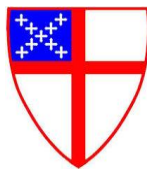


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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Wheat or Weed?

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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

Follow Christ. Welcome All. Serve Humbly.

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church



CALENDAR

- SUN Jul 19** **The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Rob Banse
- SAT Jul 25** **Lay Worship Leader Training**
Time TBD at Christchurch, Millwood
- SUN Jul 26** **The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**
Last day for FISH food & funds donations
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle
LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall | Zoomer: Tim 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)
- SUN Aug 2** **The 10th Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards
LEM/Prayers: Kelly Macoy | Zoomer: Ron Edwards
Music Leader: Tim Hall
- SAT Aug 8** **Vestry Meeting** 10am in the Parish Hall
- SUN Aug 9** **The 11th Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Homecoming Service** at Wickliffe Church (see Notices)



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.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: The Rev. Rob Banse

Lay Readers: Janet Locklear & Lee Ruddell

LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall | Music Leader: Tim Hall

Zoomer: Rick Whitehouse

Welcome and Introduction

Gradual **Hymn 372** "Praise to the living God!"

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

Amen.

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 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 ...

Spirit, we love you ...

The 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 Genesis.

The Old Testament: Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 139: 1-11, 22-23

Said responsively by half verse

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
**you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

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 302** "Father, we thank thee who has planted"

Then, all standing, 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 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 541** “Come labor on”

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 Members of Racial Reconciliation/Outreach/Mission/Creation Care committees and all those for whom they labor. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan. 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 Leader continues

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

Leader and People

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace (*the People stand*)

Celebrant The peace of Christ 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 **LEVAS 220** “We are climbing Jacob’s ladder”

The People stand for the Doxology

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

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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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: [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 stand 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.

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,

The Lord's Prayer

People and Celebrant

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Act of Reception for Spiritual Communion

*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 people and ministers 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 the People

Closing **Hymn 423** “Immortal, invisible, God only wise”

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**



NOTICES

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING AND

LICENSES FOR GOOD SHEPHERD WORSHIP LEADERS

The Diocese requires Safe Church Training to be licensed for leadership roles. The vestry has 100% completed Safe Church Training! All five of our LEMS have completed Safe Church Training and are in the process of being licensed with the help of Rev. Melanie Lewis of Millwood, the Region Dean. Thank you, Melanie, for shepherding us through this process.

Melanie+ has planned and scheduled a Lay Worship Leader class on Sat., July 25. Four of us are attending so we can be licensed to lead a worship service as Morning Prayer. Thank you, Melanie, for offering this class so people from Good Shepherd can attend!

The Rev'd Shirley Smith-Graham—Canon for Congregational Vitality is working out a process for Good Shepherd to obtain the training required to become Licensed Lay Worship Preachers. Shirley+ has been coordinating with Rev'd Jenks Hobson, Canon Ricardo Sheppard, and others to find a way forward for Good Shepherd.

It takes a village to support a small mission church in the Blue Ridge Mountains. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful village in the Diocese of Virginia.

OUR COMMUNITY



Thank you to each of you that have made donations to FISH. In June, we donated **61 pounds of food**, and our FISH team (Janet, Christine & Peggy) prepared and delivered **42 turkey slider lunches** and **10 veggie spaghetti**s. Please contact Janet Locklear to help with this important ministry in our community.

WEBSITE UPGRADE

Christine Kestner has been working on bringing the new SquareSpace website live. We plan to migrate away from the current Websolutions site by the end of the summer. The newer site will be easier to update and will better integrate with our Google Drive. **Look for more website notices this month.**

SCHEDULING VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to everyone that helps keep our church running by taking part in the worship services and helping with the altar, teller duties, after church refreshments and cleanup, and so much more. Please be sure to sign up for the rest of the summer and the fall.

ANNUAL HOMECOMING SERVICE AT WICKLIFFE CHURCH

On Sun., Aug. 9, we gather at **11 a.m.** with two other Clarke County Episcopal churches — St. Mary's and Grace — for a special worship service at historic Wickliffe Church (built in 1819). The service will be followed by fellowship and a potluck picnic lunch underneath the shady oak trees. This is always a fun event and a nice way to meet other local Christian siblings. Please plan on coming and bring a potluck dish to share (appetizer, main, side, or dessert). ***Note: We will NOT be holding a service at Good Shepherd on that Sunday.***



OTHER NOTICES

If you have a notice you'd like included in the bulletin, please send it to our office email address (on back page) with subject "NOTICES".



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 & 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, send an email to prayerlist@goodshepherdblueмонт.org



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