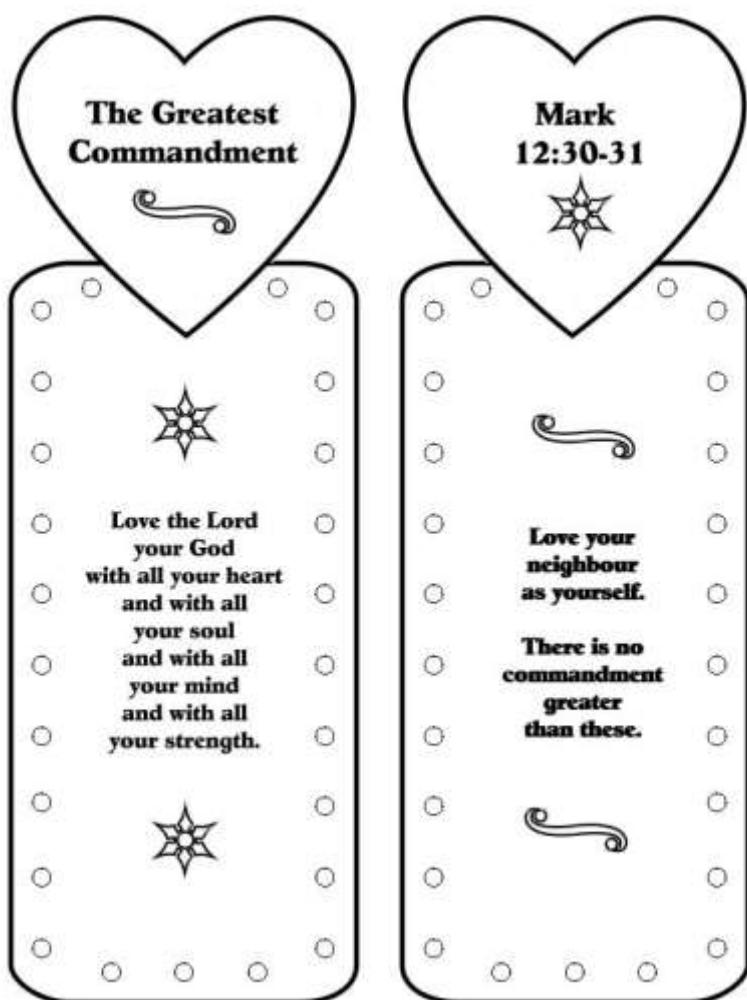


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



23rd Sunday after Pentecost

October 31, 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 still-high COVID-19 numbers:

- Because COVID numbers are still high in Clarke County, we ask that all in-person attendees wear masks, even if you are fully vaccinated.
- 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: The Rev. Debbie Rutter

Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy | Zoomer: Cindy Ingram

Prayer Intercessor: Tim Hall

Welcome and Introduction

Opening **Hymn 546** “Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve” *Siroe*

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

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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.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

[The people may be seated]

The Lessons

The Old Testament: Ruth 1:1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your

people.” But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me.” Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said,

“Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go;
Where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.

Where you die, I will die—
there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus and so to me,
and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!”

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 146

*Said responsively by half verse**

Lauda, anima mea

1 **Hallelujah!**

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in
 them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;
 the LORD cares for the stranger; *
**he sustains the orphan and widow,
 but frustrates the way of the wicked.**
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
 Hallelujah!**

The Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 517 “How lovely is thy dwelling place”

vv. 1 & 2

Brother James' Air

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

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

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

The Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn 517 “How lovely is thy dwelling place”

vv. 3&4

Brother James’ Air

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.

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.

Offertory Anthem “Bread of the world, in mercy broken” *Rendez a dieu*

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

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

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 551** "Rise up, ye saints of God!"

Festal Song

The Dismissal

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CALENDAR

- SUN Oct 31** **23rd Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist and Healing Service**
with The Rev. Debbie Rutter
Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy | Zoomer: Cindy Ingram
- WED Nov 3** **Online Bible Study:** via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- SAT Nov 6** **AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.**
Daylight Savings Time ends tonight: set clocks back 1 hour!
- SUN Nov 7** **24th Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Melanie Lewis**
Lay Reader: Lois Tapscott | Zoomer: Cindy Ingram
- WED Nov 10** **Online Bible Study:** via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- SAT Nov 13** **AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.**
- SUN Nov 14** **25th Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Debbie Rutter**
Lay Reader: Lois Tapscott | Zoomer: Kelly Macoy
- WED Nov 17** **Online Bible Study:** via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- SAT Nov 20** **AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.**
- SUN Nov 21** **Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Melanie Lewis**
Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy | Zoomer: Cindy Ingram
- WED Nov 3** **Online Bible Study:** via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- SAT Nov 27** **AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.**
- SUN Nov 28** **First Sunday of Advent**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Debbie Rutter**
Lay Reader: Josette Keelor | Zoomer: Judy Hall
- WED Dec 1** **Online Bible Study:** via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.

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 September, we donated a whopping 119 pounds. Thanks so much for your gifts, as we continue to help those in need in Clarke County.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Exciting news! In November and December, The Rev. Melanie Lewis and Rev. Deb will be leading services on alternating Sundays. That means we'll have Holy Eucharist every Sunday from now to Christmas!

After the successful completion last week of a seven-week Bible Study series on "Flourishing Communities," we'll be starting a **new five-week study** this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The new study, "**Studies in Spiritual Resilience**," is from Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and was selected for addressing the troubling times we live in and seeking guidance from the Epistles to the early church.

OUR FACILITY

We have two jobs that need to be filled:

- In order to make the church available again as a "wedding chapel" and other celebratory or study events, **we need an Event Coordinator.**
- Someone is needed to **monitor the church's Ooma phone messages** and return calls or pass on information. The messages are accessible online and this job can be done entirely from home.

Speak to the Senior or Junior Warden or anyone on the vestry if you can help.

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. Also, **pledge checks or donations** may be mailed to Good Shepherd Church, P.O. Box 324, Bluemont, VA. 20135. **We thank you 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 and Regina Leiva (Cindy's mother and sister-in-law, respectively), Judith Refo (Judy's mother), Chrissy Williams, and Tricia Glenn.

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 and Melanie, 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 All Souls - Atlee, Mechanicsville, and Christ Church - Cunningham Parish, Millwood.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray today for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.

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