

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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



*The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Martha Clark
in thanksgiving for Mother Earth.*



CALENDAR

- WED Sep 18** First session of **Love God, Love God's World**
6:00 p.m. (see Notices)
- SAT Sep 21** **Meditation Walk** with Josette Keelor & Janet Locklear
10:30 a.m. at Cool Springs (see Notices)
- SUN Sep 22** **The 18th Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**, with Josette Keelor
Lay Reader: Cindy Ingram | Zoomer: Judy Hall
Musicians: Janet Locklear & Rose Holden
- MON Sep 23** **Last Day to bring FISH donations**
- WED Sep 25** **FISH to-go meals distributed**
- SAT Sep 28** **To Love and Heal Creation** (see Notices)
- SUN Sep 29** **The 19th Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist & Healing**, with The Rev Rob Banse
LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell
Lay Readers: Ray Ewing & Penelope Yungblut
Musicians: Eileen Cawood & Rose Holden
- SAT Oct 5** **Country breakfast & Pet Blessing**, 9 a.m. to Noon
- SUN Oct 6** **The 20th Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Blessing of the Animals and Holy Eucharist**,
with The Rev Martha Clark
LEM/Prayers: Cindy Ingram | Zoomer: Judy Hall
Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards
Musicians: Janet Locklear & Rose Holden

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 TWO

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Rutter

LEM/Prayers: Josette Keelor | Zoomer: Judy Hall

Lay Readers: Penelope Yungblut & Ray Ewing

Musicians: Rose Holden & Tim Hall

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Opening Hymn 383 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the One who creates all things

People **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

Amen.

Collect for the Care of the Planet

Bountiful God, you call us to labor with you in tending the earth: Where we lack love, open our hearts to the world; where we waste, give us discipline to conserve; where we neglect, awaken our minds and wills to insight and care. May we with all your creatures honor and serve you in all things for you live and reign with Christ, Redeemer of all, and with your Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gloria "Glorify Your Name"

by Donna Adkins

Father, we love you, we praise you, we adore you.

Glorify your name in all the Earth.

Glorify your name, glorify your name,

Glorify your name in all the Earth.

Jesus, we love you, we praise you, we adore you.

Glorify your name in all the Earth.

Glorify your name, glorify your name,

Glorify your name in all the Earth.

Spirit, we love you, we praise you, we adore you.

Glorify your name in all the Earth.

Glorify your name, glorify your name,

Glorify your name in all the Earth.

Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-8

Said responsively by half verse

Dilexi, quoniam

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my
supplication, *

**because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon
him.**

2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *

I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *

“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *

our God is full of compassion.

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; *

I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *

for the LORD has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, *

my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD *

in the land of the living.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A Reading from the letter of James.

The Epistle: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them,

yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn **LEVAS 136** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Then, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

The Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them 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

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:

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who 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 **WLP 806** “If you believe and I believe”

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

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The People may be seated or kneel

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For our friends and family: Ray Ewing, Doug & Steve Bush (Ray’s nephews); Pam Huff (Rose’s friend); Carter Refo (Judy’s cousin); Jon Edensword (Ray’s friend); the Keelor and Mowe families; Jon Hall (Tim’s brother); Nathaniel Cawood (Eileen’s son) and his wife Abbie; Jon Ecklund (Christine’s brother-in-law); Jean Ames (Judi Floyd’s neighbor); The Rev. Michael Sie; Gloria Broy (Lois’ friend); Nancy Kelley; Richard Sauer (Cindy’s father) and his family; Kevin Tapscott (Lois’ nephew); Yvette Webster (Rachel’s partner); Craig Eney (Andrea’s brother-in-law); Priscilla Clark (Martha’s mother); Hyden McClain (Nancy’s great grandson); Alan Moeck (Christine’s friend); Allison Knapp, Jamie Legg, and Joanne Conner (Josette’s friends); Cat Cox (Retreat neighbor); Bobby Duke (Pine Grove neighbor); Rose Eiseman (Judi Floyd’s friend’s niece); Dane Toler (Lee’s spouse); Janet Locklear; Debbie Rutter; the Adamson family in Russia; Dusty Bailey and Ted Weaver (Charlene’s friends); Martha

Hayes; Lee Ruddle; David Aikman (Charlene's husband); Tim & Cindy Ingram; Michael Mohn (previous clergy); Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother); Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend); Geraldine Kolowski, Sam Myers, John West, & Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family). For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For the homeless nearby and across our nation. For the victims of mass shootings and gun violence that continue unabated. For an end to the rage and anger in this nation, that keeps us from sharing God's loving grace. For the safety and freedom from theft for Pine Grove and Shenandoah Retreat residents and Appalachian Trail hikers. For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For those suffering from climate change and natural disasters. For migrants and refugees and all who are exploited. For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all people suffering from conflicts throughout the world. May they find a way to peace. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

In the *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for Calvary, Hanover and St. Paul's, Richmond. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Sean, Presiding Bishop Elect, for Mark and Gayle, our Bishops; for Debbie, Martha and Rob, our Supply Clergy, and for all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, remembering especially George W. Rutter (Rev. Deb's husband), Caroline Marguerite Mowe (Ryan's niece), Ann Ewing Bush (Ray's sister), and Judson Hardy (Janet's father), that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Offertory Hymn **WLP 822** "Through north and south"

The People stand for the Doxology

Hymn 380 v.3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

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 our 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 stewards 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:

WLP 785

[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 be seated or kneel

Then the Celebrant continues

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

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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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

People All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body. 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 and people receive the Sacrament in both kinds.

