

# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia

Jesus replied, "You hypocrites!  
Isaiah was right when he prophesied  
about you, for he wrote, 'These people  
honor me with their lips, but their  
hearts are far from me. Their  
worship is a farce, for they teach  
man-made ideas as commands  
from God.'  
Mark 7:6-7

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14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

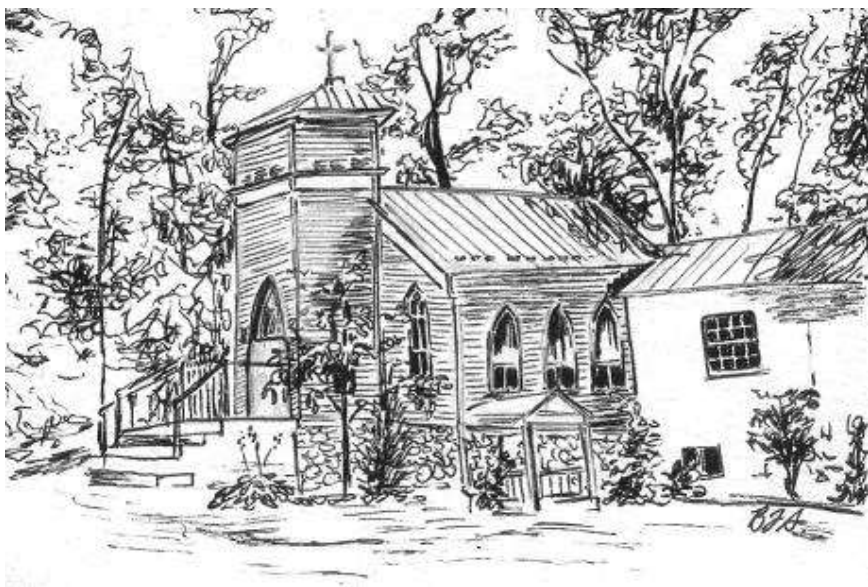
August 29, 2021

# Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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

### Guidelines for indoor worship in this time of declining COVID-19 numbers:

- Because COVID numbers are again on the rise and in the red zone in Clarke County, we ask that all in-person attendees wear masks, even if you are fully vaccinated.
- Several pews are reserved to allow for physical distancing, should you still desire it.
- Bulletins, masks, an offering plate, and hand sanitizer are available at the welcome table in the Narthex. Hand sanitizer has also been placed at other locations in the Sanctuary, Parish Hall, and basement.
- Congregational singing, while wearing masks, is permitted. Hymnals are found in the pews.
- Soloists, lay readers, and prayer leaders who are fully vaccinated and social distancing may sing or read without a mask.
- Communion will be distributed in one kind, at the altar. To take part, you may come forward, or raise your hand if you desire to have communion brought to you.



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO INCLUDING A PUBLIC SERVICE OF HEALING

Celebrant: Rev. Debbie Rutter

Lay Reader and Zoomer: Cindy Ingram

Prayer Intercessor: Tim Hall

## Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn 660 “O Master, let me walk with thee”

*Maryton*

## The Word of God

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God’ kingdom, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*The Celebrant prays*

O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Gloria

*S-280*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## 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.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*[The people may be seated]*

## The Lessons

### The Old Testament Lesson: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,  
leaping upon the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands  
behind our wall,  
gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;

for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away.”

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10**

*Said responsively by half verse\**

*Eructavit cor meum*

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*  
**my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.**
- 2 You are the fairest of men; \*  
**grace flows from your lips,**  
**because God has blessed you for ever.**
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*  
**a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your**  
**kingdom;**  
**you love righteousness and hate iniquity.**
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \*  
**with the oil of gladness above your fellows.**
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, \*  
**and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you**  
**glad.**
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \*  
**on your right hand is the queen,**  
**adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

**The Epistle: James 1:17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are

like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn 707** “Take my life, and let it be”

*Hollingside*

*Then, [all standing,] the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

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

**The Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;

in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going

in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

*The Rev. Deborah Rutter*

*[The People may be seated]*

## A Litany of Healing

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*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.*

*A Person appointed 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.*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.  
*Amen.*

## **The Confession and Absolution**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

May the Almighty God grant you forgiveness of all your sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Celebrant now invites all gathered to prepare themselves for the blessing of healing.*

**Anthem (Hymn 641) “Lord Jesus, think on me”** *Southwell*

*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 then offers prayer for each person individually according to that person's need, with lifting up of hands.*

*After all have been blessed the Celebrant offers a concluding collect and then invites the People to stand.*

### **The Peace**

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

*The People may be seated for announcements.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Offertory**

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

*The offering plate will not be passed. Please leave your offering to God in the plate by the exit.*

*The People stand*

Offertory **Hymn 423** "Immortal, invisible, God only wise" *St. Denio*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord..

