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

FROM THE TREASURER

Summary for 1-25-2026

Attendance in person: 8:15 - 3 / 10:15 – 14 = 17

General Fund: Contributions / Budget

1-25-2026 \$3,178 \$ 3,764

YTD: \$29,519 \$15,056

No numbers are available for Feb. 1 due to inclement weather



Morning Prayer and Sermon together with Shortened Holy Communion

Sexagesima

10:15 A.M. - FM 98.1

Charles Lutz, singer/songwriter

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 120.

ATTENTION PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN. We love the sound of young children in our services! However, if a parent prefers, a “cry 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.



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PRELUDE

HYMN (insert)

NETTLETON
“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

OPENING SENTENCES

THE LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. *Hab. ii. 20.*

INVITATION TO CONFESSiON

LET us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

GENERAL CONFESSiON (kneel or sit)

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

¶ *To be made by the Priest alone, standing; the People still kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God

BIRTHDAY

Arianna Thrasher Key, Feb. 12.

“Watch over thy children as their days increase.”

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

“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

February

- **WSL Bible Study** – Starting Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 9:30 a.m. for 6 weeks. For more info contact Judy Brooten, 706-851-6296.
- **Vestry Meeting** – Today, Feb. 8, after the 10:15 service.
- **Eastern Orthodox Vespers** – Sunday, Feb. 8, and Feb. 22, at 2:00 p.m.
- **AARP TAX PREPARATION** – Fridays, Feb. 6 – Apr. 10 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- **SLMG Monthly Meeting** – Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 11 a.m.
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** – Feb. 17, begins at 5:00 p.m.
- **Ash Wednesday** – Feb. 18, at noon and 5:30 p.m.
- **Eastern Orthodox Church Baptism / Chrismation** – Saturday, Feb. 21, at 10 a.m.
- **St. Matthias the Apostle** – Tuesday, Feb. 24, HC Jennus Chapel at noon.
- **AARP Smart Driver Class** – Saturday, Feb. 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

White, Bruce Berkinshaw, Pat and Sherron Dearing, Tom Hoffer, MaryLynn Kipfmiller, Rosanne Johnston, Thomas Heard, Martha Millsaps, and Paul Hiller. **Family & Friends** –Tyger Vollrath, Dave Narey, Lynn Mahovsky, Meagan Boscque, Kaiston Nijssen, Tammy and Sammy Holloway (daughter and son-in-law of Ron and Diane Wikander), 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

THE PARISH STAFF

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Deacon

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The. Rt. Rev. Julian Dobbs, Acting Archbishop
Anglican Church in North America

The Rt. Rev. Dr. William Wesley Millsaps, Bishop *EMC Diocese of the South*

The Rt. Rev. John Greaves, Coadjutor Bishop
EMC Diocese of the South

all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Minister: O God, make speed to save us.

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

GLORIA PATRI (please stand)

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

Minister: Praise ye the Lord.

People: The Lord's Name be praised.

VENITE

O COME, let us sing | unto • the LORD;
* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of | our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with | **thanksgiving**;
* and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.
For the LORD is a | **great** God;
* and a great | King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners | of the earth; * and the
strength of the hills is | **his** also.
The sea is | his, and • he made it;
* and his hands prepared • the **dry** land.
O come, let us worship and | **fall** down,
* and kneel before the | LORD our **Maker**.
For he is the Lord | our God;
* and we are the people of his pasture,
and the | sheep of **his** hand.
O worship the LORD in the | beauty • of holiness;
* let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to | judge *the* earth;
* and with righteousness to judge the world,
and the | peoples with his truth.
GLORY be to the Father, and | to the Son,
* and | to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be,
* world without **end**. **Amen**.

THE COMMUNION

All persons who have been baptised 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.

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**.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Members of St. Luke's -Bob Bradley, Curly Robison, Ron Wikander, Dick Gensel, 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, Charles Sims, Barbara Newman, Elizabeth Ann

HYMN 557

ST. GERTRUDE

“Onward, Christian soldiers”

DISMISSAL

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Those wishing to receive Holy Communion from elements consecrated at the 8:15 a.m. service are invited to remain in the church. This next service will not begin until the postlude is completed and those leaving the service of Morning Prayer and Sermon have departed.

Shortened Holy Communion

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 PSALTER

Psalm 71. *In te, Domine, speravi.*

1 IN thee, O LORD, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion, * but rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness; incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

2 Be thou my stronghold, whereunto I may always resort: * thou hast promised to help me, for thou art my house of defence, and my castle.

