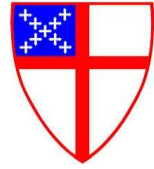


# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia

*Come to me,*

all you who are  
weary and burdened,

*and I will give you rest.*

Mathew 11:28



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The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 5, 2026

***Follow Christ. Welcome All. Serve Humbly.***

**Welcome to Good Shepherd Church**  
**We are so glad you are here or joining us online!**



## CALENDAR

- SUN Jul 5**      **The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
11:00 a.m.      **Morning Prayer** with Kelly Macoy
- SUN Jul 12**      **The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
11:00 a.m.      **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Kate Bryant  
Lay Reader: Lee Ruddle  
LEM/Prayers: Josette Keelor | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell  
Music Leader: Janet Locklear
- SAT Jul 18**      **Vestry Meeting** (10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall)
- SUN Jul 19**      **The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
11:00 a.m.      **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Rob Banse  
Lay Readers: Josette Keelor & Lee Ruddle  
LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall | Zoomer: Rick Whitehouse  
Music Leader: Tim Hall
- SUN Jul 26**      **The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
11:00 a.m.      **Last day for FISH food & funds donations**  
**Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Deborah Rutter  
Lay Readers: Lee Ruddle & Kelly Macoy  
LEM/Prayers: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Judy Hall  
Music Leader: Janet Locklear
- TUE Jul 28**      **Morning FISH delivery, followed by...**  
10:00 a.m.      **Preparation of “to-go” meals** (Parish Hall basement)
- WED Jul 29**      **Distribute FISH “to-go” meals** (morning)



**The Pine Grove AA** meets at Good Shepherd every Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in person or by Zoom. Drop in or contact:

<https://aavirginia.org/meetings> - search for Bluemont.



Women's Al-Anon meetings at Good Shepherd every Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Ladies, feel free to join in.

**We do not pass the plate to collect the offering. You may leave your gifts in the offering plate on the table in the Narthex.**

# Daily Morning Prayer: Rite II

Officiant: Kelly Macoy

Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards

Music Leader: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Ron Edwards

## Welcome and Introduction

**Prelude:** “America the Beautiful”

*arr. Eric Copeland*

Opening **Hymn 608** “O God, our help in ages past”

*vv. 1-3*

## Opening Sentence *(The People stand)*

*Officiant* Grace to you and peace from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *(Philippians 1:2)*

*People* **I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord. *(Psalm 122:1)***

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Now let us pray, confessing our sins against God and our neighbor.

## Confession of Sin *(Please be seated or kneel)*

*BCP p. 79*

*Officiant and People together*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Officiant says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

*(The People stand)*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*BCP p. 80*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

*The Antiphon (Officiant)*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

*Officiant and People*

**The Venite (Psalm 95:1-7)**

*BCP p. 82 (Hymnal S-25)*

***Come, let us sing to the Lord;***

***let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.***

***Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.***

***For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.***

***In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.***

***The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.***

***Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.***

***For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!***

**The Lessons** (*The People may be seated*)

*The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying*

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

**The Old Testament: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67**

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am

standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.'

"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 45:11-18**

*Said responsively by half verse*

- 11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; \*  
**forget your people and your father's house.**
- 12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; \*  
**he is your master; therefore do him honor.**
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; \*  
**the rich among the people seek your favor."**
- 14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; \*  
**her gown is cloth-of-gold.**
- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; \*  
**after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.**
- 16 With joy and gladness they are brought, \*  
**and enter into the palace of the king.**
- 17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; \*  
**you shall make them princes over all the earth.**
- 18 I will make your name to be remembered  
from one generation to another; \*  
**therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."**

*The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying*

A Reading from Paul's letter to Romans.

**The New Testament: Romans 7:15-25a**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

Gradual **Hymn 516** "Come down, O Love divine"

*The Reader introduces the third lesson, saying*

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

**The Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

**The Homily**

*Kelly Macoy*

**The Apostles’ Creed**

*BCP p. 96*

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Prayers

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*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

## The Lord's Prayer

*People and Celebrant*

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*The People may be seated or kneel*

## Suffrages A

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- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R. Let your people sing with joy.**
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*The Officiant prays the Collect of the Day*

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## A Collect for Sundays

*The Officiant and People pray together*

**O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*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: (*see back page of bulletin*). 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 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 Shrine Mont Camps, their Leaders and Campers. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Anglican Church of South America. For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, Presiding Bishop; for Mark, Gayle, and Mark, our Bishops; for Debbie, Rob, Kate, and Martha, 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, 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 Officiant continues with other Collects, concluding with*

### **A Prayer for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

*The Officiant invites the people to pray the General Thanksgiving together.*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*BCP p. 101*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

### *The Officiant prays* **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*BCP p. 102*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*(The People stand)*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

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

**The Grace** (*Ephesians 3:20, 21*)

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen**

**The Peace**

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**Greetings and Announcements** (*Please be seated*)

**The Offertory**

*The Officiant begins with a sentence of Scripture.*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

*The People stand for the Doxology*

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

*Officiant* All things come of thee, O God.

*People* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The Officiant and People Pray*

**Oh God, our loving Creator and Giver of all good gifts, bless our parish, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may give generously of ourselves to spread Your kingdom here in our church and throughout the world. For this, we pray to the Lord. Amen.**

**Closing Prayer**

Grant, we beseech you, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through your grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing **LEVAS 226** “The Battle Hymn of the Republic”

## The Dismissal

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



## PRAYERS

*Please pray for our neighbors  
and ways to serve the community.*

***Friends and Family Prayers:*** The family of Greg Maurer on his passing (friends of Ron and Christine); Natalie Sweeney; The Aguilar family (Christine's family); Janie Mohn (Rev. Michael Mohn's widow); The Buzalsky family (on the death of their 27-year-old son, Leo); Laura & Stephen and their new baby, Corrigan (Martha's friends); Carol Newman (Pine Grove neighbor); Sam Wiggington (Judi Floyd's neighbor); Bob Zidek (Bryan's dad); Judy Anderson (Bluemont neighbor); Brian Sweeney (Natalie's brother); Amie Comer (friend at Rose Hill); Donna Sowder and Terri Huff (Rose's friends); Darlene Schaffer and her friends & family: Sam Myers, John West, and Kenny Lucas; Eileen Cawood; Nancy Kelley, Tammy (Nancy's daughter), Jennifer (Nancy's grand-daughter); Yvette Webster (Rachel's partner); Craig Eney (Andrea's brother-in-law); David Aikman (Charlene's husband); Dusty Bailey and Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends); Martha Hayes; Lee Ruddle & Dane Toler; Tim & Cindy Ingram; Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother).

***To add someone to or remove someone from the prayer list,  
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