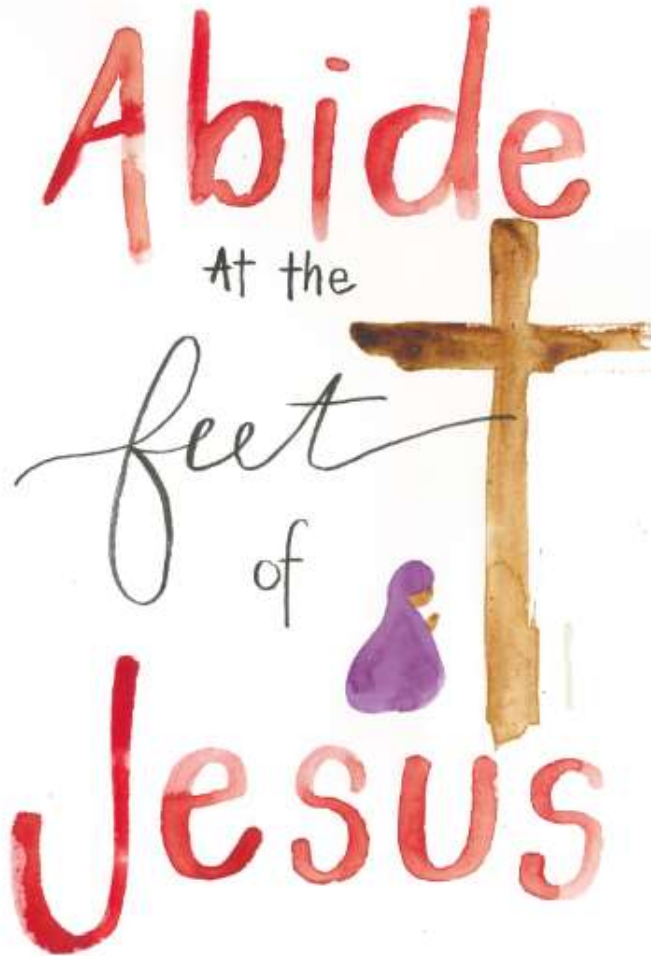


Good Shepherd
Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 2025

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

We are so glad you are here or joining us online!



CALENDAR

- SUN Jul 20** **The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with The Rev. Deborah Rutter
- WED Jul 23** **Psalm 119 Study** – 6 p.m. via Zoom
- SUN Jul 27** **The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**
Last Sunday for FISH food donations
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with The Rev. Cathy Tibbetts
Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle
LEM/Prayers: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Judy Hall
Music Leader: Janet Locklear
- TUE Jul 29** **Morning FISH delivery, followed by...**
10:00 a.m. **Preparation of “to-go” meals** (Parish Hall basement)
- WED Jul 30** **Distribute FISH “to-go” meals** (morning)
Psalm 119 Study – 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
- SUN Aug 3** **The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer** with Tim Hall
Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle
Music: Josette Keelor and A cappella
Zoomer: Penni Tidwell

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 Pine Grove AA meets at Good Shepherd every Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in person or by Zoom. Drop in or contact:

<https://aavirginia.org/meetings> - search for Bluemont.



A small group of five women has started holding Al-Anon meetings at Good Shepherd every Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Other women are always welcome.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards
LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall | Zoomer: Tim Hall
Music Leader: Janet Locklear

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn 495 “Hail, thou once despised Jesus”

Opening Acclamation

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

The Celebrant prays

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.

Praise Hymn 382 “King of glory, King of peace”

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Genesis.

The First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15

Said responsively by half verse

Domine, quis habitabit?

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *

who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *

who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;

he does no evil to his friend; *

he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *

but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *

and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *

nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things *

shall never be overthrown.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

The New Testament: Colossians 1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles

are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **Hymn** "Martha labored in the kitchen"

by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (*Based on Luke 10:38-42*)

sung to the tune of "*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*", **H-686**

- 1) *Martha labored in the kitchen;
there was much yet to be done!
There was cooking, cleaning, baking —
too much work for anyone.
For the Lord had come to visit;
Jesus sat there as her guest.
So much work! She longed to share it,
so the meal would be its best.*
- 2) *Mary sat and humbly listened
to their guest — her Friend and Lord.
She just thought of Jesus' teaching —
not the need for bread and board.
So when Martha came complaining,
seeking Mary's help that day.
Jesus turned to her explaining,
"Mary chose the better way."*
- 3) *God, we see in her distraction —
Martha lost sight of her goal;
In her grumbling and complaining,
she forgot food for the soul.
For there's always something pressing —
something urgent we must do,
Yet for us there's also blessing
in the time we spend with you.*

- 4) *Were there days when Mary labored,
helping others, serving well?
Were there times when Martha savored
stories Jesus loved to tell?
May we worship, pray and study;
may we serve you well today!
All are needed on the journey as we travel Jesus' way.*

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Deborah Rutter

The Nicene Creed

The People stand

**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 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 The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion and all Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Lay Leaders. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Church of Pakistan (United). 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, Gayle and Mark 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, 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 Celebrant concludes the prayers with a Collect.

