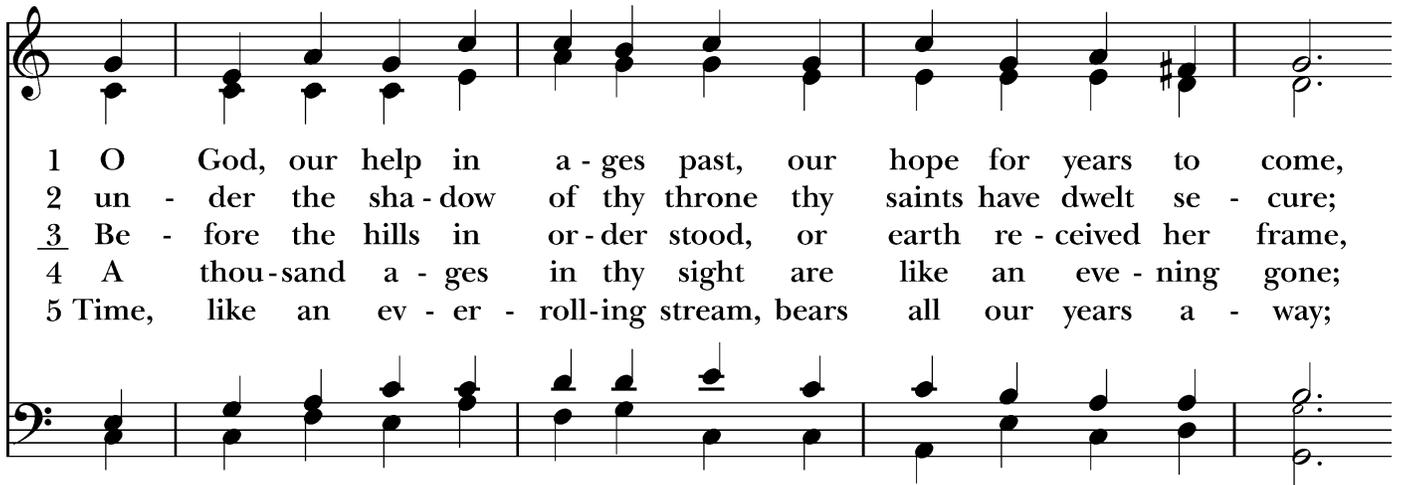
For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.

~Hebrews 6:10

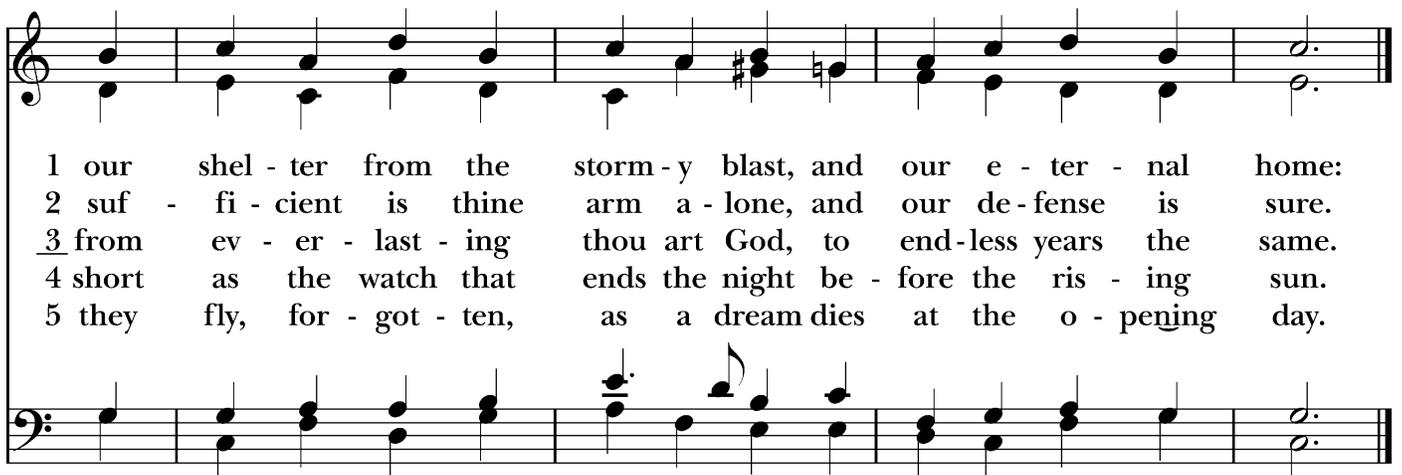
If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. If you are a regular attendee at Good Shepherd, you may give your tithe in several ways. An offering plate will be passed and you are welcome to give your offering there. There is also an offering box at the rear of the sanctuary where you may drop your tithe, or you can mail checks to 360 Conklin Avenue, Binghamton, NY, 13903. You can also give online through [Breeze](#) or you can text a donation through Breeze at 607-882-6551. Good Shepherd also has a [PayPal](#) account. As always, thank you for your great generosity and kind support.