Communion Hymn **LEVAS 151** "One Bread, One Body"

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

from Enriching Our Worship (p. 69)

**God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;**

and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless People

Closing Hymn **WLP 812** “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

The Closing Prayer for the Cosmos

Creating God, your name is written on every leaf, every bird, every river, every stone, every living being. We praise and worship you for the magnificence of your creation. Make us attentive to the wounds of the earth and willing to work for the healing of the whole creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**



NOTICES

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. Our **August donation of 74 lbs** included eggs, flour, cereal, canned goods, dried pasta, latte coffee, crackers, granola bars, candy, nuts, juices, peanut butter. Lois Tapscott and Rose Holden also prepared 40 “to-go” meals. The last day to bring **your food donations** is **Mon., Sep 23**, and the next “to-go” meals are scheduled to be distributed **on Wed., Sep. 25**.

LOVE GOD, LOVE GOD’S WORLD

Come join us as we celebrate God’s creation and discover how it relates to our faith in Christ Jesus. This **nine-session, film-based**

curriculum, created by The Episcopal Church, is meant to transform participants regardless of where they are on their creation care journey or what their role in creation care might be.

Our first session will be **this Wed., Sept. 18** from **6 to 7:30 p.m.** *We will begin with a short prayer service in the garden (weather permitting) and then meet in the Parish Hall for discussion and snacks.* Subsequent sessions will be held on the second Wednesday of each month. A sign-up sheet for this exciting and rewarding experience is in the narthex.

HEADS UP AND WALKING SHOES ON!!!

Good Shepherd's Meditation Walks resume in the fall with the theme of **"Returning Home to Nature"**, which will explore our spiritual and ecological roots in nature and our sense of homecoming in the natural world. We will discuss the autumnal equinox, a time when animals and people alike can experience a sense of returning home.

Join us for the first walk **this Sat., Sept. 21** from **10:30 a.m. to noon**, with a welcome from Josette & Janet, followed by a guided trail walk. Meet in the pavilion at Shenandoah University River Campus at Cool Spring, 1400 Parker Lane, Bluemont (Clarke County). Subsequent walks are planned for Oct. 19 and Nov. 16. Times and themes to be announced.

"TO LOVE AND HEAL CREATION"

All are invited to an **Environmental Ministry Conference** hosted by the diocese's Creation Care Committee on **Sat., Sept. 28** from **9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** at The Virginia Diocesan Center at Roslyn (8727 River Road, Henrico, VA 23229). Good Shepherd will cover your registration costs. Learn more at EpiscopalVirginia.org and contact Cindy **today** if you are interested.

GIVING FLOWERS

A gift of Sunday altar flowers is a wonderful way to give thanks or to remember a loved one. It also helps defray our weekly flower costs. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall. You may provide the flowers or make a monetary donation. Please let the Altar Guild know whom you are commemorating with your gift.

PRAYERS

Pray for our neighbors and for ways we can serve the community.

Friends and Family: Ray Ewing, Doug & Steve Bush (Ray's nephews); Pam Huff (Rose's friend); Carter Refo (Judy's cousin); Jon Edensword (Ray's friend); the Keelor and Mowe families; Jon Hall (Tim's brother); Nathaniel Cawood (Eileen's son) and his wife Abbie; Jon Ecklund (Christine's brother-in-law); Jean Ames (Judi Floyd's neighbor); The Rev. Michael Sie; Gloria Broy (Lois' friend); Nancy Kelley; Richard Sauer (Cindy's father) and his family; Kevin Tapscott (Lois' nephew); Yvette Webster (Rachel's partner);); Craig Eney (Andrea's brother-in-law); Priscilla Clark (Martha's mother); Hyden McClain (Nancy's great grandson); Alan Moeck (Christine's friend); Allison Knapp, Jamie Legg, and Joanne Conner (Josette's friends); Cat Cox (Retreat neighbor); Bobby Duke (Pine Grove neighbor); Rose Eiseman (Judi Floyd's friend's niece); Dane Toler (Lee's spouse); Janet Locklear; Debbie Rutter; the Adamson family in Russia; Dusty Bailey and Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends); Martha Hayes; Lee Ruddle; David Aikman (Charlene's husband); Tim & Cindy Ingram; Michael Mohn (previous clergy); Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother); Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend); Geraldine Kolowski, Sam Myers, John West, & Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

In thanksgiving for the lives of:

- Major General George W. Rutter (Rev. Deb's husband), May 17, 1927 – Aug. 12, 2024; and
- Caroline Marguerite Mowe (Ryan's niece), May 21, 1990 - Aug. 29, 2024; and
- Ann Ewing Bush (Ray's sister), February 10, 1940 - September 11, 2024; and
- Judson Hardy (Janet's Father), died on September 13, 2024.

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



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