

Welcome

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

Venice, Florida

The Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost - October 25, 2026

GATHERING, TRANSFORMING, GOING

SUNDAY WORSHIP
8:00 A.M. - RITE I
10:00 A.M. - RITE II

OUR STAFF

Fr. Joseph Hudson, Rector

Fr. John Warfel, Associate Rector

Deacon Michael Kitt

Deacon Rich Wilson

Deacon John Riherd

Charles Bradley
Organist, Choirmaster

Ella Fast
Parish Administrator/
Bookkeeper

Nancy Fees
Communication Director

Office Hours - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Monday - Friday



1115 Center Road
Venice, FL. 34292
941-497-7286

GOOD SHEPHERD

WWW.GOODSHEPHERDVENICEFL.ORG

The Holy Eucharist – RITE II – PRAYER A

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word of God

PRELUDE	**Prelude and Trumpet Tune in D**	**W. Boyce**
PROCESSIONAL	**Give Praise and Glory Unto God** *(Du Lebensbrot Herr Jesus Christ)*	**Hymnal 375**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

SONG OF PRAISE	**Benedictus es, Domine**	**Hymnal S-236**

The following is sung, all standing

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18
The people sit.

Reader: A Reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

George A. MacFarren
(1813–1887)



Choir:

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the/ counsel • of the/ wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor/ sat in • the/ seats of • the/ scornful!

All:

**2 Their delight is in the/ law of • the/ Lord, *
and they meditate on his/ law/ day • and/ night.**

**3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that/ do • not/ wither; *
—/ everything • they/ do • shall/ prosper.**

**4 It is not/ so • with the/ wicked; *
they are like/ chaff • which the/ wind • blows a-/ way.**

**5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when/ judg- • ment/ comes, *
nor the sinner in the/ coun- • cil/ of • the/ righteous.**

**6 For the Lord knows the/ way of • the/ righteous, *
but the/ way of • the/ wicked • is/ doomed.**

Choir:

Glory to the Father and/ to • the/ Son,// and/ to • the/ Ho- • ly/ Spirit;

As it was in the be-/ ginning, • is/ now,// and will be for/ev- • er./A-/ men.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Reader: A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you

know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE **God of Mercy, God of Grace** **Hymnal 538**
(Lurcena Laudoniae)

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-46

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON **FR. JOSEPH HUDSON**

After the sermon, the people remain seated and observe a time of silent reflection on the sermon.

THE CREED

All stand.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE.

Kneel or stand, as able

Intercessor: O Lord, who is our refuge from age to age, hear our prayers.

Intercessor: For those preparing for Holy Baptism; for Doug. our Presiding Bishop, for Richard. our bishop, for our parish clergy; for this holy gathering and for the people of God in every place.

Silence

O God, hear us.

For Donald. our President, and *Ron.* our Governor; for our courts and legislatures; for mercy, justice, and peace among all peoples.

Silence

O God, hear us.

For good weather, abundant fruits of the earth, and peaceful times.

Silence

O God, hear us.

For our communities and our neighbors near and far; for our families, companions, and all those we love.

Silence

O God, hear us.

For orphans and widows, the sick and the suffering, for travelers, strangers, and all with heavy burdens.

Silence

O God, hear us.

We pray for those on our ongoing prayer list. And for those on today's prayer list. Are there others?

For those celebrating a birthday this week: Barbara Davis, Sue Strang, Ann Mawer, Gretchen Phelan, Tracy Holden, Ed Dumas and Judy Stroncer.

For those celebrating a wedding anniversary: Gigi and Larry Freeman.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in memory of Ellie Van Tol with love by Lynn, Marcel & Victoria Tabor.

The Sanctuary Candle is given memory of Rich Cimusz by Marlene Schomp & Kerry Williams.

Silence

O God, hear us

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

Silence

O God, hear us

Those who rest in Christ, Carol Willix and for all the dead, we pray.

Silence

O God, hear us

Presider: Almighty God, whose gifts of blessing and grace have no end, write in our hearts your joy and zeal to tell the story of our faith by our words, by our deeds, and by offering all that you have given us: our lives, our gifts, our resources. Grant us also a portion of your never-ending generosity, that we may proclaim your love and mercy to the world around us through our parish community; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.

The Presider stands and says

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
All stand.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

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

All are welcome at God's table!

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE
The Presider says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY **Alleluia** **W. Boyce**

DOXOLOGY *(Old 100th)* **Hymnal 380 (v.3)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SURSUM CORDA
The People remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 **Hymnal S-129**

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel.

The Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

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

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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*.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Presider

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

FRACTION ANTHEM **Hymnal S-163**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

The Presider says

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	**Humbly I Adore Thee** (Adoro Devote)	**Hymnal 314**
	Take My Life, And Let It Be *(Hollingside)*	**Hymnal 707**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
People kneel or stand as able.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING
The Presider blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

PROCESSIONAL	**O God, Our Help Is Ages Past** *(St. Anne)*	**Hymnal 680**

DISMISSAL

Deacon	Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People	**Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY	**Toccata**	**L. Boëllman**

Serving in Ministry Today – The Twenty-second Sunday After the Pentecost October 25, 2026

	Rite I – 8 a.m.	Rite II – 10 a.m.
Presider Preaching	Fr. Joseph Hudson Fr. Joseph Hudson	Fr. Joseph Hudson Fr, Joseph Hudson
Assisting	Deacon Rich Wilson	Deacon Rich Wilson
Server Acolyte Crucifer Acolyte	Steve Eibling	Bob Sawyer Rusty Shelley
1st Lesson 2 nd Lesson Prayers of the People	John Pearson Steve Eibling Cathy Gotschall	Mary Jo Cooney Pat Madyda Liz Bosch
Prayer Team	EK Beall/Elaine Hedrick/ Pam Clark/Liz Bosch	EK Beall/Elaine Hedrick/Pam Clark/ Liz Bosch
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Greeters		Pat McNickle/ Katie Wolfe
Ushers	Elizabeth Norton	Jeff Cox/Pat Madyda
Tech Team	Sound Bob Tumbleston	Yolobox Cameras – Maria Voreh Sound – Bill Flack Director – Nancy Fees
Secure Building		Joe Bentley

This Week at Good Shepherd – The Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost		
Sunday, October 25	Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II – 10 a.m.	Men's AA Meeting – 6 p.m.
Monday, October 26		
Tuesday, October 27	Staff Meeting – 9:00 a.m. Women's AA Meeting - 4:30 p.m.	
Wednesday, October 28	Fr. Joseph's Core Curriculum Study – 1:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer – 3:00 p.m. Community Dinners- 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 29	Memorial Garden Crew – 8 a.m. Morning Prayer on Facebook with Deacon Rich – 9:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study - 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 p.m.
Friday, October 30	Creative Designs Outreach – 9:30 a.m.	
Saturday, October 31	Altar Guild – 9:30 a.m.	Cursillo Weekend Reunion-Day of Reflection – 8:00 a.m.



If you are new, we invite you to fill out a WELCOME CARD found in the back of the hymnal and at the WELCOME DESK in the entry. Cards may be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher. We also invite you to join us at coffee hour immediately after our 10 a.m. service. Please sit at our Visitor table and our Hospitality team will serve you coffee and goodies and then spend some time getting to know you.

Would you like to be listed in our Good Shepherd Parish Directory?
If so, please complete the yellow Directory Sign Up card that is located at our Connections Center near the garden doors at the back of our Parish Hall.
See Nancy Fees, our Communication Director, to have a photo taken for the directory





***Birthdays*: October 25 –** Barbara Davis, Sue Strang; **27 –** Ann Mawer, Gretchen Phelan, Tracy Holden; **28 –** Ed Dumas; **30 –** Judy Stoncer
***Anniversary:* 26-** Gigi and Larry Freeman
The Sanctuary Flowers are given in memory of Ellie Van Tol with love by Lynn, Marcel & Victoria Tabor.
The Sanctuary Candle is given in memory of Rich Cimusz by Marlene Schomp & Kerry Williams.

Remember in your prayers this week:

We pray for those on our ongoing prayer list: Lauren, Jackie and Richard, Don, Kim, Chris, Ryan, Holly, Ann, Ellen, Jim, Christopher, Christine, Marylin, Ed, Charles, Mary, Johnson Family, Lawlor Family, Jessica, Danielle, Nancy, Jamey, Mike, Libby, and Marci.

SERVING OR LIVING IN HARM'S WAY: Robert Matern, Kevin Sweet, Max Wilson, Matthew Stricker, Sam Blair, Mason Roush, Chris Hoffman, Joseph Sharpe, James Kilroe and Matthew Kilroe.

FOR OUR DIOCESE AND COMPANION DIOCESS:
The Diocese of Southwest Florida—The Rt. Rev. Douglas F. Scharf, Our Companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic, Companion Diocese of Georgia, Companion Diocese of South Carolina, Companion Diocese of Western Louisiana.
DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYERS: Resurrection Episcopal, Largo; St. Stephen's, New Port Richey; St. Alfred's, Palm Harbor; Holy Spirit, Safety Harbor; St. Andrew's, Spring Hill, and All Saints', Tarpon Springs.

The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

When the office is closed, you may leave a voice message by telephone or email us. The office phone number is 941-497-7286. The email address is – office@goodshepherdvenicefl.org.

You may call any of our Clergy directly at the numbers below if you need assistance, support, and prayer.

Fr. Joseph Hudson at (573) 450-9059
Fr. John Warfel at (845) 548-9064 (Unavailable September and October)
Deacon Michael Kitt at (847) 525-5546
Deacon Rich Wilson at (407) 461-2109
Deacon John Riherd at (503) 753-5115