

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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



CALENDAR

- MON Feb 26** FISH donations due
- FRI Mar 1** Lenten Study, noon to 2 p.m. at the church (see Notices)
- SUN Mar 3** **The Third Sunday in Lent**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Reader: Cindy Ingram
LEM & Prayers: Josette Keelor
Keyboardist: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Judy Hall
12:45 p.m. **LEM Orientation and Training**
- FRI Mar 8** Lenten Study, noon to 2 p.m. at the church (see Notices)
- SUN Mar 10** **The Fourth Sunday in Lent**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Martha Clark
Lay Reader: Josette Keelor | LEM & Prayers: Cindy Ingram
Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood | Zoomer: Tim Hall
- FRI Mar 15** Lenten Study, noon to 2 p.m. at the church (see Notices)
- SAT Mar 16** Lent Quiet Morning, 9 a.m. to noon
- SUN Mar 17** **The Fifth Sunday in Lent**
11:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer** with the Josette Keelor
Lay Reader: Lee Ruddle
Keyboardist: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Judy Hall
- THU Mar 21** Vestry Committee Meeting, 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the church
- FRI Mar 22** Lenten Study, noon to 2 p.m. at the church (see Notices)
- SAT Mar 23** Vestry Retreat, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at Good Shepherd every Saturday at 8:30 p.m., in person or by Zoom. Drop in, or visit <https://aavirginia.org/meetings> and search for Bluemont.



**THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE
WITH A PENITENTIAL ORDER: RITE ONE**

Celebrant: Rev. Martha Clark

Lay Reader: Lee Ruddle | Homilist, LEM & Prayers: Tim Hall

Music: Janet Locklear & Rose Holden | Zoomer: Judy Hall

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude “O bless the Lord, my soul!” *St. Thomas (Williams)*

Opening **Hymn 372** “Praise to the living God!” *Leoni*

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

The Decalogue: Traditional

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God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

The Celebrant continues

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Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8,9

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept

Minister and People

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Almighty and most merciful father,

we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,

**we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts,**

we have offended against thy holy laws,

**we have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,**

**and we have done those things which we ought not to
have done.**

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,

spare thou those who confess their faults,

restore thou those who are penitent,

according to thy promises declared unto mankind

in Christ Jesus our Lord;

and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,

to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Kyrie

Hymnal S-91 (Sung in Unison)

Lord have mercy upon us. (3x)

Christ have mercy upon us. (3x)

Lord have mercy upon us. (3x)

The Celebrant says to the people

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The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The Old Testament: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

Said responsively by half verse

Deus, Deus meus

- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
**stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who
worship him.**
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Epistle: Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the

righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **Hymn 675** “Take up your cross, the Savior said” *Bourbon*

Then, 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 8:31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and

the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Tim Hall

The Nicene Creed

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The Officiant and People together standing

**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.

Prayer Hymn **LEVAS 106** "Take my hand, precious Lord"

Dorsey

The Prayers of the People, Form III (*Please be seated*)

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The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

[see Friends and Family prayer list on back page]

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

The Peace *(Please stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Greetings and Announcements *(Please be seated)*

THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Offertory **Hymn 383** “Fairest Lord Jesus”

St. Elizabeth

The People stand for the Doxology

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

The Great Thanksgiving

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Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts, [Hymnal S-114]
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The People may be seated or kneel

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

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.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ hath 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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-158 (Sung in Unison)

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

and may add **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.

Communion Hymn "Eat this bread"

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system of music has the lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry." The second system of music has the lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The fast that I like, says the Lord, is the breaking of the chains of evil, the untying of the bonds of slavery.

It is freeing the oppressed, and welcoming the poor into your home.

It is clothing the person you find naked, and not despising your neighbor.

Then, if you cry, God will answer; if you call, God will say: I am here.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you to heal and transform you in this Lenten season. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn **LEVAS 99** “On Christ the Solid Rock”

Bradbury

The Dismissal



NOTICES

LENTEN STUDY

Join us for **Noonday Prayer**, a simple meal of soup and bread (or you may bring a sandwich), and lively discussions about the very essence of what it means to be a Christian. For the six Fridays in Lent, the **Rev. Deborah Rutter** is leading a study of baptismal promises using the guide “Will You?” We meet from noon to 2 p.m. in our Parish Hall. Study books and supplies are provided.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, March 3 – The Revs. Deb and Martha will meet with current Lay Eucharistic Ministers as well as those interested in learning more about this worship ministry. Please join us after the service and coffee for a brief **LEM Orientation and Training** in the sanctuary.

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. Our **January donation** of canned, dried and boxed foods weighed **86 pounds**. Also last month, Lois Tapscott and Judy Hall distributed 35 “to-go” meals. **February donations need to be brought to the church by tomorrow.**



GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Senior Warden: Ray Ewing

Treasurer: Tim Hall

Junior Warden: Penni Tidwell

Clerk: Janet Locklear

PRAYERS

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

Friends and Family: George & Diane Kern and their son-in- Chris Riopelle; Tim & Ann White (Tim Hall's friends in New Hampshire); Brian Zidek; Kat Turner; Rob Banse; Alan Moeck (Christine's friend); Allison Knapp, Jamie Legg, Joanne Conner, and Chris Turner (Josette's friends); Cat Cox; Bobby Duke; Rose & Tyler Eiseman (Judi Floyd's friends); Elaine Eppley & family (Eileen's sister); Dane Toler (Lee's spouse); Bert Bonavita (Penni's cousin); Judson Hardy (Janet's father); Martha Hayes; Sheila Tapscott; Penelope Yungblut; Lee Ruddle; Tim Ingram; George & Debbie Rutter; Nancy Kelley; the Adamson family in Russia; Pat Pearson; Jorie & Richard Martin; 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 Hall's mother); Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend); and Sam Myers, John West, Geraldine Kolowski, & Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

In thanksgiving for the life of Barbara Van Sant Lynch (Martha Hayes' sister), January 11, 1932 – February 7, 2024; Chris Turner (Josette Keelor's friend), December 28, 1959. – February 16, 2024; and Norman H. Macoy (Kelly's father-in-law), September 30, 1936 - February 22, 2024.

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

The Church: For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Mark and Gayle, our Bishops; and for Debbie, Martha and Rob, our Supply Clergy.

In the ***Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*** we pray today for Christ, Saluda; Emmanuel (Piedmont Parish), Delaplaine; and St. David's, Aylett. In the ***Anglican Cycle of Prayer***, we pray today for The Anglican Church of Tanzania.