



**Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
Venice, FL
Sunday, July 5, 2026
The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two – 10:00 A.M.**

Welcome and Announcements

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| Voluntary | Patriotic Suite The Star Spangled Bann | C. Callahan Hymnal 720 |
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THE WORD OF GOD

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| Opening Hymn (please stand) | God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand | Hymnal 718 |
| Opening Acclamation | | (BCP 355) |
| Song of Praise | Gloria in Excelsis | Hymnal S-280 |
| The Collect of the Day | | |

THE LESSONS

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| First Reading | Zechariah 9:9-12 | |
| Psalm | Psalm 145:8-15 | Page 3 |
| Second Reading | Romans 7:15-25a | |
| Sequence Hymn (please stand) | Lift Every Voice and Sing | Hymnal 599 |
| The Gospel | Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 | |
| The Sermon | | Fr. John Warfel |
| 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
Eucharistic Prayer A

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| Offertory Hymn | America the Beautiful (Good Shepherd Choir) | Bates/Ward |
| Doxology | Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow (vs. 3) | Hymnal 380 |

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| 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

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| Fraction Anthem | Agnus Dei | Hymnal S-164 |
| Communion of the People | | |
| Communion Hymn | Just As I Am, Without One Plea Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | Hymnal 693 Hymnal 686 |
| Sending Forth of Eucharistic Ministers | | |
| Post Communion Prayer (please stand or kneel as able) | | (BCP 365) |
| The Blessing | | (BCP 366) |
| Processional Hymn | My Country, 'Tis of Thee | Hymnal 717 |
| Voluntary | Washington Post March | J. P. Sousa |



Psalm 145:8-15

Exaltabo te, Deus

Choir:

8 The LORD is gracious and full of com-passion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

All:

**10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.**

**11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;**

**12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

**13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

**14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.**

**15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

Choir:

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.

The First Reading Zechariah 9:9-12

Reader: A reading from Zechariah

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Romans 7:15-25a

Reader: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but

the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

This Week at Good Shepherd – The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

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| Sunday, July 5 | Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II– 10 a.m. | Men's AA Meeting – 6 p.m. |
| Monday, July 6 | No Scheduled Events | |
| Tuesday, July 7 | Women's AA Meeting – 4:30 p.m. | |
| Wednesday, July 8 | Centering Prayer – 3 p.m. | Community Dinner – 4:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, July 9 | Memorial Garden Crew – 8 a.m. Morning Prayer on Facebook with Deacon Rich– 9:15 a.m. | Women's Bible Study – 10 a.m. |
| Friday, July 10 | Creative Designs Outreach 9:30 a.m. | |
| Saturday, July 11 | Altar Guild – 9:30 a.m. Cursillo Ultreya – 3:30 p.m. | Holy Eucharist 5:00 p.m. |

Serving in Ministry Today – The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost – July 5, 2026

| | Rite I – 8 a.m. | Rite II – 10 a.m. |
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| Presider Preaching | Fr. John Warfel Fr. Frank Wilson | Fr. John Warfel Fr. Frank Wilson |
| Assisting | Deacon Rich Wilson | Deacon Rich Wilson |
| Server Acolyte Crucifer Acolyte | Judy Jarvis | Bob Sawyer Carole La Bate |
| 1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Prayers of the People | Carolyn Wolf Judy Jarvis Deacon Rich Wilson | Liz Bosch Melissa Wall Carolyn Hinton |
| Prayer Team | | Elaine Hedrick/Pam Clark/Liz Bosch |
| Altar Guild | Team 1 | Team 1 |
| Greeters | | Pat Dal Cortivo/Sara Jones |
| Ushers | Elizabeth Norton | Lee Ann and Moe Desmarais |
| Tech Team | Sound Bob Sawyer/ Bob Tumbleston | Cameras – Bob Sawyer CamCorder – Rich Trautwein Sound – Joe Bentley Director – Maria Voreh |
| Secure Building | | Judy Jarvis |

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: July 5 – Dave Beall, 6 – Art Pringle, 8 – Jim Hudson, 9 – Lois Mueller, 10- Martin Flanagan, 11 – Ineza Hart and Marybeth Russell Slocum

Anniversaries: July 11 – Paul and Lynne Altimier; Joe and Carole Della Penna, and John and Barbara Dolby

Sanctuary flower in Celebration of 10th Wedding Anniversary Duane and Cynthia Ruppert

Remember in your prayers this week:

We pray for those on our ongoing prayer list: Nancy, Jan, Cara, Jeff and Family, Mike, Lara, John, Pam, Becky, Sue, John, Eon, Bonnie, Sally, Johnson Family, Lawler Family, Mary Jo, Victoria, Brett, Carole & Tony, Don, Mary Rose, Wayne, Marvin, Holly, Brittany, Di, Herbie, Jerry and Dandy, Granddaughter Stephanie and baby, Charles, Mary, Ed, Philip, Keni & Parents, Jim, Jeff, Ingrid, 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: School for Ministry, St. Anselm's Chapel, University of South Florida Chapel Center, Florida Gulf Coast University, Ft. Myers, Episcopal College Chaplaincies: College of Florida Chaplaincy, Bradenton.



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. John Warfel at (845) 548-9064

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

Deacon Rich Wilson at (407) 461-2109

Deacon John Riherd at (503) 753-5115 – Not available until Fall