



This Sunday at St. Luke's

September 1, 2024

Labor Day Weekend

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

10:15 a.m. – Holy Communion with hymns

Diana Burden, pianist

Guest musicians: Smokerise Recorder Consort

Members: Amanda Burts, Carol Klohn, David Nolan, Randy Wilbur

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity



FAITH AND THANKFULNESS are both parts of Christian living. Both are illustrated in story of Jesus healing of the ten lepers in this Sunday's Gospel.

COLLECT FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE – Galatians 5:16-24 (J.B. Phillips)

The way to live in freedom is by the Spirit

¹⁶⁻¹⁸ Here is my advice. Live your whole life in the Spirit and you will not satisfy the desires of your lower nature. For the whole energy of the lower nature is set against the Spirit, while the whole power of the Spirit is contrary to the lower nature. Here is the conflict, and that is why you are not free to do what you want to do. But if you follow the leading of the Spirit, you stand clear of the Law.

¹⁹⁻²¹ The activities of the lower nature are obvious. Here is a list: sexual immorality, impurity of mind, sensuality, worship of false gods, witchcraft, hatred, quarrelling, jealousy, bad temper, rivalry, factions, party-spirit, envy, drunkenness, orgies and things like that. I solemnly assure you, as I did before, that those who indulge in such things will never inherit God's kingdom.

²²⁻²⁵ The Spirit however, produces in human life fruits such as these: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, fidelity, tolerance and self-control—and no law exists against any of them. Those who belong to Christ have crucified their old nature with all that it loved and lusted for. If our lives are centred in the Spirit, let us be guided by the Spirit.

NOTE: Here are contrasting pictures. The apostle describes those who are led by the Spirit of God and those who are not. Notice that the characteristic of those who do obey the Spirit's prompting builds brotherhood. The others destroy it. (H.W. Dobson)

THE GOSPEL – St. Luke 17:11-19 (J.B. Phillips)

Jesus heals ten men of leprosy: only one shows his gratitude

¹¹⁻¹³ In the course of his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus crossed the boundary between Samaria and Galilee, and as he was approaching a village, ten lepers met him. They kept their distance but shouted out, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

¹⁴⁻¹⁸ When Jesus saw them, he said, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And it happened that as they went on their way they were cured. One of their number, when he saw that he was cured, turned round and praised God at the top of his voice, and then fell on his face before Jesus and thanked him. This man was a Samaritan. And at this Jesus remarked, "Weren't there ten men healed? Where are the other nine? Is nobody going to turn and praise God for what he has done, except this stranger?"

¹⁹ And he said to the man, “Stand up now, and go on your way. It is your faith that has made you well.”

NOTE: In this little incident from our Lord’s healing ministry we see people with remarkable faith. The surprise comes at the end when only one returns to give thanks, and he was an ‘outsider’, a Samaritan. (William Sydnor)

LECTIONARY READING

FIRST LESSON – Micah 6:1-8 (RSV)

God challenges Israel

6 Hear what the LORD says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³ “O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of bondage;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Be’or answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

What God requires

⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my first-born for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸ He has showed you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

NOTE: Here is the best-known O.T. description of genuine religion (v.8). The prophet opposes carrying out religious observances merely for their own sake, lacking a humble trust in God and a concern for others. Jesus dealt with the same matter in sharp language (Matthew 23:23). (William Sydnor)

THIS SUNDAY

Preacher: The Rector

THEME: FAITH WITH FEET AND VOICE

Options

In-church.

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.



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 Sept 29 and Dec. 29.



Tip of the Canterbury Cap to member of the Landscaping Committee – Jodi Beauregard, Tim Kirby and Judy Brooten for formulating a plan to enhance St. Luke's already lovely churchyard.

Labor Day

The Bible does not mention Labor Day because it's a relatively new holiday, and unique to the United States. However, that does not mean Christians should not join in its observance.

Labor Day began in the late 19th century in response to poor working conditions and a lack of legislation surrounding labor and laborers. Organized marches and rallies to fight for better wages and working conditions were staged. The "Labor Day" parade brought together 10,000-plus workers in New York City to march for their rights on September 5, 1882. Two years later, "Labor Day" became an official American holiday to commemorate the labor movement.

