



# Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

Serving Individuals and Families of the Concho Valley with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ!

## AGNUS DEI

May 2022

### ***THE HOLY SPIRIT***

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The month of May is a special time for Good Shepherd. We celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, Mother's Day, and host our Bishop, Steven Tighe for his annual visit, confirmations, and receptions. The Good Shepherd gave us eternal life, our mothers gave us physical life, and our bishop represents the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit to empower our spiritual lives. May is our month of life. A recent leak from the Supreme Court indicates that a federal right to abortion may soon be overturned! Indeed, our founding documents have given us the right to pursue life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. People argue when life begins. Biologically, we know that life begins with conception. While some may argue against that principle, I believe the real issue at stake is "What does God think?" God condemned the former inhabitants of the promised land because they gave their children over to the false demon god to be burned alive as an offering. Over 60 million innocent children have been murdered in the womb through abortion since 1973. With rights come responsibilities. We may have many freedoms, but we cannot forget about being responsible for the consequences of our choices. We are to honor life.

That's why we honor our mothers. They gave us life. Most of our mothers taught us how to trust, love, care for others, and to have good manners. Many mothers lovingly commit to their children regardless of hardship or sacrifice. Our mothers gave us a good, clean home. They cooked, cleaned, and cared for us during sickness and in health. They believed in us when others ridiculed us. They kissed our boo-boos and carried us to safety. Many of our mothers made our clothes, taught us our prayers, and sang us to sleep. Many mothers also had to work outside the home. Their days began early

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and ended late. They ate last and beamed the brightest when we succeeded at a task. When loved failed us or when we failed ourselves, their warm hugs gave us the strength to go on. When we “flew from the nest,” mothers never stopped worrying or praying for us. On their dying beds, their last thought and prayers were for us.

I think that’s why the work of the Holy Spirit reminds me so much of faithful mothers. The Holy Spirit empowers us (like when our moms support us), convicts us of sin, righteousness, and judgement (our mom’s moral training and switch), dwells within us (like the memory and encouragement of our moms), set us free (our mothers empowered us for success in life), provides us life and peace (as our moms taught us our values), fills us completely (like moms’ great cooking), gives us direction for living (moms always have something to say about our direction in life), gives us fruit of the Spirit (our moms’ prayed that we would live our lives in a godly manner), and the gifts of the Spirit (our moms poured so much into our lives, new gifts and pearls of wisdom continually arise within our hearts).

To help us grow in the Spirit, Bishop Steven Tighe will be with us the weekend of May 20-22. Clear your schedule for this great weekend! He will have three teaching sessions and then will lead us in worship on the 22d. On Sunday, we will celebrate with confirmations and receptions! +Steven will teach us Friday, between 6:00-7:30 PM; Saturday, between 10:00-11:30 in the morning; Saturday evening, between 6:00-7:30 PM, and Sunday morning. Come at 9:00 AM Sunday morning to visit and ask him questions, and 10:30 for our morning worship. Afterwards, Linda is planning for us to eat fajitas galore! We will have a weekend of singing, praying, worshipping, and experiencing the Holy Spirit! Plan for transformation! Plan for renewal! Plan for experiencing the Love of God!

I’m most honored and humbled to be your rector!



Fr. Hal



**Monday, May 30th** is the Federal Holiday which commemorates all those who have fallen in the armed services of our nation. While all give some, some give all. All are encouraged to remember the sacrifices men and women make for our freedom. **The church office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.**



*Sunday, May 22nd  
at 10:30am our worship  
service will be officiated  
by Bishop Steven Tighe*

There will be a fajita luncheon following  
the service catered by Rosa's.

**Please sign up in the Narthex to bring your favorite dessert.**

Please contact Linda Wilson @ 251-786-5702  
if you would be willing to help with set up and clean up.

*If you would like to be baptized, confirmed or received on this Sunday, please contact Fr. Hal.*

We have a Church Clean-up  
Day Scheduled for Saturday,  
May 14th beginning at 9am.  
Inside and out. Grab a dust cloth  
or a rake and join us : )



### ANNOUNCEMENT & ARTICLE DEADLINES

The deadline to place an announcement in the weekly bulletin is Wednesdays at Noon and the deadline for the Parish Newsletter is the third Friday of the month. Submissions should be sent to Jenny at the church office, [admin@anglicancgs.com](mailto:admin@anglicancgs.com) or drop it off at the church office. Thank you.

