



This Sunday at St. Luke's
May 12, 2024

8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion (said service)

**10:15 a.m. – Morning Prayer and Sermon together with
Shortened Holy Communion**

Steven Cagle, organist

Sunday after Ascension
Mother's Day



Seeing that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. *Heb. iv. 14, 16.*

The Ascension

Jesus being visibly parted from His followers when read in light of a vision given to the Old Testament prophet Daniel (Daniel 7) was further confirmation that Jesus was in fact God's Anointed, the Messiah, and is reigning.

The Waiting and Witnessing Church

The ancient name for this Sunday was *Dominica Expectationis* – “Waiting Sunday”. This designation comes from Jesus’ command to His followers just prior to the Ascension to “wait for the Father’s promise” (Acts 1:40) The Collect looks back to the Feast of the Ascension and forward to Whitsunday (Pentecost), and we pray that Christ by His Spirit may come to us and that we may at last go to Him.

THE COLLECT FOR THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

O GOD, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR ASCENSION DAY

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE (H.C.) – 1 St. Peter 4:7-11 (J.B. Phillips)

Your attitude in these last days

⁷We are near the end of all things now, and you should therefore be calm, self-controlled men of prayer.

⁸Above everything else be sure that you have real deep love for each other, remembering how ‘love will cover a multitude of sins’.

⁹Be hospitable to each other without secretly wishing you hadn’t got to be!

¹⁰⁻¹¹Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you, as faithful dispensers of the magnificently varied grace of God. If any of you is a preacher then he should preach his message as from God. And in whatever way a man serves the Church

he should do it recognising the fact that God gives him his ability, so that God may be glorified in everything through Jesus Christ. To him belong praise and power for ever, amen!

NOTE: The 'end' is always near for the Christian. The 'last days' are those days between our Lord's two advents. Here in this reading we find Peter giving advice on how to live in these days. (William Sydnor)

THE GOSPEL – St. John 15:26-16:4 (J.B. Phillips)

Jesus speaks of the work of the Holy Spirit

15²⁶⁻²⁷ But when the helper comes, that is, the Spirit of truth, who comes from the Father and whom I myself will send to you from the Father, he will speak plainly about me. And you yourselves will also speak plainly about me for you have been with me from the first.

16¹ "I am telling you this now so that your faith in me may not be shaken. They will excommunicate you from their synagogues. Yes, the time is coming when a man who kills you will think he is thereby serving God! They will act like this because they have never had any true knowledge of the Father or of me, but I have told you all this so that when the time comes for it to happen you may remember that I told you about it."

NOTE: The Spirit when He comes will bear witness to the power and glory of Him who is the Lord of all. (William Sydnor)

LECTIONARY READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Isaiah 33:5-6, 17, 20-22 (RSV)

Praise for the king

33⁵ The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high;
he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness;
6 and he will be the stability of your times,
abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge;
the fear of the Lord is his treasure.

17 Your eyes will see the king in his beauty;
they will behold a land that stretches afar.

²⁰ Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts!

Your eyes will see Jerusalem,
a quiet habitation, an immovable tent,
whose stakes will never be plucked up,
nor will any of its cords be broken.

²¹ But there the Lord in majesty will be for us

a place of broad rivers and streams,
where no galley with oars can go,
nor stately ship can pass.

²² For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our ruler,

the Lord is our king; he will save us. Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts!

NOTE: This is an abridged version of a longer poem (33:1-24). It is a hymn of praise to the King in his beauty. Ultimately, beyond the time of the psalmist, the king is Christ, whose kingdom is without end. (William Sydnor)

Sunday Worship Options

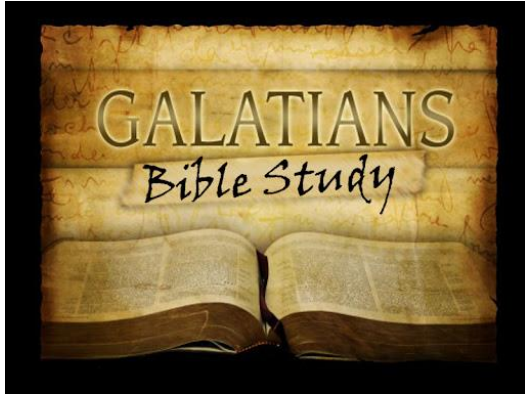
In-church.

Drive-in. Those choosing this option are asked to remain in their automobile and listen to the service via their car radio (FM 98.1). Holy Communion will be provided.

