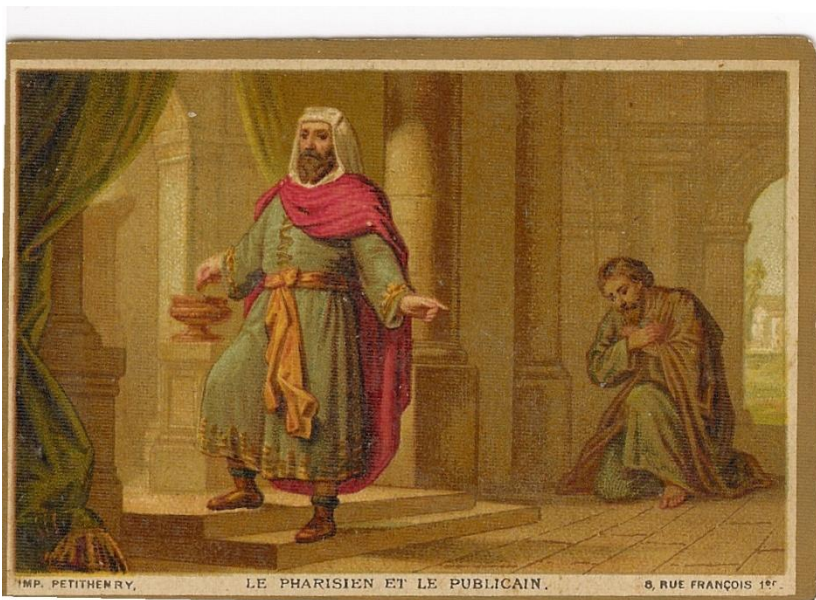




The Holy Communion

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10:30 a.m. - FM 98.1

George Atwell, organist

Susan Gooch, pianist

The Blue Ridge Bones

8:15 a.m. – The Order of Service is found in the Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 67. Propers (Collect, Epistle and Gospel) begin on page 204.

ATTENTION PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN. A family care room, (The Snuggery) with changing facilities and a closed-circuit television is available on the ground floor. An usher / greeter will be glad to direct you to it.

PRELUDE

“When the Roll is Called Up Yonder” arr. Robyhn Flowers

“When the Saints Go Marching In” arr. Jack Gale

The Blue Ridge Bones

HYMN SING (insert)

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”
“Shall We Gather at the River”

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY (kneel or sit)

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

KYRIE ELEISON (#702)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT FOR TRINITY 11

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity; Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and

be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

“Sweet Canaan”

arr. Stan Pethel

St. Luke Singers

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Isaiah 26:12-16, 19 (RSV)

*God has the power to raise up the fortunes of His chosen ones,
even raising the dead.*

¹² O LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us,
thou hast wrought for us all our works.

¹³ O LORD our God,
other lords besides thee have ruled over us,
but thy name alone we acknowledge.

¹⁴ They are dead, they will not live;
they are shades, they will not arise;
to that end thou hast visited them with destruction
and wiped out all remembrance of them.

¹⁵ But thou hast increased the nation, O LORD,
thou hast increased the nation; thou art glorified;
thou hast enlarged all the borders of the land.

¹⁶ O LORD, in distress they sought thee,
they poured out a prayer
when thy chastening was upon them.

¹⁹ Thy dead shall live, their bodies shall rise.
O dwellers in the dust, awake and sing for joy!

For thy dew is a dew of light,
and on the land of the shades thou wilt let it fall.

THE EPISTLE – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (RSV) (sit)

These verses contain the earliest testimony to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The same power spoken on in today's Old Testament lesson –the power to raise fortunes of a nation as good as dead – is gloriously displayed in God raising up His Son Jesus the Messiah. The same power is available to us today. At the last day, it will raise all those who are united to the Messiah in faith and baptism..

Now I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, ² by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

THE GOSPEL - St. Luke 18:9-14 (stand)

The same power which would shortly raise Jesus from the dead was already available as Jesus tells the parable recorded in this Gospel. It was – in the case of the man who cried out for mercy – able to turn a man's life around and give him a new slate on which to write life's story. The Pharisee, who did not recognize his need for God's help but rather rested in his own achievements, meanwhile, missed that power.

JESUS spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

THE NICENE CREED (stand)

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin

Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN (insert)

“Rock of Ages”

ANNOUNCEMENTS, WELCOME

ANTHEM

“Tis So Sweet”

arr. Nellena Treadwell

The Blue Ridge Bones

SERMON – The Rector

OFFERTORY

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH (kneel or sit)

Minister: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [alms and] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive

thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

GENERAL CONFESSION

¶ *Then shall the Priest say to those who come to receive the Holy Communion,*

YE who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and

indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

¶ *Then shall the Priest (the Bishop if he be present) stand up, and turning to the People, say,*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

¶ *Then shall the Priest say,*

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matt. xi. 28.*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John iii. 16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Tim. i. 15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. *1 St. John ii. 1, 2.*

SURSUM CORDA

Priest. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. **It is meet and right so to do.**

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS (# 704)

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be
to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for

our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

The Oblation

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

The Invocation

AND we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we,

receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

AND we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Minister: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI (#706)

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world. Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world. Grant us thy peace.

