

# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 23, 2023

# **Welcome to Good Shepherd Church**

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

### **UPDATED guidelines for indoor worship:**

Masks are now optional and are available at the welcome table in the Narthex. Hand sanitizer is available at many locations in the church.

We are again sharing communion wine from the common cup. If you would prefer not to partake, you may make a sign of the cross with the host over the cup as it passes.

### **❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ CALENDAR ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖**

**MON Jul 24 Creation Care Bible Challenge, 6 p.m. via Zoom**

**THU Jul 27 Prayer and Meditation Garden help, 9-11 a.m.**

**SUN Jul 30 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Healing Service, with**

The Rev. Rob Banse

LEM & Prayers: Josette Keelor

Lay Readers: Ray Ewing & Penelope Yungblut

Zoomer: Penni Tidwell | Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood

**MON Jul 31 Creation Care Bible Challenge, 6 p.m. via Zoom**

**THU Aug 3 Prayer and Meditation Garden help, 9-11 a.m.**

**SAT Aug 5 FISH Community Table help, 9-11 a.m.**

**SUN Aug 6 Feast of the Transfiguration**

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

LEM & Prayers: Judy Hall | Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy

Zoomer: Tim Hall | Keyboardist: Janet Locklear

**SUN Aug 13 The 11th Sunday after Pentecost**

**11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer at Wickliffe Church**

with The Rev. Justin Ivatts, Officiant

Joining with the congregations of Clarke Parish

Potluck luncheon under the trees following

**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

Celebrants: The Rev. Deborah Rutter

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

Zoomer: Judy Hall | Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood

## Welcome and Introduction

Prelude “There Is a Happy Land” *Traditional Spiritual/McDonald*

Opening **Hymn 365** “Come, thou almighty King” *Moscow*

## 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.**

*The following hymn is sung, all standing* *Hymnal S-280*

**Glory to God in the highest,**

**and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father, Amen.**

## 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, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 Book of Isaiah.

### **The Old Testament: Isaiah 44:6-8**

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,  
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?  
There is no other rock; I know not one.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 86:11-17

*Said responsively by half verse\**

*Inclina, Domine*

- 11 Teach me your way, O LORD,  
and I will walk in your truth; \*  
**knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.**
- 12 I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, \*  
**and glorify your Name for evermore.**
- 13 For great is your love toward me; \*  
**you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.**
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,  
and a band of violent men seeks my life; \*  
**they have not set you before their eyes.**
- 15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, \*  
**slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.**
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
**give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.**
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
**because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

*The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

## The Epistle: Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the

creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **Hymn 589** “Almighty God, your word is cast”

*Walden*

*Then, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

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

### **The Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

*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 601 “O day of God, draw nigh”

*St. Michael*

## **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 The Episcopal Church  
and the Anglican Communion and their Bishops. In the *Anglican  
Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Church of the Province of



Central 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 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 the safety and freedom from theft for Pine Grove and Retreat residents and Appalachian Trail hikers. For Judson Hardy (Janet's gather), Penelope Yungblut, Martha Hayes, Sheila Tapscott, Karen Tapscott, Lee Ruddle, Steve Ingram & Tim Ingram, George & Debbie Rutter, David Carter, Nancy Kelley, Dr. Porter Burks Echols, Jr., the Adamson Family (in Russia), Jorie & Richard Martin, Dusty Bailey & Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends), David Aikman (Charlene's husband), Michael Mohn and Ralph Bayfield (previous clergy), Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother), Adele & Richard Sauer (Cindy's parents), Judith Refo (Judy's mother), Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend), Pat Pearson, Pat Wolcott & her family (in-laws of Josette), Virginia Matthis (Martha Clark's friend), and Dee Buzzoni, Geraldine Kolowski, Sam Myers, John West & Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

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.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*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 482** “Lord of all hopefulness”

*Slane*

*(The people remain seated)*

*The People stand for the Doxology*

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

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*BCP, p.367*

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

*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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: *[Hymnal S-125]*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

*The People may be seated or kneel*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*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.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

*BCP p. 364*

**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 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.*

*After communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*BCP p. 365*

**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 453 “As Jacob with travel was weary” *Jacob’s Ladder*

### 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. We donated 114 pounds of food in June.

Let’s see if we can stock our shelves in the narthex with over 100 pounds of donations again in July.

Our next hosting of the FISH Community Table will be on August 5. Please talk to Lois Tapscott to help with FISH in any way.

### FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to everyone who made our **Church Picnic & Ice Cream Social** a success yesterday. We’ll have pictures and more to report in our upcoming **late summer newsletter** being published this week.

If you have anything you’d like included in the newsletter, which will include stories about what’s happened at Good Shepherd so far this summer and a look at what’s planned for August and September, please let Judy know as soon as possible.

Clarke Parish is hosting **“Thoughtful Thursdays”** at Wickliffe Church every Thursday through August 10. Evening Prayer begins at

7:30 p.m., led by Caroline Mitchell and Becki Casey. Following the service, all are invited to stay to enjoy some (BYO) wine and snacks in the beautiful churchyard.

### **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

The Good Shepherd **summer Bible study** is underway, using The Creation Care 50-Day Bible Challenge. We are meeting Mondays at 6 p.m. via Zoom to share our thoughts on the previous week's readings. Join us in the Good Shepherd meeting room whenever your schedule allows.

### **OUR FACILITY**

**Help Wanted:** Planning and implementing our **Good Shepherd Fall Festival** that we will be held on **October 7**. We've got lots of great ideas that will benefit from your input and energy. Things like:

- A free community breakfast in conjunction with our hosting of the FISH Community Table that morning
- Blessing of the Animals (for St. Francis Day)
- Guided walks to find chestnut trees
- Outdoor dedication ceremony of our Prayer & Meditation Garden with reception to follow
- Evening vespers service (in the garden)

.... and we would love your ideas for more activities

**We are looking for folks** to help with or lead the various activities, invite the community, publicize the event, and organize the reception. Please talk to Cindy Ingram or Tim Hall to get involved.

**Plants Wanted:** We'd love your **donations of divided bulbs or perennials** for our sign, walkway, and foundation gardens. If you have any to offer, and the energy to plant them, please talk to Janet Locklear or Tim Hall.

**Cindy Ingram invites you** to join her every Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. to work in the prayer and meditation gardens. Tasks that need to be completed include spreading top soil and mulch, weeding, and watering as necessary.

## 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](mailto: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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