

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist and Blessing of the Animals

October 2, 2022

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:

- Case numbers in Clarke County are trending up. When they reach HIGH, masks are required.
- Masks and hand sanitizer are available at the welcome table in the Narthex, and sanitizer is available at other locations in the Sanctuary.
- Congregational singing, with or without masks, is permitted.

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CALENDAR

- SUN Oct 2** **The 17th Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist and Blessing of the Animals**
with the Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Reader & Zoomer: Kendra Sardelis
LEM & Prayers: Josette Keelor
- SAT Oct 8** **Meditation Walk**, 10 a.m. at Cool Spring pavilion
(see details in the Notices)
AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.
- SUN Oct 9** **The 18th Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Martha Clark
Lay Reader: Lee Ruddle | Zoomer: Judy Hall
LEM & Prayers: Tim Hall
- SAT Oct 15** **AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom**, 8:30 p.m.
- SUN Oct 16** **The 19th Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Reader & Zoomer: Kelly Macoy
LEM: Cindy Ingram | Prayers: Lee Ruddle
- SAT Oct 22** **AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom**, 8:30 p.m.
- SUN Oct 23** **The 20th Sunday after Pentecost**
11:30 a.m. **NOTE TIME CHANGE to 11:30 a.m.**
Morning Prayer with Josette Keelor
Lay Reader & Zoomer: Cindy Ingram

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Rutter

Lay Reader & Zoomer: Kendra Sardelis

LEM & Prayers: Josette Keelor | Music & Guitar: Tim Hall

Welcome and Introduction

The people standing, the Officiant leads the call to worship

Officiant Blessed be the God of all creation.
People **Who brings all things into being and calls them good.**

Officiant Bless your Creator, all animals of the land.
People **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Officiant Bless your Creator, all birds of the air.
People **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Officiant Bless your Creator, all creatures of the sea.
People **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Officiant Bless your Creator, all children of God.
People **With all of creation, we praise your name.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant says

O God, you have done all things wisely; in your goodness you have made us in your image and given us care over other living things.

Grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may delight in your whole creation with perfect joy.

Reach out with your right hand and grant that these animals may serve our needs and that your bounty in the resources of this life may move us to seek more confidently the goal of eternal life.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son;
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul’s glory, joy and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *(Please be seated)*

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A Reading from the Book of Second Timothy.

The Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may

be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 137

Said responsively by half verse

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- 1 **By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, ***
when we remembered you, O Zion.
- 2 As for our harps, we hung them up *
on the trees in the midst of that land.
- 3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,
and our oppressors called for mirth: *
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion.”
- 4 How shall we sing the LORD's song *
upon an alien soil.
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, *
let my right hand forget its skill.
- 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth
if I do not remember you, *
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

- 7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O LORD,
against the people of Edom, *
**who said, “Down with it! down with it!
even to the ground!”**
- 8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, *
**happy the one who pays you back
for what you have done to us!**
- 9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, *
and dashes them against the rock!

The People stand

Gradual **Hymn 405** “All things bright and beautiful!” *Royal Oak*

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings. [Refrain]

2 The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. [Refrain]

3 The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one. [Refrain]

4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. [Refrain]

Then, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

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

The Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ Do you thank the slave for

doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** (*Please be seated*)

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

Litany for All Creation

The Officiant says

Call out the names of those animals for whom we care. Call out the names of those animals who are no longer with us.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Prayers may be led by a Deacon or other Leader. (The people may be seated)

Deacon Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Deacon Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Deacon Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Deacon Grant that all your creatures may serve you with
thanksgiving;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Grant favorable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful
seasons, providing food and drink for all your creatures;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Open our eyes to the wonder of creation, that we may see
you in all your works;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Stir in us the desire to care for your creation;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Make us wise and faithful stewards of creation, caring for
the earth, the waters, the air, and all that live therein;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Forgive us who waste and pollute your creation and
strengthen us to restore what we have disregarded;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Look with compassion on those that are abused and
mistreated, show us their dignity in your creation;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Remember those creatures that have died yet remain dear
to us that, that they may rejoice in your new creation;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Officiant: Holy Immortal One: No sparrow falls without your knowing it; nothing dies but is remembered by you; nothing comes into being that you do not see. Give us courage and resolve to build up the common good, holding fast to the hope of a new creation in which all shall dwell eternally, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin *(Please be seated or kneel)*

The Deacon or Officiant says

Let us confess to God our sins against creation.

Officiant and People together

God of compassion, we confess that we have squandered your creation, and mistreated those you give into our care. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for all that you have made, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Standing, the Officiant says the following

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

The Blessing of the Animals

The Officiant says the following

God's animals inhabit the skies, the land, and the sea; we share the earth with them, and like them rely on God's blessing to sustain and preserve us. We gather today in communion and friendship with Francis of Assisi who preached to animals and moved throughout the known world sharing God's unconditional love for all beings. Remembering Francis' love for all God's creatures, bring forward the animals entrusted to your care that we may bless them.

Those who bring animals for blessing hold or place their hands on their animals in blessing. They are blessed by name by the Presider, using these or other words. If animals are not present, the Presider joins in prayer with those who come remembering them.

