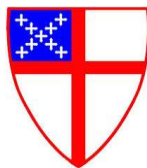


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

Follow Christ. Welcome All. Serve Humbly.

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church



*The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God
by Tim Hall in loving memory of his mother,
Nancy Elizabeth Smith, born this day in 1921.*



CALENDAR

- SUN Aug 2 The 10th Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 a.m. **“Modern Parables”** Adult Sunday School
 until 10:45 in the Parish Hall
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Deborah Rutter
- 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)
- SUN Aug 16 The 12th Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 a.m. **“Modern Parables”** Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Rob Banse
 Lay Readers: Judy Hall & Rick Whitehouse
 LEM/Prayers: Kelly Macoy | Zoomer: Tim Hall
 Music Leader: Janet Locklear
- SUN Aug 23 The 13th Sunday after Pentecost**
 Last day for FISH food & funds donations
10:00 a.m. **“Modern Parables”** Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Deborah Rutter
 Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards
 LEM/Prayers: Kelly Macoy | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell
 Music Leader: Tim Hall



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



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. Deborah Rutter

Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards

LEM/Prayers: Kelly Macoy | Music Leader: Tim Hall

Zoomer: Ron Edwards

Welcome and Introduction

Opening **Hymn 657** “Love divine, all loves excelling”

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.

Gloria Patri

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*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen*

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.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 Genesis.

The Old Testament: Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 17:1-7, 16

Said responsively by half verse

- 1 **Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD;**
give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *

incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *

**O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.**

16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; *

**when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding
your likeness.**

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

The Epistle: Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **WLP 761** "All who hunger gather gladly"

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 14:13-21

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and

the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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:
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 301** “Bread of the world, in mercy broken”

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

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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 the Continuing Care Communities within the Diocese and their Residents and Staff. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Church of the Province of Uganda. 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.

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. (BCP p. 816)

Amen.

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Christ our Lord. (BCP p. 817)

Amen.

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.**

Announcement

Birthdays & Anniversaries

THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Offertory **Hymn 343** “Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless”

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,

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 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 154** "Taste and See"

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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 **LEVAS 154** “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**



NOTICES

ANNUAL HOMECOMING SERVICE AT WICKLIFFE CHURCH

Next Sunday, 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 next Sunday.***



LICENSES FOR GOOD SHEPHERD WORSHIP LEADERS

Three of our parishioners – Kelly Macoy and Tim & Judy Hall – attended Lay Worship Leader training on Saturday, July 24. A big thank you to Rev. Melanie Lewis of Christchurch Millwood, the Region Dean. For offering this class and shepherding us through the process so people from Good Shepherd can be officially licensed to lead Morning Prayer!

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



FISH Mission Statement

"Our mission is to make sure everyone in Clarke County has access to the food, clothing, and support they need. "

Thank you to everyone who makes donations to FISH. Your gifts of food, funds, and time are critical to this ministry. For July, Good Shepherd donated about 20 pounds of food and a check for \$590 from funds donated by parishioners in June and July.

This past week Peggy, Janet, and Andrea made 42 turkey slider lunches. Christine made 7 vegan lunches with lentils and potatoes with tomatoes, green beans, kale, other veggies, and a balsamic dressing. Eileen, Judy, and Tim helped deliver food, and Christine and Judy handed out the lunches. Please **contact Janet Locklear to help** with this important ministry in our community.

Also, please remember FISH when you're doing your grocery shopping and **consider buying a little extra** to give to those in need. ***Weekly donations of a few items by everyone will really add up!***

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.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES...

We have the Summer 2026 update to our church Friends and Family directory available for pickup in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. If you'd like an electronic copy of the directory, please email the office (see back page) to request one.

FORWARD DAY-BY-DAY

Take away copies of the devotional for **Aug-Sep-Oct are available in the Narthex.** We provide Forward Day-by-Day to parishioners as a simple and effective way to have a daily prayer practice. Each day features a Bible verse from the daily readings and a related reflection written by a different author each month, all in fewer than 200 words. It even includes the daily feast days, as well as prompts to take faithful action in your daily life. Please take one home for yourself, and one for a friend.

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: Bethany Whitehouse; Suffragan Bishop Michael Sie of Liberia; The Aguilar family (Christine's family); 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), and 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@goodshepherdbluemont.org*



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