Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church

A Jubilee Ministry Center



Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, August 17, 2025
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Celebrant The Rev. Kim J. Litsey

Our Missional Vision

Good Shepherd of the Hills Church brings the love and light of Christ Jesus to our neighbors. We are called to go out to serve the needs of our community.

Welcome To All Visitors

If you are a visitor today, we welcome you and thank you for worshipping with us! We hope that you are blessed by your visit. The Right Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall, Bishop
The Rev. Kim J. Litsey, Rector
Eunkyung Suh-Lee, Director of Music
Axel Lopez, Ministry Assistant for Youth
Kristine K., Parish Administrator
Teresa Garnica, Sexton

Today's Ministry Schedule

Lector: Micah Johnson

Altar Servers: Erica Richardson and Debbie Shields

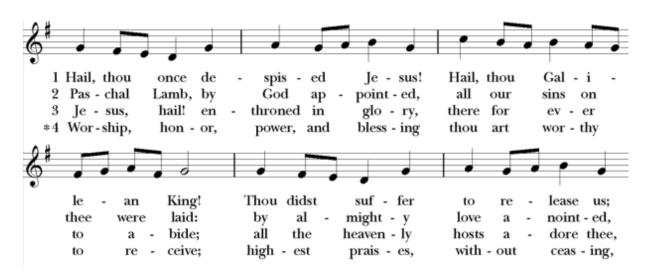
Ushers: Todd Knape

Greeters: Tom & Trudy Rhoades

~Prelude~

"Shall We Gather At the River" By: Gordon Young

~Processional Hymn~ #495 "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!"





Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: In Babilone, melody from Oude en Niewe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu, 1710; harm. Roy F. Kehl (b. 1935) Copyright ©1984, Roy F. Kehl. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

Eucharist, Rite II The Word of God Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be his kingdom,

now and for ever. Amen.



Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; 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 Lessons: A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn backthose who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 82 (Read In Unison)

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; * he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, * and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; * defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; * deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; * all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, * and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, * and fall like any prince."
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, * for you shall take all nations for your own.

A Reading From The Letter To The Hebrews

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

~Gospel Hymn~#366 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (vs. 1 Before & vs. 2 After)



*6 Thou didst take the sting from death,
Son of God, as Savior given;
on the cross thy dying breath
opened wide the realm of heaven.
In the glory of that land
thou art set at God's right hand.

*7 As our judge thou wilt appear.

Savior, who hast died to win us.
help thy servants, drawing near.

Lord, renew our hearts within us.
Grant that with thy saints we may
dwell in everlasting day.

Words: Para. of Te Deum, Sts. 1-4, Ignaz Franz (1719-1790); tr. Clarence Walworth (1820-1900).
Sts. 5-7, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Music: Grosser Gott melody from Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1686; alt. Cantate, 1851; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after Conrad Kocher (1786-1872)

The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 12:49-56

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Nicene Creed

and was made man.

We believe in one God, the Father, the
Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of
all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the
only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God
from God, Light from Light, true God
from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came
down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

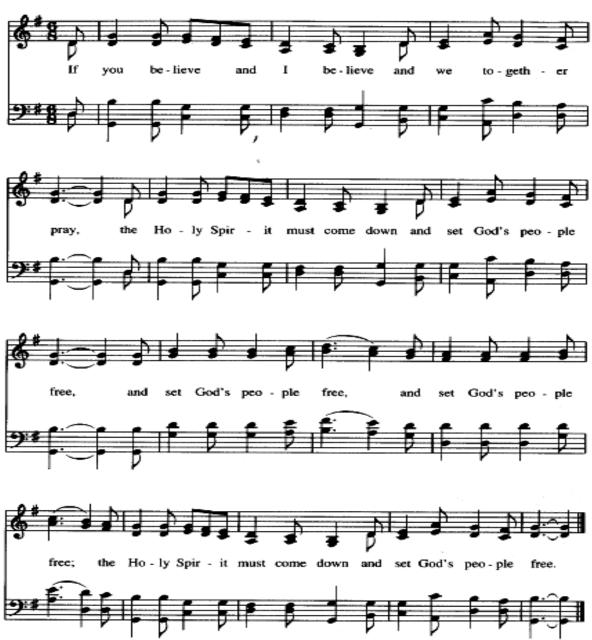
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

~Prayers Of The People~WLAP#806 "If You Believe, I Believe"



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Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Humbled by the bounty and grace of our lives, let us pray without ceasing, saying Spirit of truth, set us free!

