

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



“Paul teaching in Athens”

engraving by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld.
from “Die Bibel in Bildern (The Bible in Pictures)” 1852-1861.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
“Rogation Sunday”

May 14, 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 14 The 6th Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Deborah Rutter

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
Lay Reader/LEM: Cindy Ingram | Prayers: Lee Ruddle
Zoomer: Penni Tidwell | Keyboard: Janet Locklear

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: Cindy Ingram | Lay Reader: Ray Ewing

Keyboardist: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Tim Hall

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

William Runyon

Opening **Hymn 292** “O Jesus, crowned with all renown”

Kingsfold

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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 66:7-18

Jubilate Deo

Said responsively by half verse

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
**which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A Reading from the first letter of Peter.

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to

anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **Hymn 428** "O all ye works of God, now come"

vv. 1-5

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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 14:15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live,

you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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:
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 516 "Come down, O Love divine"

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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 St. David's,
Ashburn; St. John's, McLean; St. Paul's, Richmond; and St. Peter's,
Arlington. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for the
Church of the Province of West Africa. 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 Priscilla Clark & Martha Clark, Bob Zidek & Bryan Zidek, Penelope Yungblut, Martha Hayes, Sheila Tapscott, Karen Tapscott, Lee Ruddle, 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, 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 prays the following Collect. (from New Zealand Prayer Book)

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all

things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 “All Good Gifts” (from Godspell)

by Stephen Schwartz

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 corazón te adora!***

Mi corazón 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

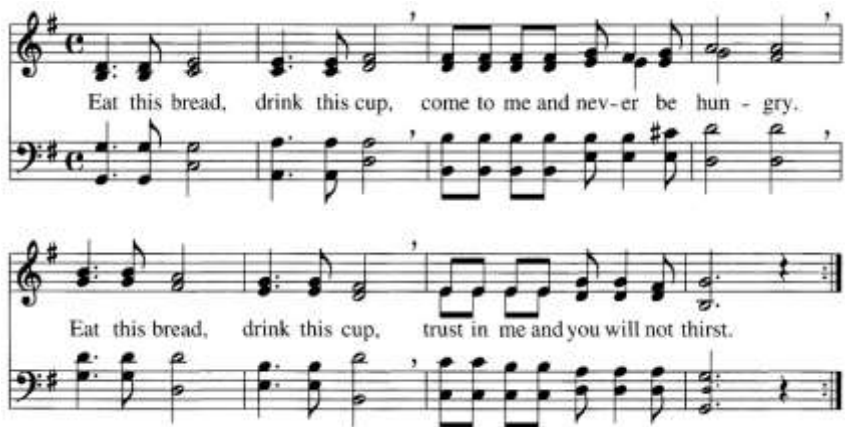
*The Celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all **virtual** participants.*

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”

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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 291 “We plow the fields and scatter”

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The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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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.

Would you like to join a weekly online discussion group this Summer, using “**The Creation Care Bible Challenge**”, with 50 daily bible readings, reflections, and questions exploring our relationship with God the Creator and His Creation. We'll start with a Zoom meeting on Monday June 12th at 5pm to review the Challenge and agree upon a schedule and end around July 31st. Please contact Judy (judyrefo@gmail.com or 540-454-2148) to reserve your spot and your free book, provided by the church.

OUR FACILITY

Good Shepherd is available for weddings, other special events, and regular meetings. Send an email to office@goodshepherdbluemont.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 Meditation Garden. For our other gardens, we'd be happy to accept **donations of divided bulbs or perennials**, if you have any to offer! Talk to Janet or Tim.

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 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>

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.**



PRAYERS

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

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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.

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