The Peace (*the People stand*)

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Offertory **Hymn 314** “Humbly I adore thee”

The People stand for the Doxology

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

The Great Thanksgiving

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Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life..

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

[Hymnal S-130]

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The People may be seated or kneel

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has 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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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 **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 **LEVAS 37** “Were you there when they crucified my Lord?”

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

from Enriching Our Worship (p. 69)

God of abundance,

**you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may
proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue
for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the People

Closing **Hymn 423** “Immortal, invisible, God only wise”

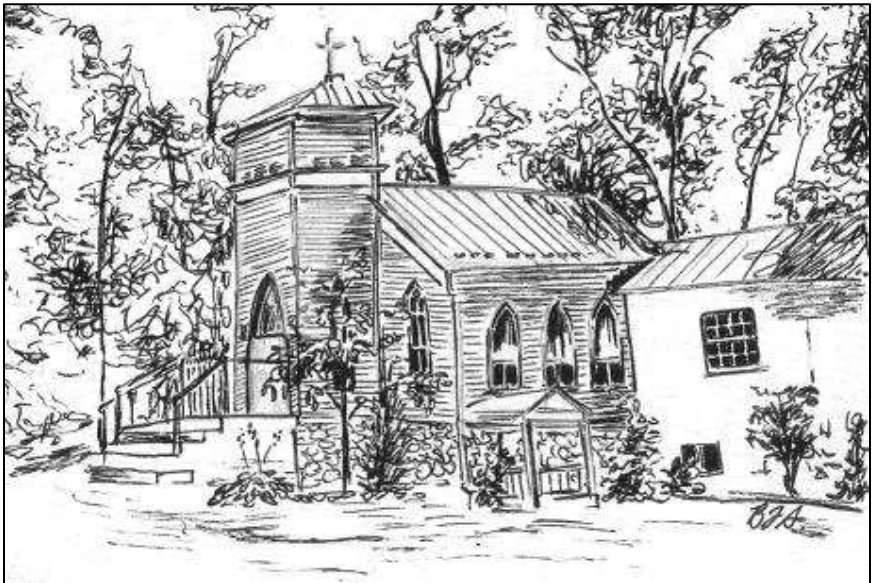
The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.



Please join us for refreshments after the service!



NOTICES

PSALM 119 STUDY GROUP

The Psalm 119 study group, led by Penni Tidwell, is meeting via **Zoom every Wednesday at 6 p.m. through Aug. 27.** Each week we will read a few stanzas of the psalm in various translations of the Bible and have a lively discussion. The group welcomes new attendees at any time and it's not necessary to attend every session.

OUR COMMUNITY



FISH of Clarke County is an interfaith clothing store and food pantry, located at 36 E. Main St., Berryville, open every Tuesday 8-10 am. and Wednesday 8-11 am. If you would like to volunteer or are in need of services FISH's phone number is 540-955-1823 and email address is fishfoodpantry@comcast.net.

Good Shepherd has been involved with FISH for many years by collecting food and distributing lunches once a month. If you'd like help or lead this wonderful and growing ministry, **please contact Janet Locklear.** See the church calendar for more information.

ANNUAL HOMECOMING SERVICE AT WICKLIFFE CHURCH

On Sunday, Aug. 10, we gather at **11 a.m.** with two other Clarke County Episcopal churches — St. Mary's and Grace — for a special worship service from the 1789 Episcopal Book of Common Prayer at historic Wickliffe Church (built in 1819), followed by fellowship and a potluck picnic lunch underneath the shady oak trees. This is always a fun event and a nice way to meet other local Christian brothers and sisters. Please plan on coming and bring a potluck dish to share (appetizer, main, side, or dessert). ***Note: We will NOT be holding a service at Good Shepherd on that Sunday.***



PRAYERS

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

Friends and Family: Rose Holden; Jon Hall (Tim Hall's brother); Bill Floyd (Judi Floyd's brother); Andrea Brown; Patricia Critchfield (mother of Kathleen and widow of Verne); Daniel Murphy (hiking the Appalachian Trail); Elaine J. (Christine's friend); Clarke County Fire & Rescue; 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; 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); friends and family of 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).

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



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Follow Christ. Welcome All. Serve Humbly.