Lector: For all the followers of Jesus around the world, that we may be united in sharing God's unfailing love and forgiveness.

People: Spirit of truth, set us free!

Lector: For the priesthood of all believers, and the ministry of all lay people, the cornerstone of your holy Church; for Kim, and for all clergy; for Bishop Jennifer and this diocese, that our hearts may be opened to God's desire for our future.

People: Spirit of truth, set us free!

Lector: For our world and our nation, that all who govern and lead, may they tend to peace in the land and work for the common good.

People: Spirit of truth, set us free!

Lector: God of the oppressed, we pray for those who are without food in Gaza, South Sudan, Haiti, Yemen, and everywhere around the world where your children are denied sustenance.

People: Spirit of truth, set us free!

Lector: For all who suffer violence at the hands of others and for those who live with addiction and mental illness. May we ourselves, and our community provide safety, hope, and compassion for all people.

People: Spirit of truth, set us free!

Lector: We remember today, all who have died, that they may be welcomed into glory with all the saints.

People: Spirit of truth, set us free!

We gratefully acknowledge the Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather, the Hohokam, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today.

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Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty;

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Celebrant: God who sets our hearts on fire, we offer these prayers to you. Accept them as our offering of love and the pledge of our hearts to seek and serve you in all that we do. Through Christ, who is all in all. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People:

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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

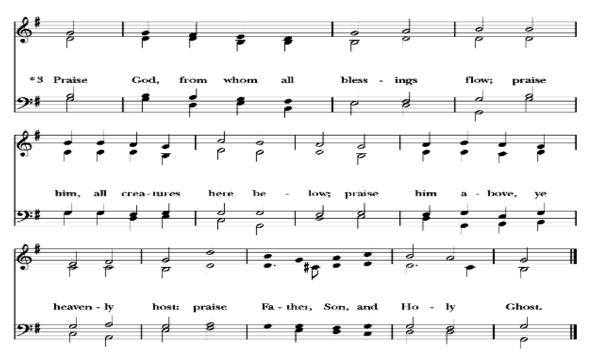
The Offertory

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High.

The Offering is received and the altar is prepared.

~Offertory Anthem~ "Jesus, Love Of My Soul" By: Joseph Parry

The Doxology



The Holy Eucharist Eucharistic Prayer B

The Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Celebrant:

People:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God Celebrant: It is right to give him thanks and praise. People:

The Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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 people may stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant Continues:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

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In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **Amen.**

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

Celebrant 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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

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 of the People

All Baptized people are welcome to receive Holy Communion; if you prefer a blessing please cross your arms in front of your chest.

~Communion Hymn~ "At The Table" By: Brian Gison

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

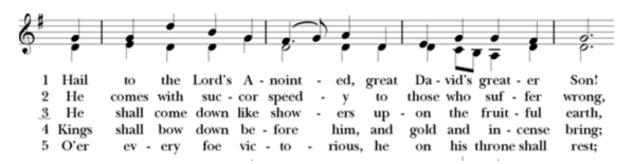
Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

~Closing Hymn~ #616 "Hail To The Lord's Anointed"





Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Music: Es flog ein kliens Waldvögelein, German folk song; adapt. and harm. A Student's Hymnal, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power

of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

~Postlude~ "The Heaven's Declare God's Glory"
By: Robert J. Powell



Please pray for those celebrating their **Birthday:** Phil Dibble, Natalie Dahlan, Bernice Insalaco

