Church of the Nativity

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Last Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 29

8:30 am and 10:30 am • November 22, 2026

Abbreviations: **BCP** Book of Common Prayer | **CG** A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist | **LEVAS II** Lift Every Voice and Sing II | **WLP** Wonder, Love and Praise

The Prelude

Ornamented Chorale on "Lobe den Herren" — Larry Visser

Please stand, as you are able.

The Processional Hymn

494. Crown Him With Many Crowns — *Diademata*

The Opening Acclamation — BCP 355 | GC 3

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The 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.

The Song of Praise

8:30 **Gloria** (*spoken*) — BCP 356 | CG 5

10:30 **S280. Glory to God in the Highest** — R. Powell

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Children's Homily

After the homily, the children aged 3-11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.

The First Lesson Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

THE PSALM *Psalm 100*

Jubilate Deo

The Psalm will be recited responsively by whole verse, beginning with the Narthex side.

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE SECOND LESSON Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Please stand, as you are able.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

602. Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love Chereponi

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

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

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the

goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

THE SERMON — The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano

Please stand, as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED — BCP 358 | CG 9

The Prayers of the People

Dear Family of God, Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church, the household of God, and the communion of saints, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer"

For this parish and for the Church throughout the world, that following the example of the saints who have gone before us, may we be strengthened in faith, hope, and love.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we thank you today for calling us your saints. In spite of our unholy lives, you see us as perfect examples of your love, created in your image. Thank you for this grace, the grace we received when we were baptized.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, we give thanks for the love you have shown us through all your saints, and we celebrate our continuing communion with them whenever we worship. May their memories shine like candles in this dark world. We hold them now in gratitude and prayer. Today we remember especially Blaine Swartz, Gloria Jean Wilhelm, John Morey.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give comfort to all those who grieve over loved ones no longer with us on earth. Give them the hope only your word can offer us. Draw near to us O, Lord and meet us in this place. Remind us that whether we face joy or sorrow, we do not face them alone, for you are with us.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of all nations and all who work for justice and peace, that the vision of your kingdom may be known. We ask for your compassion and concern for the needs of the world.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop; Sam and Jennifer, our Bishops, and all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may faithfully proclaim the Gospel and lead your people in the way of truth.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask for your guidance and wisdom for our community and governmental leaders. Inspire them to carry out your work and to do your will. Give us steadfast hope that no matter our worry and fear around the changes around us, that we might be rooted in your eternal changelessness.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this congregation, and for all who gather to worship this day, that we may be numbered among the saints in glory everlasting. In our church family, we pray for the the sick, the grieving, and all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit that they may know the comfort and presence of God. Especially Alice, Barry, Betty, Bill, Catherine, Diane, Ellen, Eva, Jan, Jane, Jim, Ken, Liz, Margaret, Maxine, Nancy, Peggy, Remmy, Robin, Tom. We pray for our families and friends including Barb, Caline, Cathy, Danielle, Denise, Dianne, Frank, Gemma, Hannah, James, Jessica, Joseph, Kate, Keili, Leeann, Lois, Lori, Margaret, Mel, Moira, Nathan, Renee, Rosalie, Roy, Sandy, Sara, Shannon, Stephanie. For those expecting a child, including: Tia and Jason. For those recently born, including: Asher Sopko. For those preparing for marriage, including: Patrick and Katie, Will and Janis. We pray for those we now name.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for UNC-Chapel Hill Campus Ministry; and Wake Forest / Salem / Winston-Salem State / UNC School of the Arts Episcopal Campus Ministry.

In the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of England.

In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for those serving in Georgia at Fort Benning, Robins Air Force Base, United States Penitentiary Atlanta, and the Atlanta VA Medical Center. And our priest associates the Rev. George Ardrey-Black and the Rev. Ryan Parker in their ministries.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

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 Peace

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

707. Take My Life And Let It Be Consecrated Hollingside

The Doxology

380. Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow *Old 100th*

Please stand, as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A — BCP 361 | CG 17

Sanctus

S125. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord — R. Proulx

The Lord's Prayer *(Traditional Version)* — BCP 364 | CG 23

The Fraction Anthem *(spoken)* — BCP 364 | CG 23

The Communion Hymn

645. The King of Love My Shepherd Is — St. Columba

Please stand, as you are able.

The Post Communion Prayer — BCP 365 | CG 25

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.

The Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Final Hymn

544. Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun Duke Street

The Dismissal

The Deacon, or Celebrant, dismisses the People, and the People respond:
Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

In Organo Pleno on "Lobe den Herren" Larry Visser

Today we warmly welcome Andy Lang as guest organist. We are grateful for the gift of music he offers in worship today.

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Annual Meeting Agenda
November 2026

Welcome
Peggy Wade Angel Tree Gratitude Moment (Grey+)
Bylaws (Hannah Harris)
Endowment (Dave McKinnon and Bill Sena)
Strategic Vision (Grey+)
Formation 2027 Update (Search Committee)
Stewardship Update (Hannah)
Closing

Church of the Nativity Vestry 2026

Wardens	Hannah Harris (Senior), Randy R. Smith (Junior)
Members	Emily Jividen, Yvette Smith, Robert Joines, Lillis Ward, Scott Beaver, Sam Wesonga, Jim Ingram
Officers	Bill Sena (Treasurer), Susan Kelley (Registrar)

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Deacon	The Rev. Cuyler O'Connor
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Priest Associate	The Rev. Ryan Parker
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We thank the following people for their service today

Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano
Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano
Musicians (10:30)	The Nativity Choir
Lectors (8:30)	Annette Hughes, George Douglas
(10:30)	Becky Christian, Duff McAdams, Viola Baldwin
Eucharistic Ministers (8:30)	Kent Clary
(10:30)	Helen Armstrong, Steve Dearth
Torches (10:30)	Hannah Parker, Maya Kiefer
Crucifer (10:30)	Alicia Lester-Bodford
Altar Guild	Mary Hillmer, Catherine Maddox, Emily Phillips
Altar Flowers	Robin Rhaney
Livestream Technician (10:30)	Rick Burts
Vestry Representative	Randy R. Smith
Usher (10:30)	Emily Phillips