



This Sunday at St. Luke's
September 20, 2026

8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion (said service)
10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion with choir, organ and anthem
Steven Cagle, organist

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity



**NEW LIFE THE
DEAD RECEIVE**

As with the other miracles Jesus performed, the raising of the son of the widow of Nain (this Sunday's Gospel) was more than a one-off miracle designed to wow and awe an audience. Rather this act of restoring life revealed

the heart of God, His love and care for humanity that had fallen, right from the start, under the sway of sin and death. It further revealed that the old order brought about by Adam's fall was giving way to a new, this one being ushered in by Jesus the Messiah, the second head of the human race. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive," St. Paul would go on to write (1 Corinthians 15:22).

COLLECT FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE – Ephesians 3:13-21 (J.B. Phillips)

I pray that you may know God's power in practice

3 ¹³ In view of these tremendous issues, I beg you not to lose heart because I am now suffering for my part in bringing you the Gospel. Indeed, you should be honoured.

¹⁴⁻¹⁹ When I think of the greatness of this great plan I fall on my knees before God the Father (from whom all fatherhood, earthly or heavenly, derives its name), and I pray that out of the glorious richness of his resources he will enable you to know the strength of the spirit's inner re-inforcement—that Christ may actually live in your hearts by your faith. And I pray that you, firmly fixed in love yourselves, may be able to grasp (with all Christians) how wide and deep and long and high is the love of Christ—and to know for yourselves that love so far beyond our comprehension. May you be filled though all your being with God himself!

²⁰⁻²¹ Now to him who by his power within us is able to do far more than we ever dare to ask or imagine—to him be glory in the Church through Jesus Christ for ever and ever, amen!

NOTE: This is a prayer for the Gentiles (See 3:6 for the cause that led to this prayer.) Paul believes that Christ can dwell in their hearts by faith and that the Spirit can strengthen them. He is also confident that God is “able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.” (William Sydnor)

THE GOSPEL – St. Luke 7:11-17 (J.B. Phillips)

Jesus brings a dead youth back to life

¹¹⁻¹³ Not long afterwards, Jesus went into a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a large crowd. As they approached the city gate, it happened that some people were carrying out a dead man, the only son of his widowed mother. The usual crowd of fellow-townsmen was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don't cry.”

¹⁴ Then he walked up and put his hand on the bier while the bearers stood still. Then he said, “Young man, wake up!”

¹⁵⁻¹⁶ And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus handed him to his mother. Everybody present was awe-struck and they praised God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us and God has turned his face towards his people.”

¹⁷ And this report of him spread through the whole of Judea and the surrounding countryside.

NOTE: In the life and ministry of Jesus Christ we see God at work in the world. In this incident especially we see both our Lord's life-giving power and His loving concern for people. The rock on which we stand is our wholehearted trust in the completely faithful God. (William Sydnor)

LECTIONARY READING

FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 12 (RSV)

Thanksgiving and praise

You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to thee, O LORD,
for though thou wast angry with me,
thy anger turned away,
and thou didst comfort me.

² “Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”

³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the nations,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵ “Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known^[a] in all the earth.

⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

NOTE: This outburst of thanksgiving is the result of the prophet's faith in God's exceeding great and wonderful power, the same power which we see manifested in today's Gospel when Jesus raises the widow's son from death. (William Sydnor)

THIS SUNDAY

Preacher: The Rector

Lector – Judy Brooten

Acolyte – Jim Noblett

Verger – Dr. Alvin Cash

Ushers – Tim Kirby and Jodi Beauregard

(New usher volunteers and altar servers are needed! Why not put your name in this blank? Speak to Tim Kirby about being an usher; to Jim about being a being a reader or acolyte.

NEW EVENING BIBLE STUDY THE OLD TESTAMENT IN FOUR WEEKS



Gifted Bible teacher Charles Lutz will lead a four-week Bible study entitled "**The Old Testament in Four Weeks: History and Literature**" on Thursdays: Sept. 17 through Oct. 8. Gather at 5:30 p.m. for a meal. Study will follow at 6 p.m. Please mark your calendar and invite a friend.