Please Pray For the Following People

Mariah Myers, Mike, Kathy Frederick, Chris Francis,
Johnny, Mandie, Brynn and Iann Miller, Paddi Mozilo,
Jan, Edna, Mat, and Rick Rhoades, Sylvia Tabor, Dee Crane, Susan,
The Family and Friends of Todd Hodesh, Eric and Michelle Salawich, Charles,
Aaron Parson, John, Hank Zolkiewicz, Tim Rosenhoover, Andrea Hensley, The
Friends and Family of Sharon, The Friends and Family of Hope Ann Kelly,
Ed Simpson, Bernice Insalaco, Claudia Joehl, Cindy Creamers, Bob S.,
Joan Shillingburg, Paula Vessels, David Vessels, and Rachel Vessels,
Jan Kramer, The Bowden Family, Gary Zimmett, Micah Young, Darrow Miller,
Evelyn Bonet, Mary Pierce, The Lee Family, Marion Anderson, Fr. Joe Harte,
Bernadette Davis, Joyce Ann Diehl and Bill Diehl, Debbie Shields,
Gertrude Craig, Linda & Roy Longworth, Tom, Dave Cantelme

Please Pray for those in the Armed Forces

Stephanie Case Andersen, Adam and Kim Bennett, Jeff Walker, Jeff Lindbom, Jordan Knight, Katherine Guthrie, Pierce Guthrie, Nathan Cole, Gabriel Leite, Blake Henderson Jr., Bryson Henderson, Brady Bevard, Peter Buckley (Johnson)



Dandelions August lunch and Spirited Discussion

Wednesday August 20th @ 12 Noon



This month the Women's Group will be having a potluck salad bar lunch at Maitland Hall. Everyone will bring an item or items to share that can be used in the salad. (Examples: different types of lettuce, vegetables, meats and proteins, salad dressings, etc.) Everyone will then build their own salad using the ingredients that you choose. Let's be creative and bring unusual items and salad dressings. We will also need a few desserts and drinks.

After lunch we will watch 20 minutes of Richard Rohr's Universal Christ video based on his popular book where he proposes a concept of Christ as a universal, unifying

presence in all of creation, not limited to the historical Jesus. It suggests that Christ is a divine principle present in everything. We expect there will be a spirited discussion. You do not need to read the book to enjoy the video and our conversions.

We encourage you to bring a friend who would enjoy an afternoon outing. Also, please try to sit with someone you don't know well and make new friends at our meetings.

Future events! Trudy is looking at an outing this fall to the Scottsdale Cowboy Museum, more details to follow. We are also looking for others to plan events, so please start thinking of outings you can lead. Lastly, we need volunteers to host us in their homes for our Potluck Luncheons. Our events enhance our community because each of us takes a turn to lead us to new places.

Questions? Call Lynn Walsh or Paddi Mozilo



Phoenix

Date Every 3rd Thursday of the month

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Location: Panera Bread in Norterra Crossing

Centering Prayer!

Did you know Good Shepherd holds two Centering Prayer Sessions each week!

The Wednesday prayer session is held via Zoom at 10 AM.

The Saturday prayer session is held via Zoom and in the in the Good Shepherd library @ 9 AM.



Please contact the office with questions or for the Zoom invite,

The Food and Fellowship Ministry looking for new members to help grow this Ministry for the future. If you are interested in learning about or joining this ministry, please reach out to Audra Botwin.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!

Volunteers are needed to host our Coffee Hour! A sign up sheet is located inside Maitland Hall.

Food & Fellowship

Save The Dates!

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 4th @ 9AM

@ Good Shepherd of the Hills courtyard.



Trunk or Treat

This year we will be participating in the Cave Creek Unified School District Truck or Treat event!

Friday, October 24th @ 6PM-8PM

@ Cactus Shadows Student Parking Lot



All Saints' Day Sunset Candlelight Service

Saturday, November 1, 2025 @ 5:30PM

@ Good Shepherd of the Hills Columbarium.



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