The Offertory Music O God Our Help in Ages Past

The people remain sitting



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.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

The Presentation of the Gifts

The people stand, if able, and sing

Musical score for 'The Presentation of the Gifts'. The score is written for a piano accompaniment in G major and 3/2 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The lyrics are: '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.'

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

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 just and right so to do.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you, the master builder, never abandon your Church which you have built of living stones; you send us those who restore its ancient walls and re-unite its broken ramparts, that it may be a holy temple of your presence.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

The people remain standing and sing

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 Prayer of Consecration

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our

Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

Celebrant and People together

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

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

The Lord's Prayer

The people remain kneeling, and say

Legato **8** *mf*

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav'n, hal-lowed be thy name,

13 *mf*

Thy king-dom come, thy will be done on_earth as in Heav'n, give us this day

18 *mf*

our dai-ly bread and for-give our sins as we for-give those who sin a -

23 *f* *cresc.*

gainst_ us, lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from

28 *f*

e - vil, for thine is the king - dom and the po - wer and the glo - ry

Detailed description: This is a musical score for 'The Lord's Prayer' in 4/4 time. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The score is divided into five systems. The first system starts with a 'Legato' marking and a measure rest of 8 measures, followed by the vocal line 'Our Fa-ther, who art in heav'n, hal-lowed be thy name,' with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The second system begins at measure 13 with 'Thy king-dom come, thy will be done on_earth as in Heav'n, give us this day' and continues with piano accompaniment. The third system starts at measure 18 with 'our dai-ly bread and for-give our sins as we for-give those who sin a -' and includes piano accompaniment. The fourth system begins at measure 23 with 'gainst_ us, lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from' and features a forte (f) dynamic and a crescendo (cresc.) marking. The fifth system starts at measure 28 with 'e - vil, for thine is the king - dom and the po - wer and the glo - ry' and includes piano accompaniment with a triplet of eighth notes in the vocal line.

33

for- e - ver and e - ver, A - men (men) men. (men)

for- e - ver and e - ver, A - men (men) men. (men)