THE COMMUNION

All persons who have been baptized and have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (#739)

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that

takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN (insert)

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

arr. Elliot

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Members of St. Luke's Patsy Williams, Judy Evans, Bryan Fobbus, Randy Wilbur, Lauren Burgreen, Bob Bradley, Curly Robison, Ron Wikander, Jennifer Higdon, Stacy and Chris Johnson and Family, Jordan Van Horn, Christina Pinkerton, Bob Herrington, Bob Morgan, David Johnston, Sheila McConnell, Glenda Robinson, Deacon Tony McConnell, Tom McCormick, Rodney Allen, Barbara Newman, Elizabeth Ann White, Pat and Sherron Dearing, Tom Hoffer, MaryLynn Kipfmiller, Rosanne Johnston, Thomas Heard, Martha Millsaps, and Paul Hiller.

Family & Friends –Larry Mark, Jackey Cheek, Richard Hord, Rick Vollrath, Steve Cummings, Richard Dotson, Michael Batet, Carlie Hammond, Susan Martin, Dave Narey, Meagan Boscque, Jean Fisher, Evan Simpson, Janice Cary, Elma Donaldson, Helen Dotson, Cheryl Smith, Janet Thomas, Leland Thomas, Noah, Amy and child, Jan Newberry, Patsy Horsford, Gabriella Calla, Clara Bradley, Matt Cross, Michael Briggs, Bill Morgan, Charles Cecil, April Weich, Bob Jost, Lynn Grimme, Donna Dotson, and Alan Jackson.

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God

BIRTHDAYS

Meredith Yacavone, Aug. 16, Dennis Wood, Aug. 18,

Paula Oneal, Aug. 20, Quey Bassett, Aug. 21.

“Watch over thy children as their days increase.”

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Eric & Deanna DeLaBarre, Aug. 18.

Bob & Anna Bradley, Aug. 22.

“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity” (Colossians 3:14)

IN MILITARY SERVICE

Please remember in your prayers those serving in the Armed Services, especially those who have connections with St. Luke’s particularly, Tyler Ketron, Wesley Ryan McIntosh, Christian Wade Newman, Kyle Morgan, Sam Sonn, Marc Rodriguez, Brooks Johnson, Jessica Wyllie Andres-Jansz, Kyle Yates and Ian Yates.

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

August and September

- **Eastern Orthodox Vespers** – Sunday, Aug. 23, at 2 p.m.
- **Vestry Meeting** – Sunday, Aug. 23, following the 10:30 service.
- **St. Bartholomew the Apostle** – Monday, Aug. 24, HC Jennus chapel at noon.
- **Charles Lutz Concert** – Thursday, Aug. 27, 6 p.m.
- **Fellowship Luncheon** – Sunday, Aug. 30, following the 10:30 a.m. service.
- **SLMG Monthly Meeting** – Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 11 a.m.
- **WSL Bi-Monthly Meeting** – Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 9:30 a.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.

DEADLINE FOR CALENDAR

All additions to the calendar should be submitted to the church office — stlukesblueridge@gmail.com — no later than Wednesday at noon.

The Blue Ridge Bones

Scott Barnstead

Daniel Foster

Jack Warner

Mike Weaver

Mike Withers

Legacy of Rich Mullins Concert

Thursday, Aug. 27, 6 P.M. at St. Luke's

Singer/Songwriter Charles Lutz of Blairsville will be performing a concert featuring the music of the late, Rich Mullins of "Our God is an Awesome God" fame. The concert is for the benefit of Indigenous Bible College and his mission work there as an adjunct instructor. It will feature guitar, piano, banjo, and lap and hammered dulcimers. Charles will be accompanied on several songs by local musician, Matthew Scoggins. An offering will be taken.

Join the Women of St. Luke's Church

For A Joyful Celebration & Lunch!

Guest speaker & author, Casey Hawley, will take us through I John 1, 2 as John, the disciple, gives us an instruction manual on how to live out the teachings of Jesus in our everyday lives.

September 26, 2026, 10 AM to 2 PM

St. Luke's Church 7 Ewing Street, Blue Ridge
Limited seating - Reservations required - Deadline
September 14

Call 706 632-8245 to leave your name, number and
number & names of guests

FROM THE TREASURER

Summary for 8-9-2026

Attendance in person: 8:15 - 26 / 10:30 – 63= 89

General Fund: Contributions / Budget

8/9/2026 \$ 3,057 \$ 3,764

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