### Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church

A Jubilee Ministry Center



# Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, October 5, 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
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### Today's Ministry Schedule

Lector: Sue Jenks

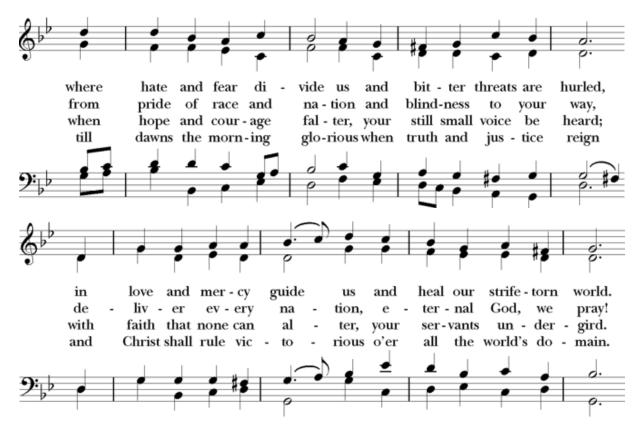
Altar Servers: Lynn Walsh and Erica Richardson

Ushers: Angela and Mike Ajamie

Greeters: Audra Botwin

### ~Prelude~ "Bread Of The World" By: Todd Kendall





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### 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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

### The Lessons: A Reading from the Prophet Habakkuk

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous-therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

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

### Psalm 37:1-10 (Read In Unison)

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \* do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, \* and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; \* dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD, \* and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, \* and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \* and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD \* and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \* the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \* do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, \*
  but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

### A Reading From The Second Letter To Timothy

### 2 Timothy 1:1-14

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

To Timothy, my beloved child:

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

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

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

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

### ~Gospel Hymn~#660 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" (vs. 1 Before & vs. 2 After)



Words: Washingtor Oladden (1836-1918) Music: Moryton, Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898)

### The Gospel

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, `Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, `Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, `Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, `We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Rev. Kim J. Litsey

### 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 d

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.

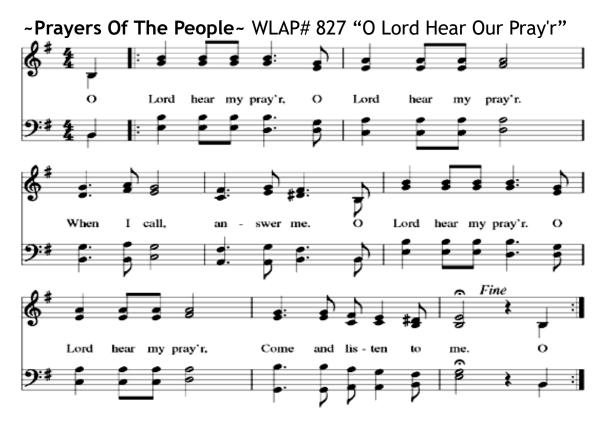
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

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



Words: Psalm 102

### 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.

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.

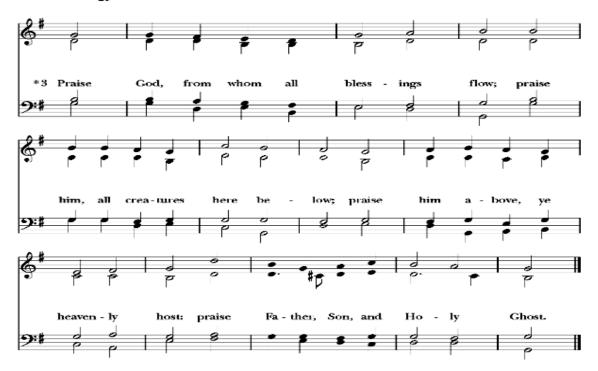
### ~Offertory Anthem~

"For Where Love Is, There is God " By: Douglas E. Wagner

Come as strangers to the altar, for where love is, there is God.
Come you poor, you weak, who falter, for where love is, there is God.
Song and scripture wed together, bound by faith in sacred Word,
sharing peace and consolation, for where love is, there is God.

Let us each love one another, for where love is, there is God, And embrace as sister, brother, for where love is, there is God. Heal our hurting, lift our spirits, cease our cold, contentious ways. Spread the grace of love unending, for where love is, there is God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, for where love is, there is God.

#### The Doxology



## 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:





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.