The Fraction

The people remain kneeling and say

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and people say together

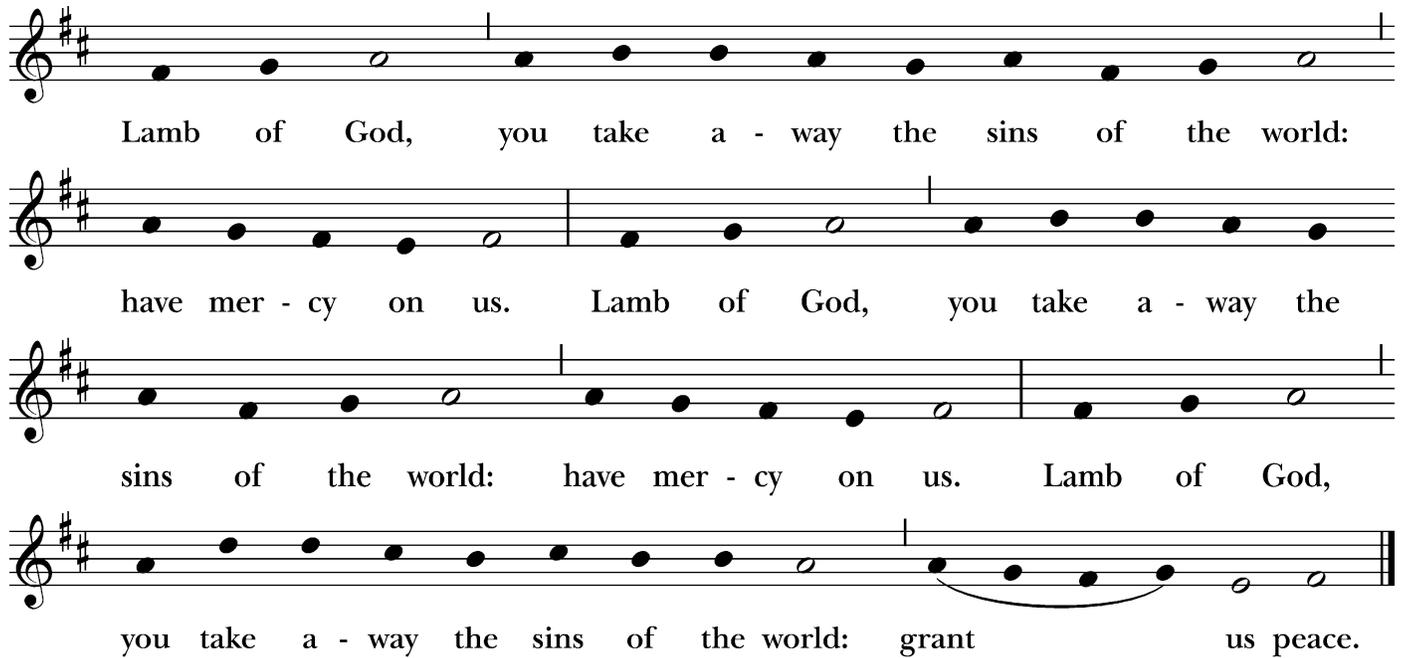
We do not presume to come to this your Table,

O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table.
But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Communion of the People

All Christians baptized in any denomination and in good standing with their home church are welcome to take Communion. If you are unable to take communion for any reason, you are warmly invited to the rail for a prayer and blessing: just place your hands across your chest and one of the pastors will bless and pray for you. If you are in a wheelchair or are unable to come forward for any reason, please let an usher know and we will bring the Sacrament to you in your pew. Gluten free wafers are available upon request when you come forward.

The Invitation

Celebrant

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.

Communion Music

By Faith

The people remain sitting or kneeling

VERSE



1. By faith we see the ___ hand of God in the
 2. By faith our fa - thers _ roamed the earth with the
 3. By faith the pro - phets _ saw a day when the
 4. By faith the church was ___ called to go in the
 5. By faith this moun - tain _ shall be moved and the



light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the lives of those who prove His
 pow'r of His prom - ise in their hearts of a ho - ly cit - y built by
 longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the pow'r to break the chains of
 pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost, to de - liv - er cap - tives and to
 pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail, for we know in Christ all things are

1, 3. | 2, 4, 5.



faith - ful - ness, who walk by faith and ___ not by sight. reign. We will
 God's own hand, a place where peace and ___ jus - tice earth.
 sin and death, and rise tri - um - phant _ from the grave. name.
 preach good news in ev - 'ry cor - ner ___ of the
 pos - si - ble for all who call up - on His

CHORUS



stand as chil-dren of the prom ise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward. Till the



race is fin - ished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and _ not by

1, 2. | D.C. | 3.



sight. sight.

