

THE Shepherd's Fold

July 7, 2024

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

THE LITURGY

Joe began his sermon this past Sunday stating that one thing that he loves about the Episcopal Church service is the fact that it consists of two distinct parts. Have you taken note that there are indeed two parts to our service?

The term *liturgy* is derived from Greek and means basically the work of the people. We believe that the tangible, those things that we can see, hear, touch, taste and smell can reveal the glory and grace of God to us in ways that our words could never express. The liturgy includes symbols, rituals, the spoken and sung words, gestures, scripture readings, liturgical texts, vestments, and prayers. The actions of the liturgy are meant to touch each of our senses and enable us to express our worship in ways that are beyond our ability to state in words.

As Joe acknowledged, there are two parts to our liturgy. The first part is the *Liturgy of the Word*. This portion of the liturgy includes the collect for purity, the salutation and the collect of the day, the lessons, the Gospel, the sermon, the prayers of the people, the confession and absolution, and the peace. The focus during this part of the service is the Word of God.

The second half of the Episcopal liturgy is the *Liturgy of the Table*. In the *BCP* it is referred to as *Holy Communion*. This portion of the service includes the preparation of the table, the eucharistic prayer (*Great Thanksgiving*), the breaking of the bread, the ministrations of communion, the post communion prayer, the blessing, and the dismissal. During this part of the liturgy, we consume the bread and wine, the body and blood of Christ. We do this, as he instructed, in remembrance of him, Jesus the Christ our Savior.

As with any family meal, there are often leftovers. Remember that this bread and this wine has been consecrated. It is sacred and must be honored as such. The remaining wine and bread are covered and placed on the credence table. After the service, the consecrated elements are secured in a cabinet, the aumbry, in the sacristy. They are then brought out to be used at the next communion.

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Another option for the handling of consecrated wine and bread is my favorite. The wine may be poured into the ground. The remaining bread may be broken up and placed on the ground for the birds to consume. Even the birds of the air share in worshipping the One True God.

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THANK YOU

To my Good Shepherd family (and you will always be my family,) thank you for the last 3 1/2 years and particularly for all that you have done to celebrate my retirement. The reception was wonderful, and the most generous retirement gift was both completely unexpected and greatly appreciated. You are the best.

Your most grateful servant,
Ted

BACK TO THE BIBLE

For the monthly readings pick up a bookmark or navigate to our B2B page: goodshepherd-augusta.org/b2b.



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MEN'S NIGHT

The COGS men's group, better known as "NAPS" (National Association of Porch Sitters) will convene for dinner on **Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30pm** in the small parish hall. Join us for fellowship, good stories and good food. And as always, bring a friend or guest. The menu will be determined at a later date. Please rsvp with **Robin at 839-273-0059**.



KANUGA PARISH WEEKEND

Join us for a crisp, beautiful fall weekend in North Carolina, **September 20-22**. We will have activities for kids and youth, s'mores by the fire, a cabin crawl, drinks and compline on the lake, movie and game night, hiking, and more. This is a fun weekend that you do NOT want to miss. Pick up a form in the lobby or register online: bit.ly/gskanuga



Efm

It's now time to register for the 2024-25 year! Contact Tom Smyth at tom.smyth@icloud.com or 706-231-1720 for details. The EFM group meets on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and will begin in late August. Details about the program are located at <https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/>.

FAMILY PROMISE

Good Shepherd will host Family Promise for the week of **July 14th**. Good Shepherd will provide breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks for the two families (five people and no allergies) living at Family Promise facility at **4211 Wheeler Road in Martinez, Georgia**. There will be a sign up sheet in the Parish House this weekend. Breakfasts, lunches and snacks should be brought to Good

Shepherd's Kitchen by **Saturday July 13th by 2 pm**. There will be counter space and refrigerator/ freezer space available. This food will be delivered to Family Promise Saturday afternoon. Dinners should be brought to the Family Promise House by 5:30 pm each day. For more information contact Al Metzel at ametz@gmail.com

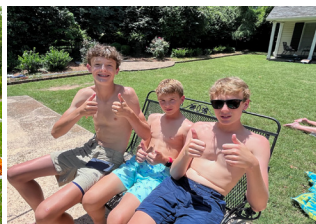


YOUTH NEWS

Head to the Shell Newsletter for details & to sign-up for upcoming events. For any questions, email Mary Grace Wynn at mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org.

ACOLYTE SIGN UP

For the month of July and early August, we will be using Sign-Up Genius to assign acolyte dates. Please head to the Shell Newsletter to sign up for dates available.



Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, July 7, 2024

8:00 AM

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher.....Sonia Sullivan Clifton
Organist.....Wayne Lord
Lay Readers.....Bobbie Ingenito, Lynn Tyson

6:00 PM

Celebrant & Preacher.....Sonia Sullivan Clifton
Organist.....Nick Lowery
Lay Readers.....Faith Moore, Jim Price

10:00 AM

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher.....Sonia Sullivan Clifton
Organist & Choirmasters.....Jim Nord
Lay Readers.....Heather Wheeler, Yvonne Harrison
Verger.....Jean Chadwick

All Services

Altar Guild.....Team VI
Vestry Person of the Day.....Mark Pritchett