3 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly, * out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

4 For thou, O Lord GOD, art the thing that I long for: * thou art my hope, even from my youth.

5 Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born: * thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb: my praise shall be alway of thee.

6 I am become as it were a monster unto many, * but my sure trust is in thee.

7 O let my mouth be filled with thy praise, * that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

8 Cast me not away in the time of age; * forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

9 For mine enemies speak against me; * and they that lay wait for my soul take their counsel together, saying,

10 God hath forsaken him; * persecute him, and take him, for there is none to deliver him.

11 Go not far from me, O God; * my God, haste thee to help me.

12 Let them be confounded and perish that are against my soul; * let them be covered with shame and dishonour that seek to do me evil.

13 As for me, I will patiently abide alway, * and will praise thee more and more.

14 My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation; * for I know no end thereof.

15 I will go forth in the strength of the Lord GOD, * and will make mention of thy righteousness only.

16 Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now; *therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works

17 Forsake me not, O God, in mine old age, when I am gray-headed, * until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to all them that are yet for to come.

18 Thy righteousness, O God, is very high, * and great things are they that thou hast done: O God, who is like unto thee!

19 O what great troubles and adversities hast thou showed me ! and yet didst thou turn and refresh me; * yea, and broughtest me from the deep of the earth again.

20 Thou hast brought me to great honour, * and comforted me on every side:

21 Therefore will I praise thee, and thy faithfulness, O God, playing upon an instrument of music: * unto thee will I sing upon the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.

22 My lips will be glad² when I sing unto thee; * and so will my soul whom thou hast delivered.

23 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long; * for they are confounded and brought unto shame that seek to do me evil.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen.**

HYMN 409

WOODWORTH

“Just as I am, without one plea”

ANNOUNCEMENTS, WELCOME..... The Rector

SERMON – The Rector

OFFERTORY

“I Am the Light”

by R. Repp

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DOXOLOGY, AMERICA (LAST STANZA)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow:

**Praise Him, all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Our fathers' God, to thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might
Great God, our King.
Amen.**

PRAVERS (parish birthdays, anniversaries military, etc.)

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

GRACE

2 Corinthians 23:14

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 50:4-10

(RSV) (sit)

The portion of the poem here contains a beautiful expression of the Suffering Servant of the Lord's confidence in God's power and sustaining help.

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me

the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him that is weary.

Morning by morning he wakens,
he wakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I turned not backward.

⁶ I gave my back to the smiters,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I hid not my face
from shame and spitting.

⁷ For the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been confounded;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

⁹ Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

¹⁰ Who among you fears the LORD
and obeys the voice of his servant,

who walks in darkness
and has no light,
yet trusts in the name of the LORD
and relies upon his God?

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS (said)

The Te Deum is a Latin Christian hymn, believed to date back to A.D. 387, with origins in the Ambrosian hymnal.

WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

**All the earth doth worship thee, the Father
everlasting.**

To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the Powers therein;

**To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do
cry,**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
**Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy
glory.**

The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.

**The holy Church throughout all the world doth
acknowledge thee;**

The Father of an infinite Majesty;
Thine adorable, true and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

THOU art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

**When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou
didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.**

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE CLERGY AND PEOPLE

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [**especially those for whom our prayers are desired;*] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR SEXAGESIMA

O LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR GRACE

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT

O LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and to all in Authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine heritage. Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – St. Luke 8:4-15 (RSV) (sit)

The Parable of the Sower says, “Do not let life’s circumstance prevent you from responding to God’s word.”

⁴ And when a great crowd came together and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: ⁵ “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶ And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷ And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. ⁸ And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said this, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

⁹ And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰ he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. ¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. ¹⁴ And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵ And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.

JUBILATE DEO (stand)

Psalm 100

O BE joyful in the LORD | all ye lands:
* serve the LORD with gladness,
and come before his | presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the LORD he is God;
it is he that hath made us, and not | we ourselves;
* we are his people and the | sheep of • his **pas**ture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his | courts with praise;
* be thankful unto him, and | **speak** | good of • his Name
For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is | everlasting;
* and his truth endureth from generation to |
gen~~e~~ration.

GLORY be to the Father, and | to the Son, *
and | to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be,
* world without **end**. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE IN GOD the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

SALUTATION AND VERSICLES

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Answer: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

¶ Here, all kneeling or sitting, the Minister shall say,

Minister: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Answer: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**