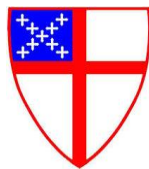
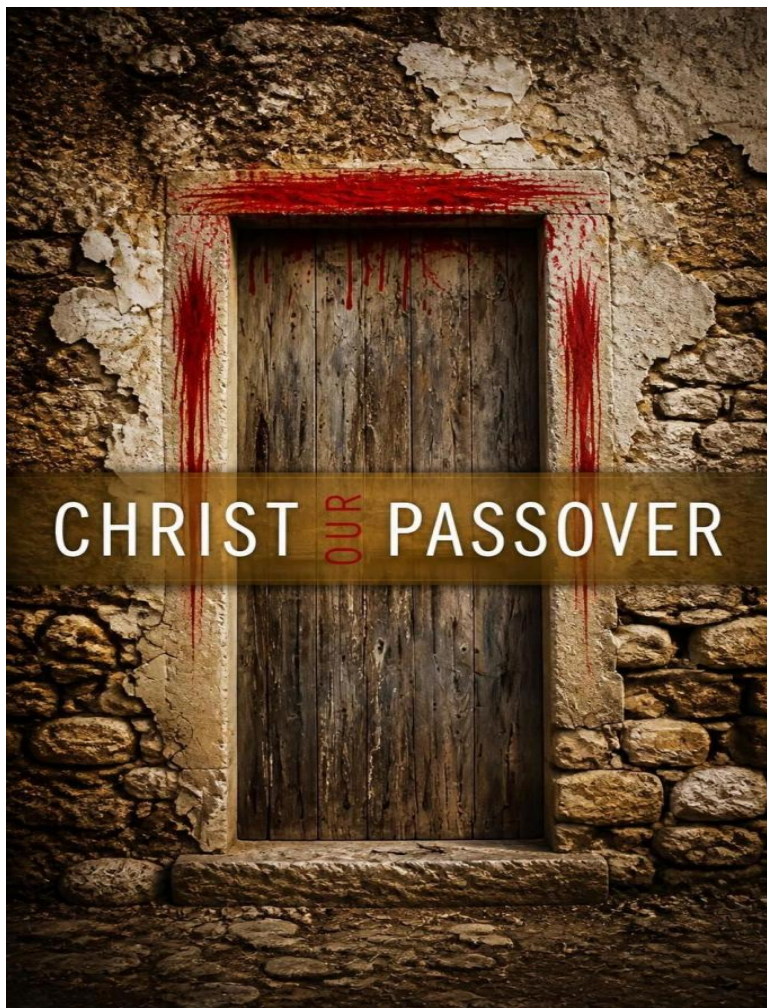


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The 15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026

Follow Christ. Welcome All. Serve Humbly.

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church



Our Vision:

Good Shepherd strives to be a welcoming and nurturing congregation, rooted in the knowledge and love of Christ, and committed to growing spiritually and serving our neighbors.



CALENDAR

- SUN Sep 6 The 15th Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 a.m. **“Modern Parables”** Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer** with Tim Hall
- SUN Sep 13 The 16th Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 a.m. **“Modern Parables”** Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle
LEM/Prayers: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Rick Whitehouse
Music Leader: Janet Locklear
- SAT Sep 19 Bluemont Fair (all day Saturday & Sunday)**
9:00 a.m. **“I Will with God’s Help”** (see Notices)
10:00 a.m. **Vestry Meeting** in the Parish Hall
- SUN Sep 20 The 17th Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 a.m. **“Modern Parables”** Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer** with Kelly Macoy
Lay Readers: Judy Hall & Rick Whitehouse
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. 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, please 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: Tim Hall

Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards

Music Leader: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Ron Edwards

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude: “Simple Gifts”

arr. Chrissy Ricker

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*)

Opening hymn **LEVAS 228** “Go Down, Moses”

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-35)

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 Exodus.

The Old Testament: Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 149

Said responsively by half verse

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; *

sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *

and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *

let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *

and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *

and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains *

and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *

this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A Reading from Paul's letter to Romans.

The New Testament: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual **Hymn 581** “Where charity and love prevail”

vv. 1-5

The Reader introduces the third lesson, saying

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

The Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

Tim Hall

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.