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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~
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
By: William M. Runyan

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

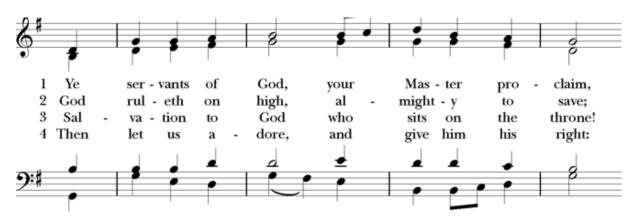
### Celebrant and People:

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~ #535 "Ye Servants Of God, Your Masters Proclaim"





### Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. People:

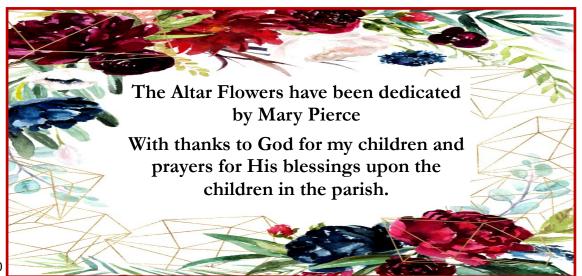
## ~Postlude~ "An Ever Present Help" By: Richard A. Williamson

### 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, Cindy Creamers, Bob S., Joan Shillingburg, Paula Vessels, David Vessels, and Rachel Vessels, Jan Kramer, Eldon Kramer 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, The Family Roy Longworth, Tom, Dave Cantelme, Susie Hansen, Bence Leite, Bob, Arlo Nelson, Katie Mitchell, Lydia Meijer

### 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)





### Sack Lunch Ministry

We will be making Sack Lunches in Maitland Hall on Wednesday, October 8th at 9:30. These lunches will be delivered to St. Vincent de Paul's kitchen to help feed

the homeless. We will have all that is needed for the lunches but need some people to help put the sacks together and make the PB & J sandwiches.

If you prefer to make the sack lunches at home, they will gladly be accepted! They can be dropped off to Maitland Hall before 10 A.M. on Wednesday, October 8th.



### Flower Dedications Are Back!

Our Altar Flower Dedication Program is back, and we are hoping you will embrace it again!

Our beautiful Altar flowers are arranged by our Flower Guild but sponsored by our members in celebration for birthdays, anniversaries, and in memory of loved ones. Our Flower Guild works hard to keep the

costs low but we are encouraging a donation of \$50 when sponsoring flowers.

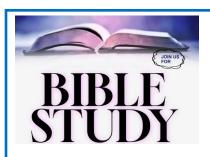
The Flower Calendar has been posted in Maitland Hall for you to sign up for your special dates! Donors are encouraged to let the office know the occasion so we can include the information in the Sunday Bulletin.



## October Potluck Sunday Coffee Hour

Please join us Sunday, October 12th for our October Coffee Hour potluck. Bring something Spooktacular to share.

All are welcome!



If you are interested in joining us, please register with the office!

### **Bible Study**

Reverend Kim will be leading a Bible Study beginning on October 14th!

Two sessions weekly to choose from:

Tuesday @ 1pm in the library

Tuesday @ 6pm via Zoom

She will be covering the Book of Acts of the Apostles. Please bring a Bible.

# Trunk or Treat Donations Needed!



We are taking donations of candy, pre-packaged snacks, and small toys to hand out at the Trunk or Treat Event.

Plastic totes have been placed at the back of Maitland Hall and in the Church Narthex to drop off your donations.

The Trunk or Treat event is Friday, October 24 from 6-8PM @ Cactus Shadows High School. All are welcome to attend!



Caregiver
Support Group
Phoenix

Date October 30th

(week change for this month only!)

**Time:** 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Location: Panera Bread in Norterra Crossing

### All Saints' Day Sunset Candlelight Service!

Saturday, November 1 at 5:30 pm

All Saints' Day, is a long held tradition when we recognize the Saints of the Christian Church and our loved ones who have died. In this quiet and moving service, we will read the names of your loved ones and reflect on those who are inurned in the Columbarium.



Join us to behold the beauty that surrounds us, remember those that have come before us and those who are forever etched in our hearts.

If you would like your loved one's name to be read during the service please email the name to the office at goodshepherdaz@msn.com by Sunday, October 26th.

### Join the Choir

Greetings in Christ! We are excited to announce that our Church Choir has resumed. If you have never been in the choir but are curious, we would love to have you come to rehearsals so that we can share with you what is involved and expected from choir members. All are welcome to join us!



Come join our rehearsals; Every Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

### 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



For more information, please contact; Eunkyung Suh Lee

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