# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The Second Sunday in Lent March 16, 2025

# Welcome to Good Shepherd Church We are so glad you are here or joining us online!

## AAAAAAA CALENDAR

SUN Mar 16 The Second Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with the Rev. Deborah Rutter

TUE Mar 18 Women's Al-Anon in the Parish Hall (Noon to 2 p.m.)

**WED Mar 19 Lenten Study,** 6–8 p.m. at the church (see Notices)

THU Mar 20 Vestry Meeting, 10-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall

**SAT Mar 22 AA Meeting,** 7–10 p.m. downstairs in the Parish Hall

SUN Mar 23 The Third Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, with Tim Hall

Lay Readers: Bethany & Rick Whitehouse

Zoomer: Judy Hall

MON Mar 24 Last day for FISH food donations

TUE Mar 25 Morning FISH delivery, followed by...

10:00 a.m. Preparation of "to-go" meals (Parish Hall basement)

**Noon Women's Al-Anon** in the Parish Hall (to 2 p.m.)

WED Mar 26 Distribute FISH "to-go" meals (morning)

**6:00 p.m. Lenten Study,** to 8 p.m. at the church (see Notices)

SUN Mar 30 The Fourth Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

with the Rev. Cathy Tibbetts

LEM & Prayers: Josette Keelor | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell

Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards

Music Leader: Janet Locklear

TUE Apr 1 Women's Al-Anon in the Parish Hall (Noon to 2 p.m.)

WED Apr 2 Lenten Study, 6–8 p.m. at the church (see Notices)

Please note that **we do not pass the plate** to collect the offering. You may leave your gifts in the offering plate on the table in the Narthex as you enter or leave the church.

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE WITH A PENITENTIAL ORDER: RITE ONE

Celebrant: Rev. Deborah Rutter LEM & Prayers: Janet Locklear

Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards

Altar Guild: Andrea Brown & Judy Hall | Zoomer: Judy Hall

#### Welcome and Introduction

## **Opening Acclamation**

BCP, p.319

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People His mercy endureth for ever.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

The Celebrant continues

BCP, p.319

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

\*\*Matthew 22:37-40\*\*

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept

Minister and People

BCP, p.320

Almighty and most merciful father,

we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,

we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

Celebrant Lord have mercy upon us.People Christ have mercy upon us.Celebrant Lord have mercy upon us.

The Celebrant says to the people

BCP, p.325

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

### Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

#### The Lessons

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

## The Old Testament: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But

Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 27

Said responsively by half verse

Dominus illuminatio

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;

whom then shall I fear? \*

the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \* it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, \* yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, \* yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; \*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \* and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \*
  - above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; \*
  - I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \* have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \* Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, \* nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; \* do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, \* the LORD will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; \* lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \* for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD \* in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \* wait patiently for the LORD.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians.

## The Epistle: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Then, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

## The Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are

sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Deborah Rutter

The Nicene Creed

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The Officiant and People together

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People, Form III

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The Leader and People pray responsively

In the *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for Immanuel-on-the-Hill, Alexandria; Our Redeemer, Aldie; Resurrection, Alexandria; St. Andrew's, Arlington; and St. James', Montross and St. Paul's, Nomini Grove. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Church of the Province of Central Africa. Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.

For Stephen, Acting Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, Presiding Bishop; for Mark and Gayle, our Bishops; for Debbie, Martha and Cathy, our Supply Clergy, We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.

For our friends and family: (Leader prays from back page of bulletin). Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Remembering especially Richard Sauer and Deborah Piplani, give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence* 

The People may add their own petitions

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

#### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Greetings and Announcements (Please be seated)

### THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

### The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

The People stand for the Doxology

Hymn 380 v.3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" Old 100th

## The Great Thanksgiving

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**Eucharistic Prayer II** 

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts,

heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People may be seated or kneel

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may be made

one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.** 

And now as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People (standing, as able) and Celebrant

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Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

The following Prayer of Humble Access is said by the Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen. The people may be seated

## An Invitation to a Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that can be prayed at any time to express a desire to receive Holy Communion when circumstances prevent a person from actually receiving Holy Communion.

### The Act of Reception

The Celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all <u>virtual</u> participants.

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament.

And, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The Celebrant says the following

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers and people receive the Sacrament in both kinds.

After communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

### Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## The Blessing

The fast that I like, says the Lord, is the breaking of the chains of evil, the untying of the bonds of slavery.

It is freeing the oppressed, and welcoming the poor into your home.

It is clothing the person you find naked, and not despising your neighbor.