## THE MAY 2022 VESTRY MEETING

The regular monthly Vestry meeting will be held the  
**May 23, 2022 at 5:30pm in the Conference Room.**

## WEEKLY PLATE OFFERINGS SCHEDULE

1st Sunday of the month: Discretionary Fund

2nd Sunday of the month: PHC

3rd Sunday of the month: La Gran Familia

4th Sunday of the month: Casa Bethesda

5th Sunday of the month: Meals for the Elderly



DON'T FORGET OUR  
*PROJECT DIGNIDAD COLLECTION DAY IS  
THE LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH.*  
PLEASE BRING YOUR NON-PERISHABLE  
DONATIONS TO BE BLESSED.

We at Good Shepherd are a prayerful congregation. Aside from prayer lists within each Sunday bulletin, the Intercessory Prayer Group maintains a lengthier list which goes out weekly by email with frequent updates. If you would like to receive this list by email, contact Jean Stinnett at [stinnetttranch@zipnet.us](mailto:stinnetttranch@zipnet.us).





*Kristin Billingsley was baptized  
on Easter Sunday, April 17th.*

*Congratulations to you on as  
you begin a new life in Christ.*

*“May you always remember  
this day, and may God's joy,  
love and peace fill you through  
all your tomorrows.”*



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## **SAN ANGELO GIVES MAY 3, 2022**

San Angelo Gives is a powerful 24-hour, online giving event that connects the Concho Valley with community nonprofits to reinforce the value of both local philanthropic giving and community engagement. LOCAL nonprofits' involvement in the event will give members of our community the chance to find and support an organization whose mission aligns with their passion.

A few of our ministry partners, **The Pregnancy Help Center, Project Dignidad and Meals for the Elderly** are among the programs supported by the San Angelo Area Foundation and San Angelo Gives. For more information on how to have your donation amplified by San Angelo Gives 2022 on May 3rd please following the links below:

[www.sanangelogives.org/pregnancyhelpcenter](http://www.sanangelogives.org/pregnancyhelpcenter)

[www.sanangelogives.org/projectdignidad](http://www.sanangelogives.org/projectdignidad)

[www.sanangelogives.org/mealsfortheelderly](http://www.sanangelogives.org/mealsfortheelderly)



**If you would like to provide altar flowers for Sunday, May 29th,  
please let Jenny know in the church office.**

**We also have July 17, September 11 and 25, October 16 available.**

Flowers are purchased from Southwest Florist and are billed directly to the signer(s) for approximately \$45.00. You may contact the florist if you would like to choose special flowers but it may incur additional cost.

## THE MANY NAMES OF JESUS

Throughout the Holy Bible particular attention is given to names. Jesus has many names in Scriptures which identify His nature and characteristics. Yet He is so much more than the sum of them all. His identity defies human words or definition. When we pray to Jesus through a particular characteristic we appeal to His power and majesty in a unique manner. We acknowledge with reverence the many ways He speaks to our needs and provides for every one of them as we communicate in prayer. The better we understand the nature, names and characteristics of Jesus the deeper and more intimate our personal relationship with Him becomes.

Over 700 years before Christ was born Isaiah prophesied His birth, ministry, and death for our salvation. Irish-born Old Testament scholar and Anglican minister J. Alec Motyer (1924-2016) noted that Isaiah's vision portrays Jesus as the King (chapters 1-37), the Servant (chapters 38-55) and the Anointed Conqueror (chapters 56-66). Isaiah calls Him wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace (9:6), Judge, Lawgiver and King (33:22). Jesus is Redeemer and the Holy One of Israel (41:14). He is Witness, Leader and Commander in verse 55:4 and Man of Sorrows (53:3). He is called the Mighty One of Jacob in 60:16. Before Jesus was born He was established as Messiah, pure and simple.

Jesus has a very special name. God bestowed upon His Son, "the name which is above all names" (Philippians 2:9). Jesus has the most exalted and honorable of all names, and is the first name mentioned in the New Testament (Matthew 1:1). In fact, within the first three chapters of Matthew's Gospel Jesus is called Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham, Immanuel, King of the Jews, Ruler, Shepherd, Nazarene and My Beloved Son. His names reveal His divine sovereignty through the prophets of the Old Testament before He is two years old!

In the Gospel of John Jesus defines Himself as "the bread of life" (6:32), "the door of the sheep" (10:7), "...I am" (8:58), "the good shepherd" (10:11), "the way, the truth, and the life" (14:6), "the resurrection and the life" (11:25), and "the true vine" (15:1). In His own words He declares Himself our Savior and hope.