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:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

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

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*The People may be seated*

*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*

**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

[Alleluia] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

***Therefore let us keep the feast [Alleluia].***

*The host in one kind is now distributed.*

*After communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant pronounces this blessing*

May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing **Hymn 574** “Before thy throne, O God, we kneel”

*St. Petersburg*

**The Dismissal**

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# CALENDAR

- SUN Aug 29** 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**11:00 a.m.** Healing Service and Holy Eucharist,  
with The Rev. Debbie Rutter  
Lay Reader: Cindy Ingram | Zoomer: Cindy Ingram
- SAT Sep 4** AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.
- SUN Sep 5** 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**11:00 a.m.** Morning Prayer, with Tim Hall  
Lay Reader: Lois Tapscott | Zoomer: Judy Hall
- SAT Sep 11** AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.
- SUN Sep 12** 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost “Back to Church Sunday”  
**11:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Debbie Rutter  
Lay Reader: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Judy Hall
- Noon** Fellowship and Refreshments, on our patio,  
weather permitting
- WED Sep 15** Online Bible Study: “Flourishing communities”  
via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- THU Sep 16** Vestry Meeting, via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- SAT Sep 18** AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.
- SAT Sep 18** Bluemont Fair, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- SUN Sep 19** 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**11:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Melanie Lewis  
Lay Reader: Kendra Sardelis | Zoomer: Kelly Macoy
- SUN Sep 19** Bluemont Fair, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- WED Sep 22** Online Bible Study: “Flourishing communities”  
via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- SAT Sep 25** AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.
- SUN Sep 26** 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**11:00 a.m.** Morning Prayer, with Josette Keelor  
Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy | Zoomer: Cindy Ingram

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# NOTICES

## GIVING

Now that we are back to gathering in person, as well as online, you may drop your gift in the offering plate by the entrance or when it's being passed. Also, *pledge checks or donations* may be mailed to Good Shepherd Church, P.O. Box 324, Bluemont, VA. 20135. ***We are thankful for your generosity!***

## OUTREACH



Please bring much needed donations for **FISH of Clarke County** to the church and drop them in the Narthex. Lois takes them to FISH, by appointment. In July, we donated a whopping 135 pounds, more than double the June donation. Thanks for your gifts, as we continue to help the ***needy in our midst*** in Clarke County.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, is our “Back to Church” Sunday. Please invite a friend and bring food to share for after-church refreshments.

We will be starting an **Online Bible Study** via Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Cindy Ingram will be facilitating the study and our first series is “Flourishing Communities”, a seven week series unpacking what it means to be a flourishing community. Jesus is all about creating the kind of community that goes beyond just being known - how we live and love each other will change the world around us. See Calendar.

## OUR FACILITY

We are almost ready to make the church available again as a “wedding chapel” or for any other celebratory or study events. Weddings are predicted to be up significantly in 2022 and venues are filling up. For this, ***we are in need of an “Event Coordinator.”*** Interested? Speak to the Senior or Junior Warden or anyone on the vestry.

What other needs do you see for our facility? Please let Tim know so he can start planning for our next projects.

We need to schedule a fall cleanup, as much for inside as for outside. Window cleaning, paint touch up, and more. Would anyone be interested in organizing this event? Talk to Tim.

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# PRAYERS

*Please continue to pray for our neighbors  
and for ways that our church can serve the community.*

***Friends and Family:*** Larry Zok, Martha Hayes and the residents and staff at Commonwealth Senior Living, Donny McCarty (Lois' brother) and the residents and staff at Rose Hill Health and Rehab, Dusty Bailey & Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends), Sheila Tapscott, Kathy Ingram, Karen Tapscott, David Aikman (Charlene's husband), Tim Ingram, Michael Mohn, Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother), Paul Sauer (Cindy's uncle), and Judith Refo (Judy's mother).

We thank, God, you for your healing grace on Rev. Melanie Lewis' father and Kirk Duncan (Rev. Deb's son-in-law).

**To add someone to the prayer list, please send an email to [prayerlist@goodshepherdblueмонт.org](mailto:prayerlist@goodshepherdblueмонт.org)**

***The Church:*** For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Susan, Jennifer and Porter, our Bishops, and for Debbie, our Supply Clergy. We also pray for Fr. Michael Sie and Fr. Ed Gbe and their congregations in Liberia.

***In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer,*** pray today for Sunday School teachers and Youth leaders.

***In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer,*** pray today for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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