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

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Sharing Tuesday – Bible Study continues on Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. downstairs in the Yellow Room.



GALATIANS STUDY CONTINUES

Galatians: A Manifesto of Freedom continues through Wednesday, May 15. D.J. Fulton is chairman of St. Luke's Education Committee.

FROM TERESA WANKEL:

In preparation for this Wednesday's Bible study, please read Galatians Chapter 6 and listen to Dr John Howe's lecture for that chapter.

Please contact Teresa Wankel at 404 375-6702 if you have any problems logging into the meeting.

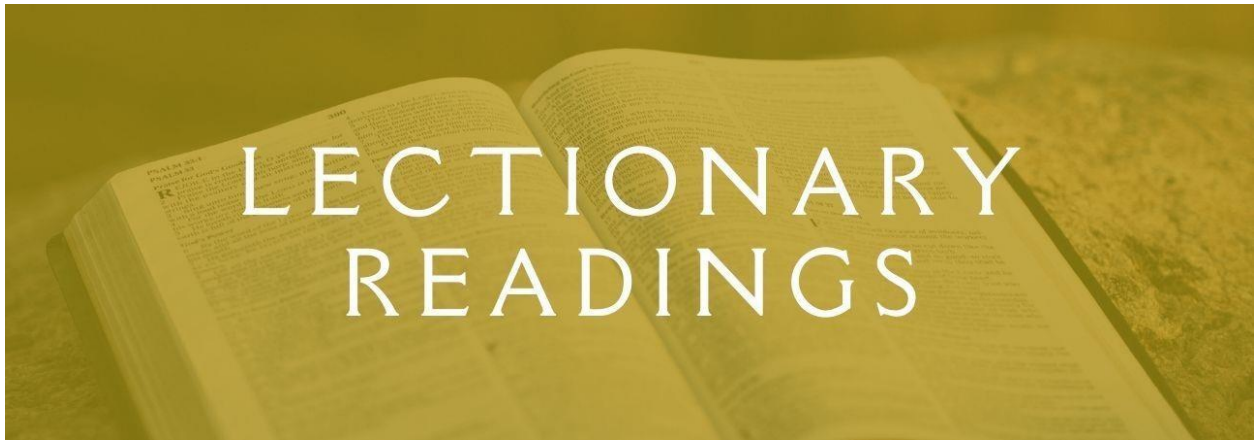


FUTURE FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCKS DATES

St. Luke's will have one service at 9:30 a.m. on Fifth Sundays with a potluck lunch following. Dates for future events are June 30; Sept 29; and Dec. 29.



**Tip of the Canterbury Cap to Jennifer Higdon
for filling in for Kathryn in the office last Friday.**



Sharing Tuesdays

A Preview of Sunday's Readings

9:45 a.m. Sharing Tuesdays is your turn !!!
There are no teachers; no leaders; no presentations;
no videos; no homework; no assignments. Just
COME and read the Bible together with your
brothers and sisters in Christ and share from your
heart. All thoughts, questions, uncertainties, feelings
are welcome.

CHOIR PRACTICE



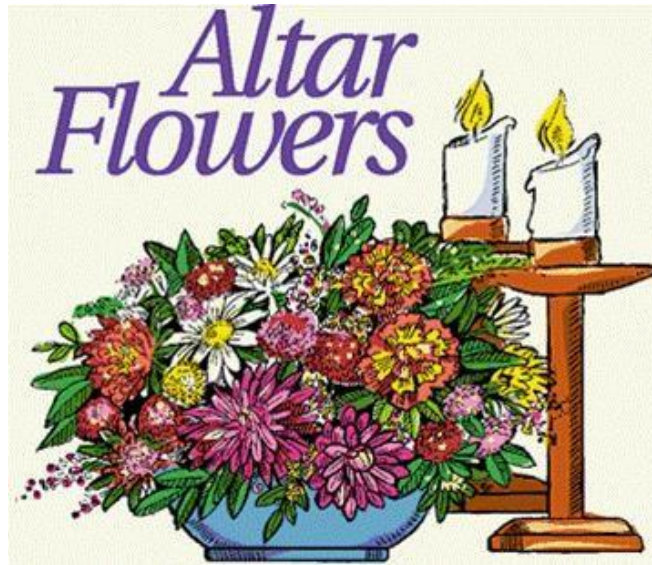
For information, contact, Diana Burden at 678-852-6907 or email dburden6907@gmail.com.



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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 2024.

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 2024

*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 2024*

Name

Address

Amount

_____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____ Yearly

(Please tick the appropriate blank)



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