



## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

**10:15 a.m. - FM 98.1**

**Steven Cagle, organist**

**Judy Cheyne, pianist**

**Misty Mountain Wind Quintet**

#### **PRELUDE**

**“Amazing Grace”**

Stephen Cagle

arr. Gerald Near

**“Down To the River To Pray”**

Misty Mountain Wind Quintet

arr. Christian Morris

## **HYMN MEDLEY (insert)**

“Come Thou Fount”

“Tell it To Jesus”

“Church in the Wildwood”

## **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**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **COLLECT FOR TRINITY 7**

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us

with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Genesis 22:1-18**

**(RSV)**

*Today's reading contains the story of Abraham's great test. Abraham's faith was so strong that he believed if worse came to worse – if Isaac was sacrificed – that God could and would raise him up. Abraham's spiritual sons and daughters are those who are willing to offer up to God their dearest possessions and their very own lives.*

**22** After these things God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>2</sup> He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Mori'ah, and offer him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; and he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place afar off. <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the ass; I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you." <sup>6</sup> And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup> And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup> Abraham said,

“God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup> When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham put forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>12</sup> He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup> And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called the name of that place The Lord will provide; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

<sup>15</sup> And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, <sup>16</sup> and said, “By myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will indeed bless you, and I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore. And your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies, <sup>18</sup> and by your descendants shall all the nations of the earth bless themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.”

## **THE EPISTLE – Romans 6:19-23 (sit)**

*Paul contrasts the new life in Christ with life apart  
from Him*

I SPEAK after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **THE GOSPEL - St. Mark 8:1-9 (stand)**

*Those who have received the new life in Christ spoken of  
in today's Epistle are sustained and strengthened by the  
Bread from Heaven. They don't live it in their own  
strength. The feeding stories in the Gospels anticipate  
the Eucharist or Lord's Supper*

IN those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples unto him, and saith unto them, I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat: and if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far. And his disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilder

ness? And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven. And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people. And they had a few small fishes: and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before them. So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets. And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he sent them away.

### **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)**

**“Open My Eyes, That I May See”**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, WELCOME..... The Rector**

## **ANTHEM**

**“Amazing Grace”**

arr. Spike Maiden Muller

Misty Mountain Wind Quintet

## **SERMON – The Rector**

## **OFFERTORY**

**“Blessed Assurance”**

arr. JEK

Misty Mountain Wind Quintet

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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** (Merbecke, Hymnal Chant 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.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

**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.*

**Hymn Medley**

arr. B.C. Dockery

Misty Mountain Wind Quintet

## **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 (Old Scottish Chant)**

**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)**

“Blest Be the Tie”

## **DISMISSAL**

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

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

“Amen”

arr. Jack Schader

Stephen Cagle

## **IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Members of St. Luke's** - Jennifer Higdon, Linda Gerlock, Stacy  
and Chris Johnson and Family, Jordan Van Horn, Christina  
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**Family & Friends** – Tammy and Sammy Holloway (daughter and son-in-law of Ron and Diane Wikander), Jean Fisher, Michelle Blount, Carl Wikander, Mia Hurt Kirby, Evan Simpson, Janice Cary, Elma Donaldson, Helen Dotson, Cheryl Smith, Janet Thomas and Leland Thomas. Noah, Amy and child, Jan Newberry, Patsy Horsford, Gabriella Calla, Clara Bradley, Matt Cross, Michael Briggs, Bill Morgan, Charles Cecil, Mildred Woody, April Weich, Bob Jost, Lynn Grimme, Donna Dotson, and Alan Jackson.

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*EMC Diocese of the South*

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Given to the Glory of God and in memory of  
Jerry Williams by Patsy Williams.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Tom Wall, Aug. 3; Meagan Thrasher, Aug. 4; Ruth Balis, Aug. 6;  
and Lauren Burgreen, Aug. 9.

*“Watch over thy children as their days increase.”*

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

*Jere and Pat McConnell*

*“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, Alex Mark, 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 2025**

- **The Transfiguration of Christ** – HC, Jennus Chapel, Wednesday, Aug. 6, noon.
- **St. Luke’s Men’s Meeting** – Tuesday, Aug. 5, 11 a.m. Thomason Hall.
- **Christmas Bazaar Planning Meeting**, Wednesday, Aug. 6, 11 a.m., Contact person, Lauren Burgreen, 706-400-8761.
- **Bible Study Michaelmas Term, Malachi** – Wednesday, Aug. 27 - Sept. 17, 10 a.m., Yellow Room.

- **WSL Fall Bible Study, “Bad Girls of the Bible”,**  
Wednesday, Sept. 24 - Oct. 29, 10 a.m. Yellow  
Room.

### **DEADLINE FOR CALENDAR**

All additions to the calendar should be submitted to the church office — [stlukesblueridge@gmail.com](mailto:stlukesblueridge@gmail.com) — no later than Wednesday at noon.

#### **FROM THE TREASURER**

##### **Summary for 6-15-25**

Attendance in person: 8:15 - 22 / 10:15 - 47 = 69

General Fund: Contributions / Budget

7/27/25	\$5,577	\$ 3,260
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YTD:	\$114,418	\$100,984
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