

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia

I am
THE WAY
the TRUTH,
and the
Life.
No one comes to
the FATHER
except through
ME. JOHN 14:6

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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

Guidelines for indoor worship:

Masks are now optional. Masks and hand sanitizer are available at the welcome table in the Narthex, and sanitizer is available at other locations in the Sanctuary.



CALENDAR

SUN May 7 The 5th Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Martha Clark

SUN May 14 The 6th Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Deborah Rutter

Lay Reader: Ray Ewing | LEM/Prayers: Cindy Ingram

Zoomer: Tim Hall | Keyboard: Janet Locklear

THU May 18 Wilderness Church Webinar (free)

4:00 p.m. see NOTICES for more information

SUN May 21 The 7th Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer with Josette Keelor

Lay Reader: Lee Ruddle

Zoomer: Judy Hall | Guitar: Tim Hall

THU May 25 Vestry Meeting, 6:00 p.m. (Live at Good Shepherd and Virtual, via Zoom)

SUN May 28 The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Rob Banse

Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy | LEM/Prayers: Tim Hall

Zoomer: Judy Hall | Keyboard: Eileen Cawood

SUN Jun 4 The 1st Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Deborah Rutter

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. Martha Clark

LEM/Prayers: Josette Keelor | Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy

Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude “Rock of Ages”

Hastings/Wolaver

Opening **Hymn 432** “O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height”

Laudate Dominum

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant prays

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Praise **Hymn 178** “Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord”

vv. 1&4

Alleluia No. 1

Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

The First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Said responsively by half verse

In te, Domine, speravi

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
**I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."**
- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
**for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.**

15 My times are in your hand; *
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A Reading from the first letter of Peter.

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **Hymn 517** "How lovely is thy dwelling place"

Brother James' Air

Then, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

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

The Gospel: John 14:1-14

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me

will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Martha Clark

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.

Prayer Hymn 574 "Before thy throne, O God, we kneel"

vv. 1,2,3

St. Petersburg

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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 Christ Church,
Charlottesville; St. George's, Fredericksburg; St. Paul's Memorial,
Charlottesville; and . In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray today
for the Church in Wales. 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 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

For those suffering in Ukraine and those who have fled Ukraine, the homeless across our nation, and the victims of mass shootings and gun violence that continue unabated. For Bob Zidek, Penelope Yungblut, Martha Hayes, Sheila Tapscott, Karen Tapscott, Lee Ruddell, Tim Ingram, George & Debbie Rutter, Nancy Kelley, David Carter, Val Marsh, the Adamson family in Russia, Jorie & Richard Martin, the Desamparado family, Dusty Bailey & Ted Weaver, David Aikman, Michael Mohn, Kathleen Franz, Adele & Richard Sauer, Judith Refo, Noah Austin, Roberta Adams, Meredith and her daughter June Harmon, Pat Pearson, Virginia and her daughter Savannah, Shirley Russell, Pat Wolcott & her family, Virginia Matthis, Dee Buzzoni, Geraldine Kolowski, Lori Lilly Timmons, Sam Myers, and John West.

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 Aaron Matthis, Richard Wayne Butler, and the Rev. Alice Downing Davis, 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 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 Anthem “Come my Way, my Truth, my Life”

~ Josette & Eileen

The Call (Hymn 487)

The People stand for the Doxology

WLP 822 “Through north and south”

Laast uns erfreuen

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: 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.***

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,
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.

The Fraction Anthem: Be known to us

WLP 875

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.

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.

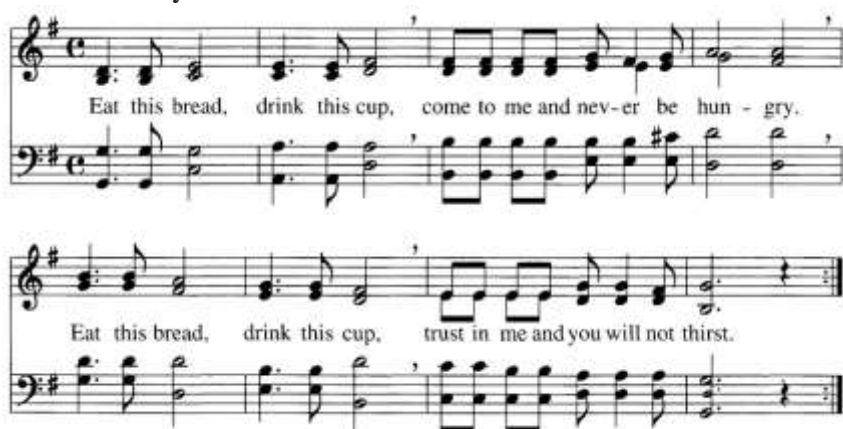
The Act of Reception

*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 ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