In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, — my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ — in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought — and storm. What heights of
 -ness, scorned by the ones He came — to save. Till on that
 Day, up from the grave He rose — a - gain! And as He
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease. My Com - fort -
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand; Till He re -



-er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ — I
 sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ — I
 His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood — of
 -turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ — I'll



stand.
 live.
 Christ.
 stand!

The Post-Communion Prayer

The people kneel

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever-living God,
we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us, through this Sacrament,
of your favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father,
to assist us with your grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Recession

I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art

The people stand if able and face the recession

1. I greet thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art,
2. Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,
3. Thou art the Life, by which a - lone we live,
4. Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness,

1. my on - ly trust and Sav - ior of my heart,
2. reign - ing om - nip - o - tent in ev - 'ry place:
3. and all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;
4. no harsh - ness hast thou and no bit - ter - ness:

1. who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
2. so come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;
3. sus - tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
4. O grant to us the grace we find in thee,

1. I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
2. shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
3. and give us strength in ev - 'ry try - ing hour.
4. that we may dwell in per - fect u - ni - ty.

5. Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.

The Dismissal

The people stand if able

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, and fight the good fight of faith, that you may finish your course with joy; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Postlude

“Praeludium in C Major”

D. Buxtehude

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Weekly Update, October 26, 2025

Ongoing Ministries

Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:05 am in the Parish Hall to walk through the bible, verse by verse. It meets in person and is available online by livestream. We are currently in the book of Proverbs.

Shepherd's Bowl Good Shepherd offers a dinner to the church and wider community on Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30. This is a great time to get to know others and enjoy a free and delicious meal.

Thursday Evening Bible Study This study meets in the sacristy at 6:15.

Friday Morning Men's Bible Study meets at 6:30am for breakfast, study, and prayer. If you are interested, please email or text Matt or Jonathan, or contact the church office. This class is currently in the Book of Genesis.

Women's Bible Study

This study meets in the parish hall at 5:15 on Wednesday evenings.

Holy Group Squad (Young Adult Ministry)

Post high-school aged people meet together Sunday evenings (6pm) in the Sacristy for book studies and conversation.

Good Shepherd Youth Group meets Sundays at 6pm in the choir loft, and is studying the book of Genesis. This is an engaging context for kids to grow in

- 1) Knowledge of scripture and doctrine
- 2) Faithfulness to Christ
- 3) Service to others

Morning Prayer meets online by Zoom at 7am Monday through Friday. The liturgy and readings are available at www.dailyoffice2019.com. Join the parish email list and find the zoom link in the weekly update. Hope to see you there!

Christian Education for Everyone

Children For children aged 1-12 Good Shepherd offers Catechesis of the Good Shepherd—a program of prayer, worship, and scripture in specially prepared Montessori-style rooms—The Pen (1-3), The Pasture (3-6), The Vineyard (6-9), and The Tabernacle (7-12).

Teens Teens aged 12 through 14 cover a range of topics—the Bible, Liturgy, Church History, Apologetics, the 39 Articles—in a three-year cycle. This is a discussion-style class that prepares kids for confirmation.

Adult Class Discussion and study on topics ranging from Christian literature, the 39 articles, church history, difficult passages of the bible, and more.

Home Groups meet weekly around the Binghamton area. They study the readings for the Sunday coming up, pray, and build relationships. Check in with Jonathan Groves or Joe Kovac to get connected.

The Mary & Martha Guild is Good Shepherd's women's group. It meets the 3rd Saturday of the month. Women of all ages in the church are invited to come and enjoy each other's company, a light lunch, and the month's scheduled program or project. The guild also helps coordinate and run funeral luncheons and other events throughout the year. Join the email list and keep informed about upcoming meetings and events by contacting the church office or talking to Jenn Fowler.

Good Shepherd Food Pantry is available for anyone who can use a bit of help. Families, young adults, seniors, all are welcome to use it. The pantry is located just off the kitchen, stop by and take what you need. We are completely supported by donations from the congregation, so please consider picking up a few items to drop in the basket in the lobby whenever you can.