Officiant

N., may God who created and preserves you bless, defend, heal, and keep you, this day and always. **Amen.**

When all have been blessed the Presider prays:

Officiant Let us pray.

God of all creation: we give you thanks and praise. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in all creation. May your bountiful blessing be upon us all, God our Redeemer, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace (*The People stand*)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements (*Please be seated*)

THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Offertory Anthem “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

~ Based on the Prayer of St. Francis

by *Sebastian Temple*

The People stand for the Doxology

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

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP, p.369

Eucharistic Prayer C

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus **WLP 785** “Santo, Santo, Santo”

Traditional

[Spanish] ***Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora!***

Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.

[English] ***Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!***

My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.

The people may stand, be seated, or kneel.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or 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 he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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

Celebrant [Alleluia] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast [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 ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,

**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood**

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

**that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

And now, Father, send us out

to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

The People stand

Closing **LEVAS 60** “How Great Thou Art”

Swedish Folk Melody

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. [Refrain]

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Send him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art. [Refrain]

The Dismissal

The Officiant dismisses the people with these words

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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NOTICES

OUR COMMUNITY

To honor Saint Francis of Assisi’s feast day on Oct. 4, we will be collecting **donations** for the **Clarke County Animal Shelter** for the **entire month of October**. Known for his love of animals, Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals. The animal shelter is fighting a respiratory infection among its cats and has an **urgent need** for small animal beds, light blankets and cat toys to replace everything that had to be thrown out. It also has ongoing need for clumping kitty litter and Purina dry food for dogs and cats.

“Walking with a Friend” is the theme of our second **Meditation Walk** this **Saturday, Oct. 8**, at 10 a.m., starting at the pavilion of the Cool Spring campus of Shenandoah University. The walk will focus on the natural world around us and the gift of friendship, so bring a (furry) friend. In honor of St. Francis, we’ll offer a blessing of animals and people participating in the walk.



We continue to collect donations for **FISH** to help the needy in our midst in Clarke County. In September, we donated 76 pounds of food. Lois will be delivering this month’s donation on **Wed., Oct. 26**. FISH is in need of the following food items for its new mobile food pantry: small turkey breasts, small hams, canned pumpkin, condensed milk, pie crusts, canned cranberry, stuffing, gravy, butter, eggs, and sweet potatoes. Any Clarke County resident in need of food, clothing, or financial or other assistance can visit FISH at 36 E. Main Street Berryville on Tuesdays 8-10 a.m. and Wednesdays 8-11 a.m.

GIVING

Fall is stewardship season! Our campaign will start soon. Please prayerfully consider your 2023 pledge during these transformational times, as we prepare our budget and programs for next year. God has given us all we need, and it is **our great joy to give back**.

Our Sunday offering is collected in the plate by the entrance. Giving envelopes are there for cash donations. Pledge checks and donations may also be mailed to: Good Shepherd Church, P.O. Box 324, Bluemont, VA 20135. We **thank you** for your support!

OUR FACILITY

Our **driveway and parking areas** have been **vastly improved**. The driveway was completely repaved, filling in the dips that had afflicted the road surface for too long. The parking areas on both sides of the front door were also paved, creating a safe transition from the handicap ramp to the handicap parking space. In the lower parking area, 14 tons of 21A gravel was spread to create a smoother surface and more parking spaces between the trees.

In the **Prayer and Meditation Garden**, soil preparation has begun in anticipation of a **late October planting**. Our stone mason has begun working on the lower garden retaining wall. Soon, the final dead tree by the parking lot will be taken down. The **wood is being donated** to the Westminster Canterbury Firewood Outreach Group.

Do you have any thoughts on what kind of new flooring we should put in the Parish Hall (carpet, LVT, other)? How about helping with installing a new mailbox? Or a Little Lending Library? **Lots of fun projects.** Contact Tim Hall if you'd like to take one on!

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PRAYERS

Friends and Family: The victims and families of the mass shootings across our nation; the people of Ukraine; congregants Martha Hayes, Tim Ingram, Sheila Tapscott, Karen Tapscott & Lee; Val Marsh, George Rutter, the Adamson family in Russia, Judi Floyd, Jorie & Richard Martin, Terri Quinlan (Josette’s mom), the Desamparado family (Cindy’s cousins in the Philippines–typhoon), Dusty Bailey & Ted Weaver (Charlene’s friends), David Aikman (Charlene’s husband), Michael Mohn (previous clergy), Kathleen Franz (Kelly’s mother), Adele & Richard Sauer (Cindy’s parents), Judith Refo (Judy’s mother), Robert (homeless in Leesburg), Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram’s friend), Priscilla Clark (Martha’s mother), and Nancy Prestipino & Luigi Perrachia (on the death of Nancy’s daughter Sasha), the staff and animals at Clarke County animal shelter .

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

The Church: For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop, especially for his recovery from COVID-19; for Susan, our Bishop, for Mark, our Bishop Diocesan Elect, and for Debbie and Martha, our Supply Clergy.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray today for Abingdon, White Marsh; Meade Memorial, White Post; and St. Thomas, Orange.

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

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