In Revelation Jesus is revealed as faithful Witness and the Prince of Kings (1:5), the Almighty, Alpha and Omega (1:8), the Amen (3:14), Lion of the tribe of Judah and the Root of David (5:5), the Lamb (13:8), the Word of God (19:13) and bright and morning Star (22:16).

These are but a few of the hundreds of names and titles the Messiah has in Scriptures, from Genesis through Revelation. He was the Word spoken by God which brought all things into being (John 1:1-5), the "true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world" (1:9). Jesus was with the Father and the Spirit before the beginning, the Light that brings mankind out of darkness, the Author and Finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). He was born to be an atoning sacrifice for our sins once for all. He lived to teach us a new Covenant of love and repentance. No one comes to the Father except through Him. He died as was foretold to fulfill prophecy. He rose again on the third day, triumphing over death to glorify His Father who is our Father. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God's throne, prepared to judge the living and the dead at the end of times.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again!

## **O Word of God Incarnate, a Hymn**

The hymn, "O Word of God Incarnate," was written by Anglican bishop William Walsham How (1823-1897) in 1867. Bishop How was known for his work with destitute people and children in his parish. This is one of his most well-known hymns. It is paired with several tunes but most often with one titled MUNICH, an old German melody with harmony composed by musician Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) in 1846. Born Jakob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy in Hamburg, Germany, his Jewish family became Christian when baptized into the Lutheran Church. Mendelssohn was one of the first great 19<sup>th</sup>-century Romantic composers and a favorite of Queen Victoria of England, where he was very popular. Melody to the Christmas carol, "Hark, the Herald angels Sing," is also his.

Sing this hymn and let the Incarnate Word of God fill you to overflowing with His love and peace.

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky; we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page a lantern to our footsteps shines on from age to age.

The church from you, our Savior, received the gift divine, and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine. It is the sacred vessel where gems of truth are stored; it is the heaven-drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.

The Scripture is a banner before God's host unfurled; it is a shining beacon above the darkling world. It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging tide, 'mid mists and rocks and quick sands, to you, O Christ, will guide.

O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold to bear before the nations your true light as of old. O teach your wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace, till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.

Isaiah 7:14 and 9:6, Matthew 1:23

Here is my prayer:

Almighty Father, You made Yourself known in written word, spoken language, history, in truth and wisdom shared from on high. We cherish Your Scriptures. Each word is God-breathed for our edification and instruction. Your Word is a lantern unto our feet. Your Word is Your Son who became flesh and dwelt among us. He is the living Word unblemished, the Lamb of God untainted.

Holy Jesus, You are the Incarnate Word, the living and ultimate Word of hope, peace, joy and love. Illuminate my path with Your light. Write Your name upon my heart. Forgive me through Your shed blood. Consign me to the good works You have appointed for me in the Body of Christ, Your Church. In Your mighty name I pray. Amen

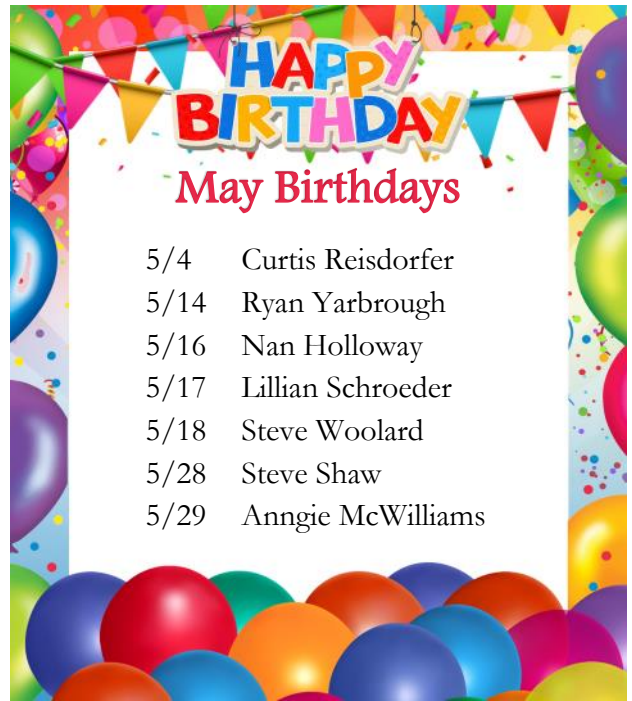
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