Then, if you cry, God will answer; if you call, God will say: I am here.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you to heal and transform you in this Lenten season. **Amen.** 

#### The Dismissal

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#### **NOTICES**

#### FASTS DURING LENT

Music Fast: In a first for Good Shepherd, we are observing a "music fast" for most of the Sundays in Lent. Today's service is our second spoken or "said" service. Said services are stripped to their more basic elements and are a way to focus our worship in this season of sorrow, to be more prayerful and penitent, and to reflect on the meaning of the liturgy. This fast will also be a time when our musicians can enjoy a well-earned Sabbath rest from their work of preparing for and leading the music every Sunday, and of researching music for the choir during the holidays. We will appreciate them all the more when they return at the end of this music fast.

**Daniel Fast**: Anyone interested in undertaking a **Daniel Fast**, modeled after the fast from the king's food that Daniel followed in Daniel 1:8-16 at the beginning of his training in the Babylonian court, can contact Christine Kestner for guidance (christinekestnerchc@gmail.com).

Altar Flowers: During Lent, we will also fast from altar flowers. But as we look forward to Easter and the Bishop's visit, your gift of flowers is a wonderful way to give thanks for or to remember a loved one. Please contact Judy Hall if you'd like to contribute flowers or funds for either of those occasions. Your memorials will be listed in the bulletins.

### LENTEN STUDY

We had our first Lenten study this past Wednesday led by the Rev. Cathy Tibbetts using the book by Amy-Jill Levine "Sermon on the Mount: A Beginners Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven." Join us for any of the next five weekly sessions even if you can't be there for all of them. We

start at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall with a simple evening meal of soup, salad, and bread, followed by lively discussions and Compline. Online discussion starts at 7 p.m. Rev. Cathy has prepared a complete syllabus for the class, which is available in the Narthex.

#### **OUR COMMUNITY**



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. In February, we donated 35 pounds of food and

toiletries, and prepared and distributed 40 "to-go" meals. Our next donations will be delivered on Tue., March 25. "To-go" meals will also be prepared on Tue., March 25 and given out on Wed., Feb. 26. If you'd like to be involved in or lead this wonderful and growing ministry in 2025, talk to Judy Hall.

On Sun., March 30, FISH director Anne Cushman will be speaking to us about FISH's work, new initiatives to help the community, and upcoming changes that may make food sourcing even more difficult than it already is. As our only year-round outreach effort, FISH is an important part of Good Shepherd's outreach ministry, so please come to learn how we can better support its necessary work in Clarke County.

## **BISHOP VISITATION**

The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson will be visiting Good Shepherd on Sun., April 27. As is customary during such visits, the Bishop will lead worship and celebrate at the Lord's Table. Immediately following the service, the Bishop will join us for a time of fellowship and informal conversation concerning any and all aspects of life and the mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia.

### WOMEN'S AL-ANON GROUP

A small group of five women has started holding Al-Anon meetings at Good Shepherd. They meet every Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The group is using the book "Path to Recovery" and welcomes any other women who would like to participate.

#### **PRAYERS**

# Please pray for our neighbors and for ways we can serve the community.

Friends and Family: Darlene Schaffer; Vicki Hooper (in-law of the Halls); Michael Finnerin (family friend of the Whitehouses); Rose Holden; Pine Grove Group AA; Terry (our neighbor Gertrude's niece); Lois Tapscott; Nancy Prestipino (former organist); Nancy Holden (Rose's sister-in-law); Becky Loker (the daughter of a friend of the Halls); Dianne Brumback & family (The Village Market); Eileen Cawood; Jordan Williams (Lois's nephew); Pam Huff (Rose's friend); The Keelor and Mowe families; Nathaniel Cawood (Eileen's son) and his wife Abbie; Jon Ecklund (Christine's brother-in-law); Jean Ames (Judi Floyd's neighbor); Lovette and the Rev. Michael Sie; Nancy Kelley; Kevin Tapscott (Lois's nephew); Yvette Webster (Rachel's partner); Craig Eney (Andrea's brother in law); Hyden McClain (Nancy Kelley's great grandson); Cat Cox (Retreat neighbor); Bobby Duke (our neighbor); Rose Eiseman (Judi Floyd's friend's niece); Dane Toler (Lee's spouse); The Adamson Family in Russia, especially Chris; Dusty Bailey and Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends); Martha Hayes; Lee Ruddle; David Aikman (Charlene's husband); Tim & Cindy Ingram; Michael Mohn (previous clergy); Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother); Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend); Geraldine Kolowski, Sam Myers, John West, and Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

**In thanksgiving** for the lives **of Richard Sauer** (Cindy Ingram's father), July 8, 1934 to February 22, 2025; and **Deborah Piplani** (Rev. Deborah Rutter's friend), June 18, 1948 - March 5, 2025.

To add someone to or remove someone from the prayer list, send an email to <a href="mailto:prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org">prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org</a>

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