OLD FASHIONED SUNDAY SCHOOL ANGLICANISM 101

Grab a cup of coffee and join us!

Adult Sunday school will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the Skelton Conference Room in the Parish House next door. The topic will be “Architecture: A Vehicle of Witness and Truth”. The Rector will be the facilitator.

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

September and October.

- **Eastern Orthodox Divine Liturgy** – Sunday, Sept. 27, at 2 p.m.
- **The Old Testament in Four Weeks, Charles Lutz instructor** – Thursdays, Sept. 17- Oct. 8, Meal at 5:30 p.m. Study at 6 p.m.
- **St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist** – Monday, Sept. 21, HC Jennus Chapel at noon.
- **WSL Joyful Celebration and Luncheon** – Saturday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Vestry Meeting** – Sunday, Sept. 27, following the 10:30 service.
- **St. Michael, and All Angels** – Tuesday, Sept. 29, HC Jennus Chapel at noon.
- **WSL Fall Bible Study** – Wednesdays, Sept. 30 – Nov. 4 at 10 a.m.
- **SLMG Monthly Meeting** – **Saturday**, Oct. 3, at 10 a.m.
- **Annual Church Picnic** – Sunday, Oct. 11, following the 10:30 a.m. service.
- **Eastern Orthodox Divine Liturgy** – Sunday, Oct. 11 and 25, at 2 p.m.
- **Young Harris Concert** – Sunday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m.
- **St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles** – Wednesday, Oct. 28, HC Jennus Chapel at noon.

Options

In-church.

Online. Services are livestreamed on Facebook and available for viewing following the service on YouTube. To access both put “Parish Church of St. Luke, Blue Ridge, Ga.” In the search bar.



Tip of the Canterbury Cap to Jim Noblett for wearing many hats – verger, sound technician, readers coordinator and vestry member. “There is nothing the rector can’t mess up that Mr. Noblett cannot put right!”



JOIN THE CHOIR!

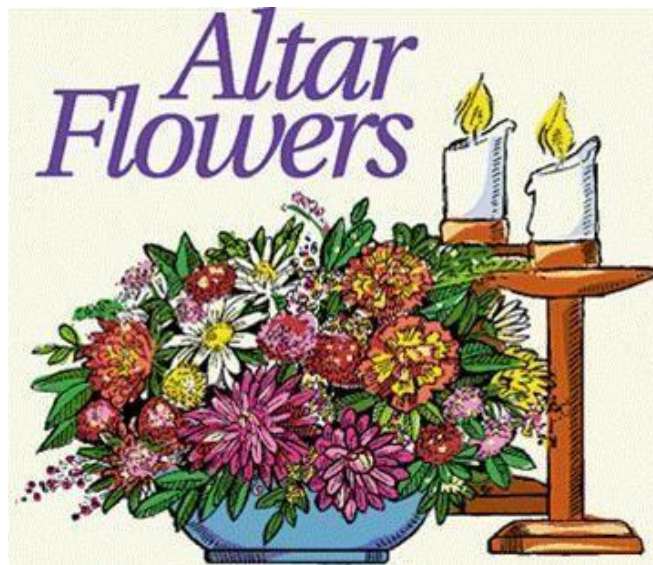


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OUR MISSION

St. Luke's mission is to grow spiritually in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit and to share our faith, our hands and hearts for the sake of the Gospel, our community and the world.



SIGN-UP FOR FLOWERS

A sign-up sheet for Altar flowers is available in Thomason Hall for 2025.

Please sign up for days you wish to commemorate.

Flowers are needed throughout the end of the year. Please email or call Kathryn Noblett at the church office to sign up.

Financial Pledge for the Year of our Lord 2027

As stewards of God's gifts and in gratitude for all blessings, I pledge the following amount to the work of Christ through St. Luke's Church for 2027.

Name

Address

Amount

_____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____ Yearly

(Please tick the appropriate blank)



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