



**Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
Venice, FL
Sunday, August 9, 2026
The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two – 10:00 A.M.**

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Stand By Me (Solo by Cynthia Ruppert)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn (please stand)

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

Hymnal 309

Opening Acclamation

(BCP 355)

Song of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis

Hymnal S-280

The Collect of the Day

THE LESSONS

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalm

Psalm 85:8-13

Second Reading

Romans 10:5-15

Sequence Hymn (please stand)

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Hymnal 608

The Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

The Sermon

Fr. Joseph Hudson

The Nicene Creed (please stand)

(BCP 358)

The Prayers of the People Form III (please stand or kneel as able)

(BCP 387)

Confession of Sin

(BCP 360)

The Peace

(BCP 360)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn	Take My Hand, Precious Lord	Thomas A Dorsey
Doxology	Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow (vs. 3)	Hymnal 380

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING **Eucharistic Prayer A**

Sursum Corda (please stand)		Hymnal S-120
Sanctus		Hymnal S-130
Eucharist Prayer (please stand or kneel as able)		(BCP 362)
The Lord's Prayer		(BCP 364)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Fraction Anthem	Agnus Dei	Hymnal S-164
Communion of the People (All are welcome)		
Communion Hymn	I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord Let There Be Peace on Earth	Hymnal 304
Sending Forth of Eucharistic Ministers		
Post Communion Prayer (please stand or kneel as able)		(BCP 365)
The Blessing		(BCP 366)
Processional Hymn	How Firm a Foundation Ye Saints of the Lord	Hymnal 637
Voluntary	What World Needs Now Is Love	

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We welcome Cynthia Ruppert, our Guest Organist today.

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



Psalm 85:8-13

Benedixisti, Domine

Cantors:

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

All:

**10 Mercy and truth have met to-gether; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

**11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

**12 The Lord will indeed grant pros-perity, *
and our land will yield its increase.**

**13 Righteousness shall go be-fore him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

Cantors:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And will be forever. Amen.

1 Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The Epistle: Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Take My Hand, Precious Lord

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me on.

When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand, lest I fall,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me on.

When the darkness appears
and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone;
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me on.

Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993)

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to
be,
With God as creator, brothers and sisters are we,
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace
eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

**This Week at Good Shepherd –
The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Sunday, August 9	Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II– 10 a.m.	Men's AA Meeting – 6 p.m.
Monday, August 10		
Tuesday, August 11	Finance Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting 10:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 12	Centering Prayer – 3:00 p.m.	Community Dinners 4:30
Thursday, August 13	Memorial Garden Crew – 8 a.m.	Morning Prayer on Facebook with Deacon Rich– 9:15 a.m.
Friday, August 14	Creative Designs Outreach – 9:30 a.m.	
Saturday, August 15	Altar Guild – 9:30 a.m.	

Serving in Ministry Today – The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost – August 9, 2026

	Rite I – 8 a.m.	Rite II – 10 a.m.
Presider Preaching	Fr. John Warfel Fr. Joe Hudson	Fr. Joe Hudson Fr. Joe Hudson
Assisting	Deacon Rich Wilson	Deacon Rich Wilson
Server Acolyte Crucifer Acolyte	Rusty Shelley	Gigi Freeman Libby Chinman
1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Prayers of the People	Carolyn Wolf Rusty Shelley Deacon Rich Wilson	Sue Strang Pam Clark Sue Greene
Prayer Team		Elaine Hedrick/Pam Clark/Liz Bosch
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Greeters		Vince and Brenda Greco
Ushers	Barbara Davis	Degen and Dave Sayer
Tech Team	Sound Bob Sawyer/ Bob Tumbleston	Cameras – Sue Greene CamCorder – Richard Trautwein Sound – Bob Sawyer Director – Bridget Blackburn
Secure Building		Libby Chinman



Good Shepherd Welcomes All! - We're glad you're here!

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



Weekly Email Blast - If you do not receive the weekly email blast & would like to be added, please contact Nancy Fees at communication@goodshepherdvenicefl.org or call the church office 941-497-7286.



Birthdays: August 10 – Bob Tumbleston and Tony Liccardi; **11** –Diane Johnson; **12** – Ann Peck, Barry Smithies and Richard Shelley; **13** – Joe Bentley and Judy Macklin; **15**- Christopher Enger, Elizabeth Townsend and Larry Trammel.
Altar Flowers are given in memory of Bill Blair by Larry and Nancy Fees.

Remember in your prayers this week:

We pray for those on our ongoing prayer list: Jessica, Danielle, Paul and Abby, Deb, David, Jordan, Judy, Jan, Nancy, Jamey, Mike, Libby, Marci, Stephanie and Deacon Michael Kitt.

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 DIOCESES:

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: St. Mary's, Dade City; St. John's, Brooksville; St. Peter's, Plant City; St. John the Divine, Sun City Center; Grace Church, Tampa; St. Andrew's, Tampa; St. Chad's, Tampa; St. Clement's, Tampa, and St. Francis', Tampa.

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 - office@goodshepherdvenicefl.org.

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

Fr. Joe Hudson at (573) 450-9059

Fr. John Warfel at (845) 548-9064

Archdeacon Michael Kitt at (847) 525-5546 ([Unavailable until further notice](#))

Deacon Rich Wilson at (407) 461-2109