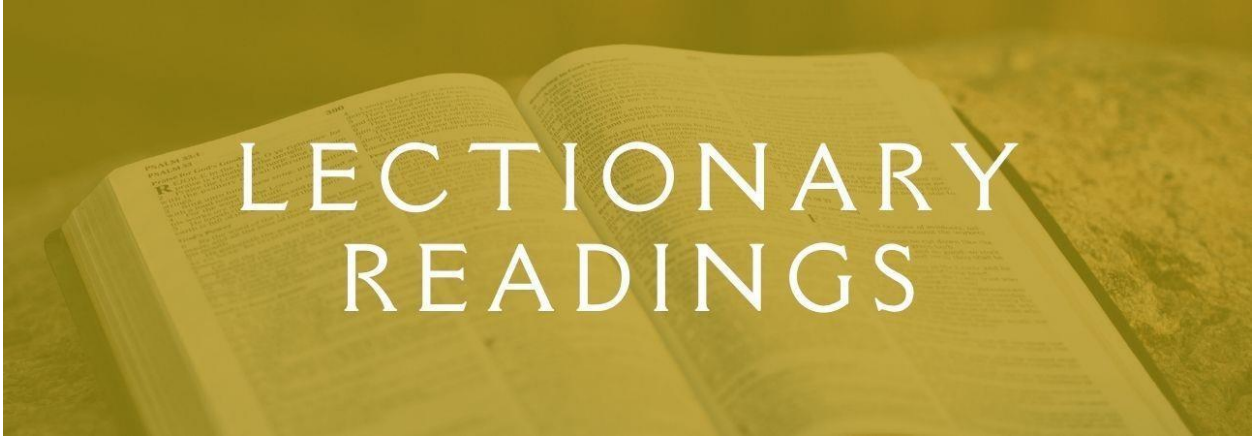
Nearly a century and a half later, we are still celebrating Labor Day, but many Americans may not even know what the holiday represents. While, as we have already noted, it is not specifically a Christian holiday; nevertheless, it can be an opportunity to celebrate Biblical values. The Bible emphasizes a good work ethic and also stresses the importance of treating others with fairness. It also talks about the importance of rest and with the right approach. Labor Day can become a wonderful opportunity for church members to rest, fellowship, and reflect before starting a new season.



5th SUNDAY BRUNCH
September 29, 2024

Join us September 29, at 9:30 a.m. for a fifth Sunday combined service followed by a fall potluck brunch. Fun food like crusty bread, sausages, kielbasa, fall veggies, etc. will be the fare. We will be serving an Oktoberfest/autumnal menu. Teresa Wankel and Jennifer Higdon will coordinate it. A sign-up sheet will soon be available in Thomason Hall. A fun time will be had by all!





LECTIONARY READINGS

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

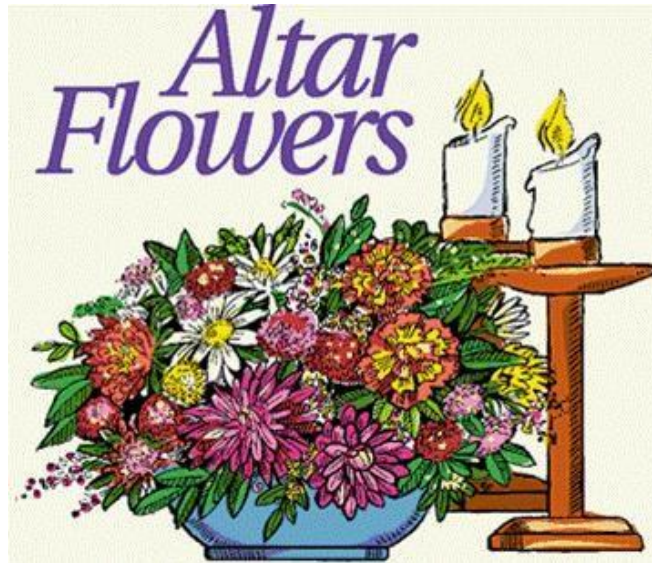


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OUR MISSION

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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