Week at a Glance Schedule, October 26, 2025 – November 2, 2025

Sunday	
8:00am	Service of Holy Eucharist, no music
9:15am	Christian Ed for adults and children (online stream available)
10:30am	Service of Holy Eucharist (online stream available) <i>Nursery Available (0-3)</i> <i>Children's Chapel (3-8 during the sermon)</i>
12:30pm	Lunch (<i>parish hall</i>)
4:30pm	Choir Practice
6:00pm	Holy Group Squad Youth Group

Monday	
7:00am	Morning Prayer

Tuesday	
7:00am	Morning Prayer
9:05am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
6:00pm	Riverside Home Group
6:30pm	Allhallowtide service
7:00pm	Zoom Home Group

Wednesday	
7:00am	Morning Prayer
6:30pm	Choir Practice
5:15pm	Women's Bible Study

Thursday	
7:00am	Morning Prayer
5:30pm	Shepherd's Bowl Community Dinner
6:00pm	Endwell Home Group
6:15pm	Thursday Evening Bible Study

Friday	
7:00am	Morning Prayer
6:30am	Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Saturday	
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9:15am	Christian Ed for adults and children (online stream available)
10:30am	Service of Holy Eucharist (online stream available) <i>Nursery Available (0-3)</i> <i>Children's Chapel (3-8 during the sermon)</i>
12:30pm	Potluck lunch
4:30pm	Choir Practice
6:00pm	Holy Group Squad Youth Group

Home Groups exist to glorify God and build up the church through weekly gatherings where members of Good Shepherd and non-members alike may come to grow in fellowship and discipleship around God's word.

Current locations and times of groups:

1) Riverside Group

Time: Tuesdays, 6:00pm

Host: Anna Dreher

Location: 103 Vincent St. Bing., NY 13905

2) Endwell Group

Time: Thursdays 6:00pm

Host: Andrea Kovac

Location: 813 Biscayne Terrace, Endwell, NY 13760

3) Zoom Group - Link given upon request.

Time: Tuesdays, 7:00pm

Host: Scott Pineau

What's Happening at Good Shepherd

Potluck There will be a potluck next Sunday after the 10:30 service. There is no theme this month. Please bring a dish to share, but stay and have lunch even if you don't.

2026 Good Shepherd Christmas Pageant Meeting

All children of Good Shepherd who would like to be in this year's pageant, please meet Anne Kennedy in the first two pews in front of the pulpit directly after the service for a quick chat to talk about roles and the practice schedule before going downstairs for lunch.

Allhallowtide This year we are going to be holding a service in preparation for Allhallowtide on Tuesday, October 28th at 6:30pm, in place of our usual Trunk-or-Treat event. It will be a somber candlelit service in remembrance of those we have lost personally, collectively, and the saints who have gone before us. Allhallowtide encompasses the observance of All Hallow's Eve, All Saint's Day, and All Soul's Day. These days are set apart in the midst of Ordinary Time to reflect on our mortality and the end of life here on earth, and how Christ has conquered death to bring us life everlasting. We mourn those we have lost, while we praise God for their time here on earth, and look forward to the day we will see them again. We will be including a Necrology, honoring and reading out the names of those we have lost as a community. If there is anyone dear to you you'd like to be included in this reading, please contact Angel Groves in person or by text/phone at 570.561.9074. Please include the name of the deceased as well as their connection to you or our church. (Ex. John Smith, cousin of Jonathan Groves).

Food Pantry Needs: More and more folks are using the food pantry. Your donations can really help make a direct difference in the lives of your fellow parishioners! Some of the specific needs are: Peanut butter, Jelly (not grape), Applesauce, Canned meats (chicken, tuna, corned beef etc), spaghetti sauce, parmesan cheese, corn, diced tomatoes, canned soup (not tomato or chicken noodle), Breakfast cereal.

2025 St. Nick Fair It's time for the 4th annual St. Nicholas Fair! The fun winter market with gifts, food, music, and more, will be held on December 13th, from 10-3. This year we will be raising funds for CHE Nicaragua, a ministry that our church has partnered with for many years that provides physical resources and the Gospel to communities all over Nicaragua.