Prayer **Hymn 674** “Forgive our sins as we forgive”

The Prayers

BCP p. 97

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

People and Celebrant

BCP p. 97

The People may be seated or kneel

Suffrages A

BCP p. 97

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP p. 392

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 Sunday School teachers, Youth leaders and Adult Christian Formation leaders. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria. 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.

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.

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 pray for all who have died, remembering especially Sonny Colbert, Sandy Silvestro, and Jeannie Light, 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.

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.

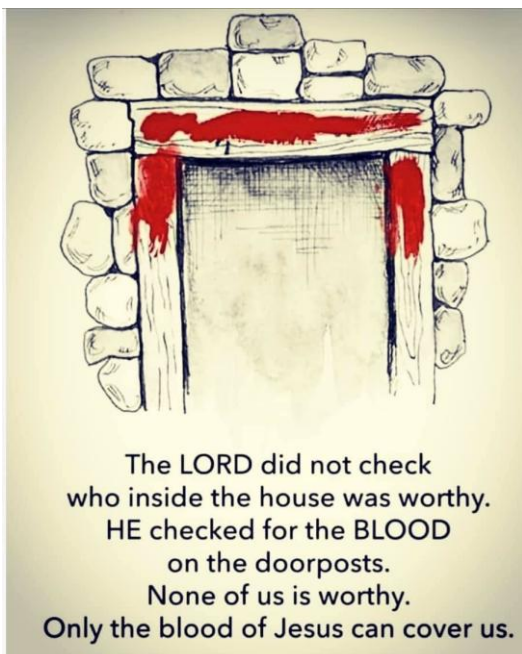
Closing Prayer

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 **Hymn 379** “God is love, let heaven adore him”

The Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**



NOTICES

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. In August, Good Shepherd collected **\$340 for FISH** and Eileen delivered the **51 lbs. of donated food**. Peggy and Janet made 42 turkey slider lunches. Christine made 12 vegan lentil/rice salad lunches. Of course, apple sauce, fruit and fruit cups, trail mix, and chips were available for all.

Please **contact Janet Locklear to help** with this important ministry in our community.

Also, please remember FISH when 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 complete the migration in September, but before we do, please check it out and give feedback: <https://goodshepherdbluemont.org/> Please email any updates, information, and/or photos to Christine. Thank you for your help.

SCHEDULING VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to everyone helping to 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 fall.

BIBLE OUTREACH

Good Shepherd donated 21 children's bibles, geared for different age groups, to support Amie Comer's **Vacation Bible School** last Sunday, Aug. 30 at **Rose Hill Health & Rehab in Berryville**.

Natalie Sweeney also brought a homemade baked beans dish called “cowboy beans” and Tim Hall played guitar for the residents.

“I WILL WITH GOD’S HELP” – RACIAL HEALING TRAINING!

Join facilitator Gwen Malone, from Clarke Parish, for this new Diocesan program scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (lunch provided) on **Sat., Sept. 19**, at Grace Church, Berryville. It will include spirit-centered conversations about justice, practical tools for ministry, and liturgically centered racial justice training with a closing Eucharist. Register at: <https://episcopalvirginia.org/event/i-will-with-gods-help-workshop-berryville/>

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. Please take one home for yourself, and one for a friend.

VESTRY NEWS

At its August meeting, your vestry authorized the following Outreach Projects for the remainder of 2026:

- October Blessings – special call for food and supplies for the Clarke County Animal Shelter during the month of October, including a vestry match of up to \$500 for monetary donations. We’ll be starting with our **“Blessing of the Animals” service on Oct. 4.**
- Blue Ridge VFR – \$500 donation discussed and approved.
- Christmas Tins – discussed and approved.

The Good Shepherd 2027 draft Budget request to the Diocese was reviewed and approved.

The vestry is exploring the process of retaining part-time clergy, which includes meeting with the Diocesan transition minister to learn next steps and clarifying the financial requirements.

PRAYERS

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

Friends and Family Prayers: Katie & Craig Eney (Andrea's sister and brother-in-law); 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 granddaughter); Yvette Webster (Rachel's partner); 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

In thanksgiving for the lives of

- Sonny Colbert (lifelong Bluemont neighbor), Jan. 17, 1930–Aug. 7, 2026,
- Sandy Silvestro (Rose's friend and our most loyal Zoom worshipper), who died on Aug. 15, 2026, and
- Jeannie Light (Charlene's friend), Nov. 17, 1941–Aug. 22, 2026.



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