Communion **Hymn** “Eat this bread”

Taizé



After communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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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 Blessing

Closing Hymn 241 “Hearken to the anthem glorious”

Laus Deo

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



NOTICES

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to collect canned and dry goods, fresh produce, and paper products, for **FISH** to help the needy in our midst here in Clarke County. In April, we only donated 27 pounds of food as well as diapers and toiletries. We've put shelves in the narthex for your donations to bring them more prominence. **Let's step it up in May and go for 100 pounds!** Donations in May are due by the 28th.

Going forward, the **FISH Community Table mobile food pantry** will distribute from Good Shepherd on the first Saturday of every month. Thank you to everyone who volunteered on Saturday morning, May 6 for another successful event. Please talk to Lois to help out with FISH in any way.

FELLOWSHIP

New Good Shepherd directories are available as hard copies in the Narthex. If you'd like an electronic copy, please tell Tim Hall.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Forward Day-by-Day booklets for May, June, and July are available in the Narthex. Please take one for yourself and one to share.

BISHOP VISIT

We were overjoyed to welcome **The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris** this past Sunday. Bishop Harris spent many hours with us and joined us for lunch afterwards, answering our questions and sharing many stories. **Thank you to everyone who contributed to the luncheon and to her Bishop's Discretionary fund. We raised \$355,** which will be forwarded to the diocese on her behalf. **Wow!**

GIVING

Our Sunday and special services offering is collected in the plate by the entrance. You may also send your donations by mail to the address on the back page. **Thank you for your generosity.**

OUR FACILITY

Good Shepherd is available for weddings, other special events, and regular meetings. Send an email to office@goodshepherdblueмонт.org for more information.

Our leaking outdoor faucet has been fixed and a new outdoor faucet added on the east side of the building, near the Prayer and Meditation Garden. In the other gardens below the church and by our sign, we'd be happy to accept **donations of divided bulbs or perennials**, if you have any to offer!

WORSHIPPING WILDERNESS STYLE

May 18, 4:00 p.m. on Zoom

You're invited to learn about an exciting model for worship that attracts newcomers. Father Pete Nunally will share how "Wilderness Church" has brought growth and new perspectives to St. Mary's, Arlington. Originally designed to provide safe worship during the pandemic, St. Mary's Wilderness Church has become a regular, twice-monthly service with over 60 attendees gathering at a local park on the river. To learn more about taking worship into the wild, join this **FREE webinar** hosted by the diocesan Creation Care Committee, sign-up here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wilderness-church-webinar-tickets-624365362607>



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Treasurer: Cindy Ingram

Junior Warden: Tim Hall

Register: Janet Locklear

PRAYERS

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

Friends and Family: For those in Ukraine and those who have fled Ukraine, the homeless across our nation, and the victims of mass shootings and gun violence that continue unabated. For Bob Zidek, Penelope Yungblut, Martha Hayes, Sheila Tapscott, Karen Tapscott, Lee Ruddle, Tim Ingram, George & Debbie Rutter, David Carter, Nancy Kelley, Val Marsh, the Adamson Family (in Russia), Jorie & Richard Martin, the Desamparado family (Cindy's cousins in the Philippines), 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), Noah Austin (Tim Ingram's nephew), Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend), Meredith and her daughter June Harmon (Cindy's friends), Pat Pearson, Virginia and her daughter Savannah, Shirley Russell (longtime Bluemont resident), Pat Wolcott & her family (in-laws of Josette), Virginia Matthis (Martha Clark's friend), Dee Buzzoni, Geraldine Kolowski, Lori Lilly Timmons, Sam Myers & John West (Darlene's friends & family).

In thanksgiving for the lives of **Aaron Matthis** (grandson of Martha Clark's friend) who died last week; **Richard Wayne Butler** (Martha Hayes' friend) who died April 6, 2023 in Berryville; and the **Rev. Alice Downing Davis**, a priest of the Diocese of Virginia, who served at Good Shepherd in the 1990's and died April 3, 2023 in Newport News.

To add someone to or remove someone from the prayer list, send an email to prayerlist@goodshepherdblueмонт.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, pray today for Christ Church, Charlottesville; St. George's, Fredericksburg; St. Paul's Memorial, Charlottesville; and Ware, Gloucester.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray today for the Church in Wales.

