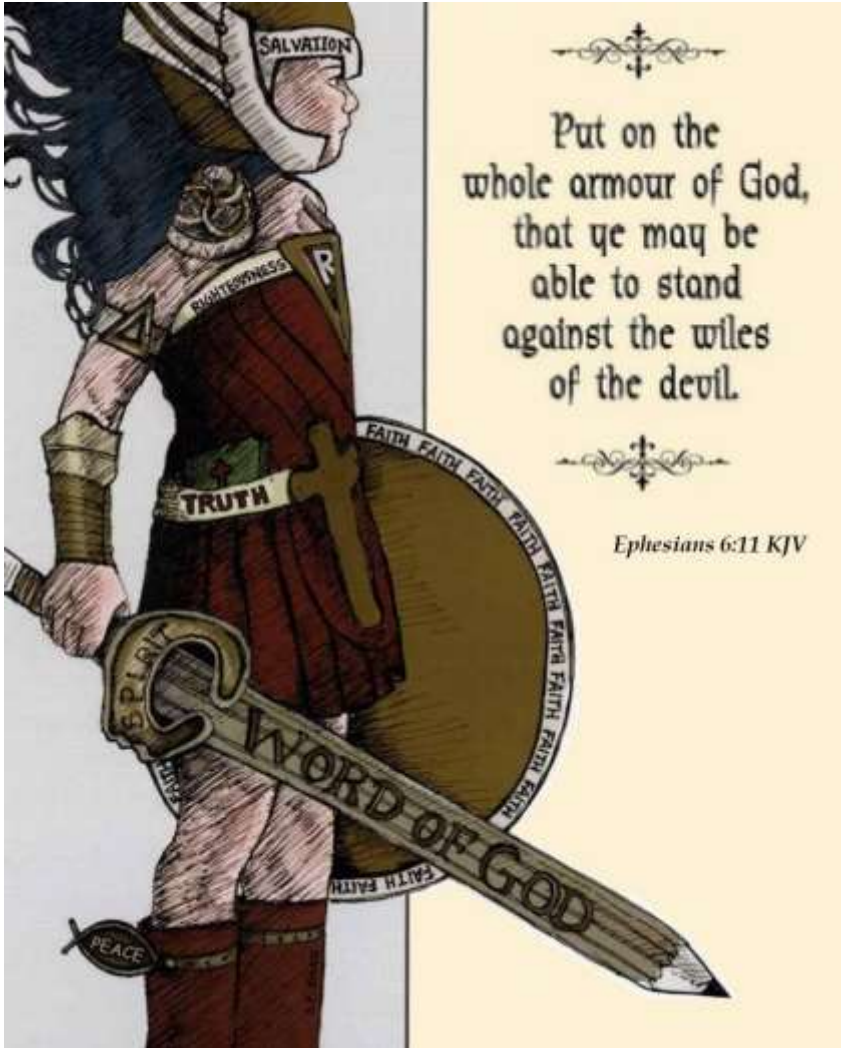


# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



Put on the  
whole armour of God,  
that ye may be  
able to stand  
against the wiles  
of the devil.

*Ephesians 6:11 KJV*

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The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 25, 2024

# Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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



*The altar flowers today are the gift of Faye's Flowers  
in memory of and thanksgiving for Faye Zidek, Sophia Zidek's grandmother.*



### CALENDAR

- SUN Aug 25** The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, with Cindy Ingram
- MON Aug 26** Last day to bring donations for FISH
- WED Aug 28** Distribution of FISH “to-go” meals
- SUN Sep 1** The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Rob Banse  
LEM/Prayers: Cindy Ingram  
Lay Readers: Janet Locklear & Lee Ruddle  
Keyboardist: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Tim Hall
- SUN Sep 8** The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Martha Clark  
LEM/Prayers: Tim Hall  
Lay Readers: Eileen Cawood & Josette Keelor  
Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell
- THU Sep 12** Vestry Meeting, 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- SUN Sep 15** The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Deb Rutter  
LEM/Prayers: Josette Keelor  
Lay Readers: Ron and Christine Kestner  
Musicians: Tim Hall & Rose Holden Zoomer: Judy Hall
- WED Sep 18** First session of Love God, Love God's World  
6:00 p.m. (see Notices)
- SAT Sep 21** Mediation Walk with Josette Keelor & Janet Locklear  
10:30 a.m. at Cool Springs (see Notices)

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.



# DAILY MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

Officiant: Cindy Ingram

Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Kelly Macoy

Keyboardist: Janet Locklear | Guitarist: Rose Holden

Zoomer: Judy Hall

## Welcome and Introduction

Prelude: "The Old Rugged Cross"

*George Bennard*

## Opening Sentence and Prayer

*BCP p. 78*

*(The People stand)*

*Officiant* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*People* **I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Opening **Hymn 460** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" (*vv. 1, 3, and 4*)

## Confession of Sin

*BCP p. 79*

*The Officiant says to the people,*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(The people may be seated or kneel)*

*Officiant and People together*

**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 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.**

*Please stand*

### **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*BCP p. 80*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

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

*Officiant and People*

**Glorify 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.

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

*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 Joshua.

**The Old Testament: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:

“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

The Word of the Lord.

