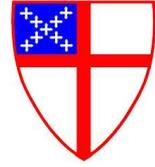


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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The Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2025

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



CALENDAR

- SUN May 4 The Third Sunday of Easter**
11:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer** with Josette Keelor
- TUE May 6 Women's Al-Anon** in the Parish Hall (noon - 2 p.m.)
- SAT May 10 Pine Grove Group AA** in the Parish Hall (7-10 p.m.)
- SUN May 11 The Fourth Sunday of Easter**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with The Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle
LEM/Prayers: Josette Keelor |
Music Leader: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell
- TUE May 13 Women's Al-Anon** in the Parish Hall (noon-2 p.m.)
- THU May 15 Vestry Meeting** in the Parish Hall (10:30 a.m. to Noon)
- SAT May 17 World Vision Global 6K for Water** (see Notices)
Pine Grove Group AA in the Parish Hall (7-10 p.m.)
- SUN May 18 The Fifth Sunday of Easter – Bishop's Visit**
10:15 a.m. **Bishop meets with rites' candidates**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick
Lay Readers: Bethany & Rick Whitehouse
LEM & Prayers: Judy Hall
Music Leader: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Tim Hall
- TUE May 20 Women's Al-Anon** in the Parish Hall (noon-2 p.m.)
- SAT May 24 Pine Grove Group AA** in the Parish Hall (7-10 p.m.)
- SUN May 25 The Sixth Sunday of Easter**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with The Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Readers: Ryan & Josette Keelor
LEM & Prayers: Tim Hall
Music Leaders: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Judy Hall
Reception after the service to remember Lois Tapscott

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.

DAILY MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

Officiant: Josette Keelor

Lay Readers: Janet Locklear & Tim Hall

Zoomer: Judy Hall

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Sentence for Easter
(The People stand)

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Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Officiant On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice
and be glad in it.

The Officiant and People continue with the Opening Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter *(Please stand)*

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Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glorify to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia!

The Antiphon (Officiant)

Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven: Come let us adore him. Alleluia

Venite (*Psalm 95:1-7*)

Spoken

**Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

The Lessons (*The People may be seated*)

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The First Lesson: Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 30

Said responsively by half verse

Exaltabo te, Domine

- 1 **I** will exalt you, O LORD,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,
“I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”
- 8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper.”
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A reading from the Revelation to John

The Epistle: Revelation 5:11-14

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

The Reader introduces the third lesson, saying

A reading from the Gospel according to John

The Gospel: John 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did

the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

The Homily

Josette Keelor

The Apostles' Creed

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Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.**

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

(Please be seated or kneel)

**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.**

Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

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The People may be seated or kneel

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For our friends and family: (*see back page of bulletin*). For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For the homeless nearby and across our nation. For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For those suffering from climate change and natural disasters. For migrants and refugees and all who are exploited. For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all people suffering from conflicts throughout the world. May they find a way to peace. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

In the *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for Christ Church, Charlottesville; Emmanuel, Harrisonburg; and Trinity, Arlington. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Church of Ireland. For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Stephen, Acting Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, Presiding Bishop; for Mark and Gayle, our Bishops; for Debbie, Martha and Cathy, our Supply Clergy, and for all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, remembering especially Earldine Ingram, Lois Tapscott, Michael Finnerin, Verne Critchfield, Pope Francis and Allen Dec, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Officiant may add other Collects and finish with a collect for mission, before inviting the people to pray the General Thanksgiving together.

The General Thanksgiving

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Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

**we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;**

**but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

The Officiant prays **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Grace (*The People stand*)

Ephesians 3:20, 21

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Greetings and Announcements

The Offertory

The Officiant begins with a sentence of Scripture.

The People stand for the Doxology

Hymn 380 v.3 “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**



NOTICES

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING



A heartfelt “thanks very much” to everyone who made contributions to our **Good Friday Offering** fundraiser from Palm Sunday to Easter. You gave \$700, which means the entire \$500 in matching funds authorized by your vestry is unlocked. We will be sending a check for \$1,200 to The Episcopal Church – Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS), which will be forwarded to The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Whatever happens in the Holy Land, The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East will continue to serve God through its congregations, hospitals, schools, orphanages, and humanitarian aid programs. These vital ministries serve people of all faiths without distinction, bearing witness to the power of hope and healing.

Our gifts to the Good Friday Offering will support the ministry at al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza; St. George's in Baghdad, Iraq, and its medical center; an eye clinic at Christ Church in Yemen; and the powerful Christian presence of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Damascus, Syria, and All Saints' Episcopal Church in Beirut, Lebanon.

BISHOP'S VISIT

The Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick will join us on Sun., May 18 to perform the rites of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation for Bethany Whitehouse, Rose Holden, and Rick Whitehouse, respectively. As is customary during such visits, the Bishop will lead worship and celebrate at the Lord's Table. It is also customary for the loose offering that day to go towards the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

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 to a member of the vestry if you can help with food, setup, and/or cleanup.

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. Our April donation weighed **54 pounds**, and 40 “to-go” meals were handed out on Wednesday.

You may also contribute monetarily to FISH. Write “FISH” in your check memo or place cash in a well-marked envelope and we will pass it on to FISH. Remember, FISH director Anne Cushman told us she can make a dollar go 10 times farther than we can!

As our only year-round outreach effort, FISH is an important part of Good Shepherd's outreach ministry and we need help with every part

of it: shopping, preparing meals, delivering the donated food, and distributing the meals. Please talk to Janet Locklear if you can help.

DUST OFF YOUR WALKING SHOES

Plan on joining us for the World Vision Global 6K for Water on **Saturday morning, May 17**. We will be walking, jogging, or rolling (strollers, bikes, wheelchairs, etc.) at Cool Spring. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 to help bring life-changing clean water to those who need it the most. Please visit Good Shepherd’s web site at www.goodshepherdbluemont.com and look for the link under “News Room,” where you can register for the walk or donate money to support our team.

OUR FACILITY

We are looking for people to serve on the Facilities Committee to help plan and execute the care and maintenance of and improvements to our historic property. To join in this important work, contact Ryan Keelor, our Junior Warden.

Good Shepherd is available for weddings, other special events, and regular meetings. Send an email to office@goodshepherdbluemont.org for more information.



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PRAYERS

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

Friends and Family: Daniel Murphy (hiking the Appalachian Trail); Elaine J. (Christine's friend); Clarke County Fire & Rescue; Marianne Hooper (Hall granddaughter); Darlene Schaffer; Vickie Hooper (in-law of the Halls); friends and family of Michael Finnerin (friends of the Whitehouses); Terry (our neighbor Gertrude's niece); Nancy Holden (Rose's sister-in-law); Becky Loker (Halls' friend's daughter); Eileen Cawood; Jordan Williams (Lois's nephew); The Keelor & 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 and Cindy Ingram; Michael Mohn (previous clergy); Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother); Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend); Sam Myers, John West, & Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends and family).

In thanksgiving for the lives of:

- Earldine Ingram (Tim Ingram's mother), Dec. 20, 1932 – April 17, 2025;
- Lois Tapscott, Dec. 4, 1946 – April 18, 2025;
- Michael Finnerin (friend of the Whitehouses), died April 19, 2025;
- Verne Critchfield (Kathleen Moorcones' father), died April 20, 2025;
- Pope Francis (Jorge Mario Bergoglio) – Pontiff (2013 - 2025), Dec. 17, 1936 – April 21, 2025; and
- Allen Dec (Judi Floyd's friend), died April 23, 2025.

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