We are looking for physical handmade goods as well as services to auction to our church family. There are many areas where you can be involved, large or small. Contact Angel Groves or Anna Dreher for more information.

Lord willing, this will be a great blessing to CHE Nicaragua, and a wonderful day to be together. Come prepared to purchase Christmas gifts and enjoy delicious food in the day's cafe, while supporting an important cause!

Erle Baby Shower There will be a baby shower honoring Audrey Erle on November 22nd from 2-4pm in the parish hall. Please let Angel Groves know by November 16th if you plan to attend.

She and Mason are registered on Amazon.

Please consider bringing a book instead of a card to help baby's library grow!

The Mary & Martha Guild is holding it's St. Nicholas Fair Crafting event on Saturday Nov 15th 11-2. Last year this was one of the most popular activities we held-and don't worry, serious crafting ability is not required. As always, a light soup lunch will be provided.

Christmas Tea Mark your calendars! The Women's Christmas Tea will be held this year on Sunday Dec 14th from 2-4:30pm at the Manwarring's home. Women of all ages from the church are invited. Please plan on bringing a favorite nibble to share with the group, but come and enjoy even if you don't.

Please Pray For...

ACNA Cycle of Prayer We pray for the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic: for Bishop Chris Warner and his wife Catherine; and Bishop John Guernsey and his wife, Meg.

The Anglican Diocese of the Living Word We pray for Christ the King Anglican Mission | Pine Knot, Kentucky, for The Rev. Mike Neal, for ADLW Ministry to the Homeless and the Poor, and for The Rev. Steele Brand

For the Homebound Charles Mabula, Beverly Williams, Joe Barrett, Chuck Corse

For the Sick Peyton, Rick, Charles, Larry Dimmick, Chris, Joe, Sue, William and Arianna, Chuck, Helen & Dave, Sarah, Theresa, Griffy, Linda, John Chaney, Kcaarin, Gail, the Logvis family, Roger, Arlene, Jim, Nicole, Patricia, Micheline, Joe L, Dave, Brett, Mamie, Kathy, Judy, Warren, Michael M, Craig, Karen

For those Experiencing Loss Please pray for the Dewing family.

For our Missionaries Pray for Carrie Nelson and her work with InterVarsity Campus Ministries.

For the Persecuted Church Please pray for Christians in Iran.

Happy Birthday!

October 27	Makenna Jones
October 27	Murielle Kennedy
October 28	Selah Lane
November 1	Niklas Boeker

Happy Anniversary!

October 29	Rob & Sherry Finch
November 1	Linda Baker-Gardner

Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings:

All Saint's Day, observed
Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:(11-14)15-23
Luke 6:20-26(27-36)

**Daily Lectionary, Year I
60 Day Psalter Cycle**

Monday October 27	Psalm 140 2 Kings 15 Acts 5:12-end
Tuesday October 28	Psalm 144 Acts 6:1—7:16 John 14:15-31
Wednesday October 29 <i>Sim. & Jude</i>	Psalm 146 2 Kings 16 Acts 7:17-34
Thursday October 30	Psalm 148 2 Kings 17 Acts 7:35—8:3
Friday October 31	Psalm 2 2 Chron 28 Acts 8:4-25
Saturday November 1 <i>All Saints'</i>	Psalm 1, 15 Heb 11:32—12:2 Acts 8:26-end
Sunday November 2	Psalm 5, 6 2 Chron 29 Acts 9:1-31

Financial Snapshot

To let the congregation know how Good Shepherd is faring financially, the vestry provides a financial snapshot based on the previous week's giving.

Our fiscal budget year ends November 30th.

As of October 19

2025 Anticipated Giving to Date	\$264,270
Actual Year to Date Giving	\$226,413
Year to Date Gain/(loss)	(\$-37,629)
Giving Remaining to Meet Budget	\$72,099

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