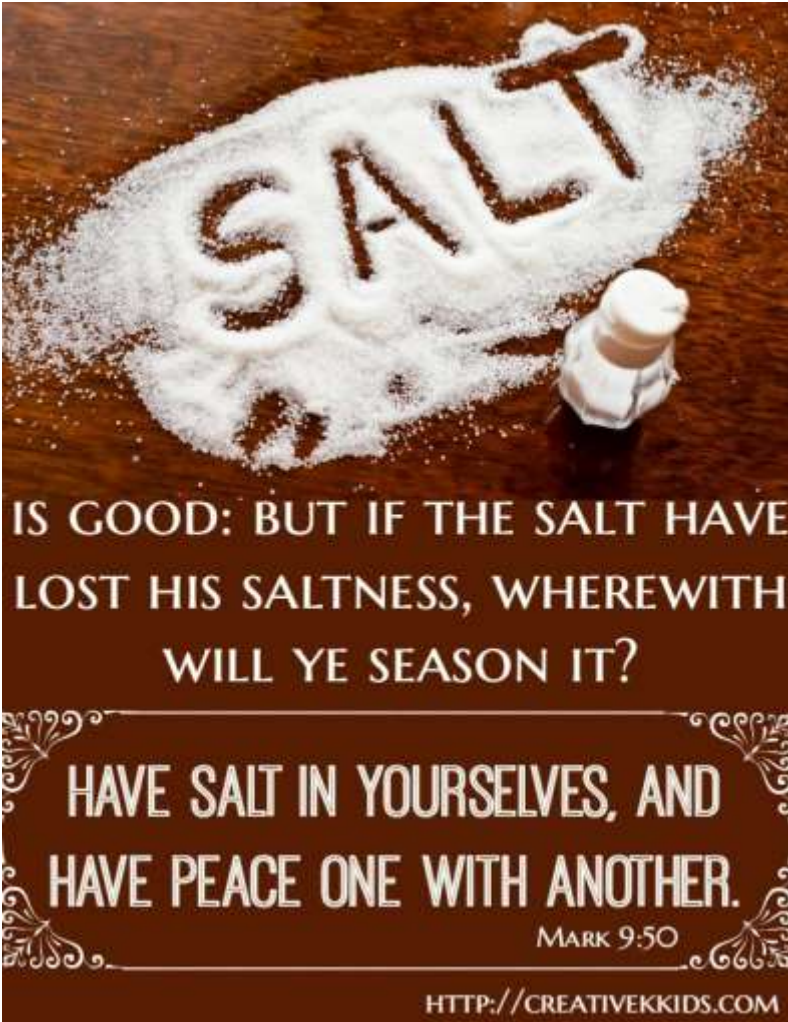


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 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 COVID-19:

- Because COVID numbers in Clarke County are again in the red zone, **we ask that all in-person attendees wear masks.**
- Several pews are reserved to allow for physical distancing.
- Congregational singing, while wearing masks, is permitted.
- Soloists, lay readers, and prayer leaders who are fully vaccinated and social distancing may sing or read without a mask.

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite II

Officiant: Josette Keelor

Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy

Zoomer: Cindy Ingram

Welcome

The Officiant and People begin with the Opening Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you***

Officiant Let us pray.

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.*

Opening Hymn 669 “Commit thou all that grieves thee”

Herzlich tut mich ver langen

Opening sentences: At any time

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Confession of Sin

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The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through
our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the
power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

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Officiant Lord, open our lips

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

Officiant and People

**Glory 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 Officiant says the following Antiphon

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him..

Venite

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Psalms 95:1-7

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 Old Testament Lesson: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make

them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 124

*Said responsively by half verse**

Nisi quia Dominus

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

The Epistle: James James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever

brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Gradual LEVAS 19 “I’m just a poor wayfaring stranger”

American Folk Song

The Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

Mark 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

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.**

Prayer Hymn 709 "O God of Bethel, by whose hand"

Dundee

The Prayers BCP p. 97

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The People may be seated

**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

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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 Officiant prays the Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Other Collects

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After the Prayer for Mission, our own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving may follow.

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 (*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 Officiant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Because of the recent spike in COVID, the offering plate will not be passed.

Please leave your offering in the plate found on the Narthex table.

The People stand for the Doxology as the offering is brought forward

Hymn 380 v.3 “Praise God from whom all blessings flow” *Old 100th*

Closing Prayer

Grant, we beseech you, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through your grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing LEVAS 178 “Sweet hour of prayer” *William B. Bradbury*

The Dismissal

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CALENDAR

- SUN Sep 26** 18th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, with Josette Keelor
Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy | Zoomer: Cindy Ingram
- WED Sep 29** Online Bible Study: “Flourishing communities”
via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- SAT Oct 2** AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.
- SUN Oct 3** 19th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, with Tim Hall
Lay Reader: Cindy Ingram | Zoomer: Kendra Sardelis
- WED Oct 6** Online Bible Study: “Flourishing communities”
via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- SAT Oct 9** Parish Clean-up, 9:00 a.m. to Noon
AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.
- SUN Oct 10** 20th Sunday after Pentecost and Blessing of
the Animals
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Debbie Rutter
Lay Reader: Lois Tapscott | Zoomer: Judy Hall
- WED Oct 13** Online Bible Study: “Flourishing communities”
via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- SAT Oct 16** AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.
- SUN Oct 17** 21st Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Debbie Rutter
Lay Reader: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Judy Hall

NOTICES

OUR COMMUNITY



Please bring non-perishable food items and toiletries for **FISH of Clarke County** to the church Narthex. Our Senior Warden, Lois Tapscott, takes them to FISH by appointment. In August, we donated 73 pounds. Thanks so much for your gifts, as we continue to help those in need in Clarke County.

We are planning a **Blessing of the Animals** after our regular service on October 10th at three blessing sites: 12-1 p.m. at Good Shepherd Church; 1-2 p.m. at the Village Market; and 2-3 p.m. at the Blue Ridge Fire Hall.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Our **Online Bible Study** via Zoom continues this week at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 29. Cindy Ingram is facilitating this weekly study on “Flourishing Communities,” a seven-week course unpacking what it means to be a flourishing community. This week’s topic is “Radical Inclusion.”

OUR FACILITY

We need to make the church available again as a “wedding chapel” or for any other celebratory or study events. For this, **we are in need of an Event Coordinator**. Interested? Speak to the Senior or Junior Warden or anyone on the vestry.

Would you be willing to **monitor the church’s Ooma phone messages** and return calls or pass on information? The messages are accessible online and you can do this job entirely from home.

Our **Autumn parish cleanup** is this Saturday from 9 to 12 noon. We have inside and outside work that needs attention. Please come, or talk to Tim about what you can do on your own schedule.

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!**

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, Karen Tapscott, David Aikman (Charlene's husband), Tim Ingram, Michael Mohn, Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother), Adele Sauer (Cindy's mother), Judith Refo (Judy's mother), Mike Underwood, Chrissy Williams, and Tricia Glenn.

We thank you, God, for your healing grace on Paul Sauer and Kathy Ingram (Cindy's uncle and sister-in-law, respectively).

To add someone to the prayer list, please send an email to prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.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 Aquia, Stafford; Cople Parish, Hague; and St. Matthew's, Sterling.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray today for The Episcopal Church.

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