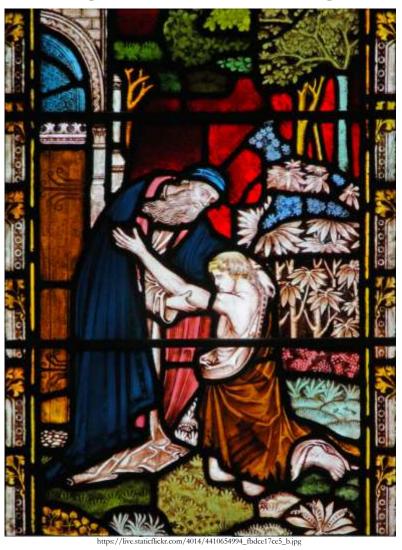
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 30, 2025

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

SUN Mar 30 The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

with the Rev. Cathy Tibbetts

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)

SAT Apr 5 Pine Grove Group AA in the Parish Hall (7 to 10 p.m.)

SUN Apr 6 The Fifth Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with the Rev. Shirley Smith Graham

Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle

LEM & Prayers: Josette Keelor

Zoomer: Tim Hall

Music Leader: Janet Locklear

TUE Apr 8 Women's Al-Anon in the Parish Hall (noon to 2 p.m.)

WED Apr 9 Lenten Study, 6 to 8 p.m. at the church (see Notices)

SAT Apr 12 Pine Grove Group AA in the Parish Hall (7 to 10 p.m.)

SUN Apr 13 Palm Sunday

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with the Rev. Cathy Tibbetts

Lay Readers: Josette & Ryan Keelor

LEM & Prayers: Cindy Ingram & Tim Hall

Music Leader: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Judy Hall

TUE Apr 15 Women's Al-Anon in the Parish Hall (noon to 2 p.m.)

THU Apr 17 Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. Sacred Supper in the Parish Hall

7:00 p.m. Holy Communion & Foot Washing in the Sanctuary

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.

Hymns are sung from: The Hymnal 1982 (the blue book),

Wonder, Love, and Praise ("WLP" the green book), and

<u>Lift Every Voice and Sing II</u> ("LEVAS" the red & black book).

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

Celebrant: Rev. Cathy Tibbetts

LEM & Prayers: Josette Keelor | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards Music Leader: Eileen Cawood | Altar Guild: Judy Hall

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude "There is a Balm in Gilead"

Spiritual/West

Opening Hymn WLP 795 "Come now, O Prince of Peace"

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

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If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8,9

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept

Minister and People

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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, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

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

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 Celebrant Lord have mercy upon us.

The Celebrant says to the people

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The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

People

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The Lessons

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A reading from the Book of Johua.

The Old Testament: Joshua 5:9-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

Beati quorum

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said," I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
 Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

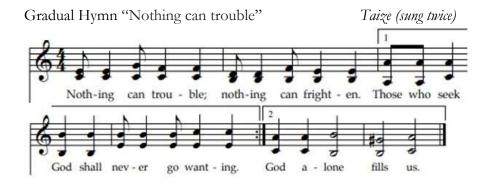
A reading from the Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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 15:1-3, 11b-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in

need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.""

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

A LITANY OF HEALING

The Celebrant says to the people

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together pray the Collect for St. Luke

Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Celebrant continues the Litany with this bidding Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The People audibly or silently name those for whom they are interceding.

The Lay Eucharistic Minister then leads the Litany

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation; **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence; **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being; We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:

Heal us, and make us whole.

Let us pray.

A period of silence follows.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers with the following Collect.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for your beloved Jesus Christ, in whom you have shared the beauty and pain of human life. Look with compassion upon all for whom we pray, and strengthen us to be your instruments of healing in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

The Celebrant continues

Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us;

Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

The Celebrant says the following blessing for those who have been named

The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Celebrant now invites all gathered to come forward for the blessing of healing as the following music is sung, the congregation joining in.

Hymn (see insert) "Hosea" Weston Priory
Hymn (see insert) "Peace is Flowing like a River" Rev. C. Landry

The Celebrant offers prayer for each person individually according to their need.

After all have been blessed the Celebrant and People together pray

Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are in need of healing and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift 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, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup 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 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 Act of Reception

The Celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all virtual 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 people and ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds.

Communion Hymn "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"



- 2 With joy ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys-tery of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let



when you call your fam - ily, Lord, we fol - low and re-joice. so you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heaven-ly food. that one cup, one loaf, de-clare our one-ness Do in the Lord? the world can-not con-tain comes in whom all our hearts to dwell. serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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.**

Closing Hymn LEVAS 111 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

The Dismissal

******** NOTICES

<u>DANIEL FAST:</u> Anyone interested in a 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 at christinekestnerchc@gmail.com.

<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>: As we look forward to <u>Easter and the Bishop's visit</u>, 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 <u>contribute flowers or funds for either of those occasions</u>. Memorials will be listed in the bulletins.

LENTEN STUDY: Join us on **Wednesdays** for our Lenten study 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." Books are still available. 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.**

(36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. Our March donation, delivered last week, was a whopping 133 pounds. Forty "to-go" meals were also prepared and distributed. Today, 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. We need help in all aspects of this important outreach ministry: shopping, preparing meals, delivering the donated food, and distributing the meals. If you'd like help or lead this wonderful and growing ministry as we go forward in 2025, please talk to Judy Hall.

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. We need your help planning the Bishop's reception. Please talk a member of the vestry if you can help with food, setup, and/or cleanup.

PRAYERS

Friends and Family: Elaine J. (Christine's friend); Marianne Hooper (Hall granddaughter); 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 (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); Sam Myers, John West, and Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

In thanksgiving for the lives of **Deborah Piplani** (Rev. Deborah Rutter's friend), June 18, 1948 - March 5, 2025; and **Geraldine Kolowski** (Darlene Schaffer's cousin), died March 20, 2025.

To add someone to or remove someone from the prayer list, send an email to prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org

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