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

- 15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, \*  
**and his ears are open to their cry.**
- 16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, \*  
**to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**
- 17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them \*  
**and delivers them from all their troubles.**
- 18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted \*  
**and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
**but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.**
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
**not one of them shall be broken.**
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
**and those who hate the righteous will be punished.**
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
**and none will be punished who trust in him.**

*The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

**The Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-20**

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord.

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

*(The People stand)*

**Gradual Hymn 548** “Soldiers of Christ, arise”

*(The People may be seated)*

*The Reader introduces the third lesson, saying*

A Reading from the Gospel of John.

### **The Gospel: John 6:56-69**

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Word of the Lord.

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

## **The Homily**

*Cindy Ingram*

## **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 **WLP 795** “Come now, O Prince of Peace”

## **The Prayers**

*BCP p. 97*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.



*The People may be seated or kneel*

**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.**

### **Suffrages A**

- 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, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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

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 Lay Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For our friends and family: Jon Hall (Tim's brother); Nathaniel Cawood (Eileen's son) and his wife Abbie; Jon Ecklund (Christine's brother-in-law); Jean Ames (Judi Floyd's neighbor); The Rev. Michael Sie; Gloria Broy (Lois' friend); Nancy Kelley; Richard Sauer (Cindy's father) and his family; Kevin Tapscott (Lois' nephew); Yvette Webster (Rachel's partner); Craig Eney (Andrea's brother-in-law); Priscilla Clark (Martha's mother); Hyden McClain (Nancy's great grandson); Alan Moeck (Christine's friend); Allison Knapp, Jamie Legg, and Joanne Conner (Josette's friends); Cat Cox (Retreat neighbor); Bobby Duke (Pine Grove neighbor); Rose Eiseman (Judi Floyd's friend's niece); Dane Toler (Lee's spouse); Judson Hardy (Janet's father); Debbie Rutter; the Adamson family in Russia; Dusty Bailey and Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends); Martha Hayes; Lee Ruddle; David Aikman (Charlene's husband); Tim & Cindy Ingram; Michael Mohn (previous clergy); Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother); Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend); Geraldine Kolowski, Sam Myers, John West, & Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family). 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 the victims of mass shootings and gun violence that continue unabated. For an end to the rage and anger in this nation, that keeps us from sharing God's loving grace. For the safety and freedom from theft for Pine

Grove and Shenandoah Retreat residents and Appalachian Trail hikers. 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 La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico. 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 Sean, Presiding Bishop Elect, 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*

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, remembering especially George W. Rutter, (Rev. Deb's husband), 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 Lay Leader may be seated.*

*The Officiant continues*

**A Collect for Faith**

Holy Spirit, who moves in our hearts to accomplish your will, give us faith that can withstand disappointment and suffering, that when we face trials, pain, and loss, we would still look to you and trust in your goodness and power, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who clung to the Father in Gethsemane and was raised and raises us to new life through you. **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.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

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

*(The People stand)*

Thanks **Hymn 521** “Put forth, O God, thy Spirit’s might”

**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.*

*Please leave your offering in the plate on the Narthex table.*

*The People stand for the Doxology*

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

## Closing Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing **Hymn 561** “Stand up, stand up for Jesus”

## The Blessing

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy 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 thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

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

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



## NOTICES

### OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. Our **July donation of 182 pounds** included dried and canned food, eggs, rice, and peanut butter, as well as laundry and bathroom supplies. This month’s **deadline for your food donations is tomorrow**, and the next “to-go” meals are scheduled to be distributed **this Wed., Aug. 28.**

## LOVE GOD, LOVE GOD'S WORLD

Come join us as we celebrate God's creation and discover how it relates to our faith in Christ Jesus. This **nine-session, film-based curriculum**, created by The Episcopal Church, is meant to transform participants regardless of where they are on their creation care journey or what their role in creation care might be.

Our first session will be **Wed., Sept. 18 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.** *We will begin with a short prayer service in the garden (weather permitting) and then meet in the Parish Hall for discussion and snacks.* Subsequent sessions will be held on the second Wednesday of each month. Sign up today for this exciting and rewarding experience! A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

## HEADS UP AND WALKING SHOES ON!!!

Good Shepherd's Meditation Walks resume in the fall with the theme of **"Returning Home to Nature"**, which will explore our spiritual and ecological roots in nature and our sense of homecoming in the natural world. We will discuss the autumnal equinox, a time when animals and people alike can experience a sense of returning home.

Join us for the first walk on **Sat., Sept. 21 from 10:30 a.m. to noon**, with a welcome followed by a guided trail walk. We will meet in the pavilion at Shenandoah University River Campus at Cool Spring Battlefield, 1400 Parker Lane, Bluemont (Clarke County).

Subsequent walks are planned for Oct. 19 and Nov. 16. Times and themes to be announced.



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*Senior Warden: Ray Ewing*  
*Junior Warden: Penni Tidwell*

*Treasurer: Tim Hall*  
*Register: Janet Locklear*

## PRAYERS

*Pray for our neighbors  
and for ways we can serve the community.*

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**In thanksgiving** for the life of:

Major General George W. Rutter (Rev. Deb's husband),  
May 17, 1927 – Aug. 12, 2024.

*O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant George, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

***To add someone to or remove someone from the prayer list,  
send an email to [prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org](mailto:prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org)***