

Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church

A Jubilee Ministry Center



Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Celebrant The Rev. Gabe Sinisi

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
The Rev. Gabe Sinisi, Supply Priest
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: Beth Hatcher and Erica Richardson

Ushers: Todd Knape and Tom Sampson

Greeters: Lara Bowles

~Prelude~ "Rock Of Ages, Cleft To Me"

By: Tomas Hastings

~Processional Hymn~ #470 "There's A Wideness In God's Mercy"

The image displays the musical notation for the hymn "There's A Wideness In God's Mercy". It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are provided below the treble staff.

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;
 If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
 and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: Beecher; John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

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.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ 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 Book of Exodus

Exodus 32:7-14

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 51:1-11 (*Read In Unison*)

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.**
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.**
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.**
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.**
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.**
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.**

A Reading From The First Letter To Timothy

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

~Gospel Hymn~#663 “The Lord My God My Shepherd Is”
(vs. 1 Before & vs. 2 After)

The musical score is written in a common time signature (C) and a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five verses of lyrics, each with a corresponding treble and bass staff. The lyrics are as follows:

1 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how
 2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and
 3 Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the
 4 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -
 5 Then sure - ly I can trust thy love for

1 could I want or need? In pas - tures green, by
 2 doth in mer - cy bless, and helps me take for
 3 val - ley of death's shade, I will not fear, for
 4 cure in all a - larms, and filled my cup, and
 5 all the days to come, that I may tell thy

1 streams se - rene, he safe - ly doth me lead.
 2 his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.
 3 thou art here, to com - fort and to aid.
 4 borne me up in ev - er - last - ing arms.
 5 praise, and dwell for ev - er in thy home.

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Music: *Crimond*, melody Jesse Seymour Irvine (1836-1887); harm. *Hymnal 1982*

The Gospel

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 15:1-10

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Nicene Creed

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, and was made man.

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"

If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to-geth-er

pray, the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple

free, and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple

free; the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free.

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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 Presiding Bishop Sean, Reverend 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.

CONT.

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.**

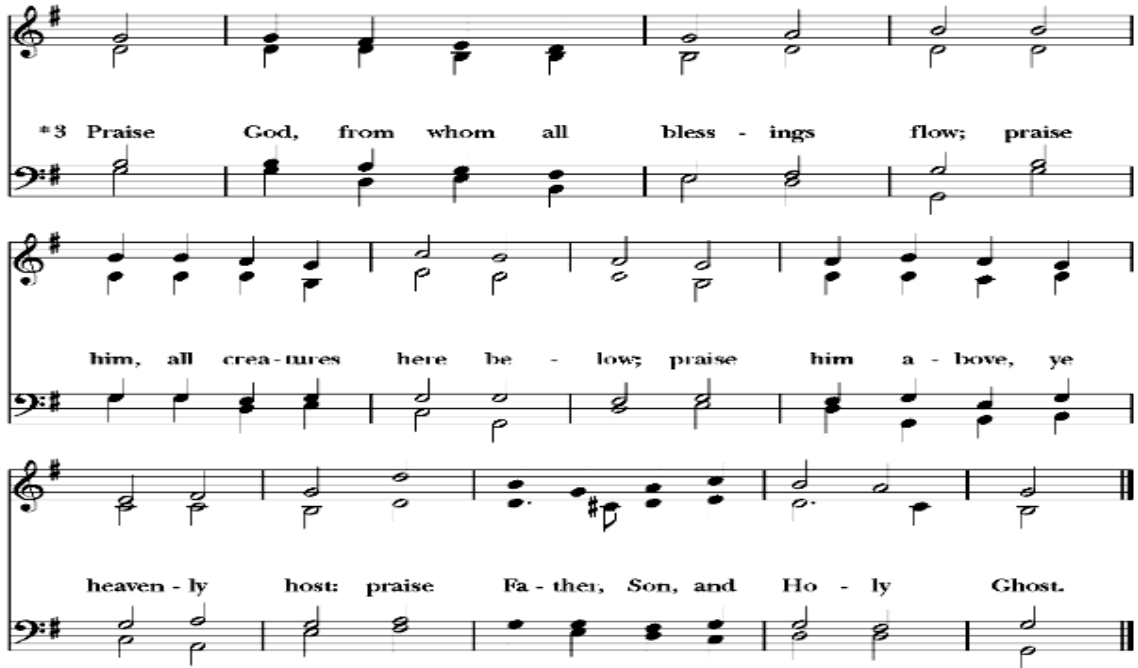
The Offertory

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~ "You Raise Me Up"
By: Rolf Lovland (Solo: Ed Simpson)

The Doxology



*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Holy Eucharist
Eucharistic Prayer B

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

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:

Sanctus WLAP #858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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~
"O Lord Most Holy"
By: Cesar Franck
(Solo: Ed Simpson)

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~ #473 "Lift High The Cross"

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.

till all the world _____ a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.

1 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou - hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912); alt. Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)
 Music: *Crucifer*, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

10 10 with Refrain

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

~Postlude~ "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

By: Martin Luther



Please pray for those celebrating their
Birthday: Brian Hensley, Rachel Vessels

Please Pray For the Following People

Mariah Myers, Mike, Kathy Frederick, Chris Francis,
Johnny, Mandie, Brynn and Iann Miller, Paddi Mozilo,
Jan, Edna, Mat 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,
Bernice Insalaco, Claudia Joehl, Cindy Creamers, Bob S., Joan Shillingburg,
Paula Vessels, David Vessels, and Rachel Vessels, Jan Kramer, The Bowden
Family, Gary Zimmet, 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, Susie Hansen, Bence Leite,
Angela Simpson, Bob Pope

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)

Join the Choir

Greetings in Christ!

We are excited to announce that our Church Choir will be starting very soon! If you are returning choir member or a new member, all are welcome to join us!



If you have never been in the choir but are curious, we would love to have you come to rehearsal on Wednesday September 24th at 6:00 P.M. so that we can share with you what is involved and expected from choir members.

Come join our rehearsals beginning;

Wednesday, September 24th

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Join the Handbell Choir

Our Handbell Choir offer the opportunity for individuals to worship God through music by the playing of handbells.

Open to all!

Rehearsals are Sundays from 11:30 - 12:30 PM

Beginning: Sunday, September 28th

For more information, please contact; Eunkyung Suh Lee |



The BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4TH
@ 9:00 AM

On Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 9:00 AM, we will honor the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with a blessing of the animals service in our courtyard. So bring your furred, feathered or scaled friends with whom you share your lives, and join us in blessing them in honor of St. Francis.



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If you have any questions please
call the church office @
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Date Every 3rd Thursday of the month

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

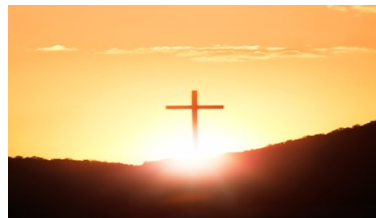
Location: Panera Bread in Norterra Crossing

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.



Trunk or Treat

This year we will be participating in the Cave Creek Unified School District Trunk 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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Lara Bowles
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