



***This Sunday at St. Luke's*  
January 18, 2026**

**8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion (said service)**  
**10:15 a.m. – Holy Communion with Organ and Hymns**  
**Steven Cagle, Organist**

**The Second Sunday after the Epiphany**



**Living in the Light: Christian Living**

This Sunday's Gospel is another manifestation of Christ, of His sympathy and ready help in case of need. But to St. John it is a "sign"; "it sets forth, for him, who is willing so to read it, the relation of the old order and the new, of the Law and the Gospel; the latter is seen as the perfecting and transformation for the former" (Lightfoot).

This is what Jesus does; in this way he ever "demonstrates His power". When He comes into life it sparkles like wine; it is no longer drab and uninteresting but exhilarating and exciting, something with a purpose.

Turning to the Epistle we find set out in it some of the ways in which this new life in Christ can show itself. Those who are filled with the new wine of the Gospel will use their "different gifts" for the benefit of the whole Body of Christ, that is His Church.

And all their relationships with other people – both Christian and non-Christian – will be governed by Christian love; the genuine thing, not a play-acting imitation.  
(H.W. Dobson)

### **COLLECT FOR EPIPHANY 2**

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

### **THE EPISTLE – Romans 12:6--16 (J.B. Phillips)**

*Christian living*

**12** <sup>6</sup> Through the grace of God we have different gifts. If our gift is preaching, let us preach to the limit of our vision. If it is serving others let us concentrate on our service; if it is teaching let us give all we have to our teaching; and if our gift be the stimulating of the faith of others let us set ourselves to it. Let the man who is called to give, give freely; let the man who wields authority think of his responsibility; and let the man who feels sympathy for his fellows act cheerfully.

**9** Let us have no imitation Christian love. Let us have a genuine break with evil and a real devotion to good.

**10** Let us have real warm affection for one another as between brothers, and a willingness to let the other man have the credit.

**11** Let us not allow slackness to spoil our work and let us keep the fires of the spirit burning, as we do our work for God.

**12** Base your happiness on your hope in Christ. When trials come endure them patiently, steadfastly maintain the habit of prayer.

**13** Give freely to fellow-Christians in want, never grudging a meal or a bed to those who need them.

**14** And as for those who try to make your life a misery, bless them. Don't curse, bless.

**15** Share the happiness of those who are happy, the sorrow of those who are sad.

**16** Live in harmony with each other. Don't become snobbish but take a real interest in ordinary people. Don't become set in your own opinions.

NOTE: Within the family of God there is room for all kinds of people with all kinds of abilities.  
(William Sydnor)

### **THE GOSPEL – St. John 2:1-11 (J.B. Phillips)**

*The Son of God and a village wedding*

**2** <sup>1</sup> Two days later there was a wedding in the Galilean village of Cana.

<sup>2-3</sup> Jesus' mother was there and he and his disciples were invited to the festivities. Then it happened that the supply of wine gave out, and Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine."

<sup>4</sup> "Is that your concern, or mine?" replied Jesus. "My time has not come yet."

<sup>5</sup> So his mother said to the servants, "Mind you do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6-11</sup> In the room six very large stone water-jars stood on the floor (actually for the Jewish ceremonial cleansing), each holding about twenty gallons. Jesus gave instructions for these jars to be filled with water, and the servants filled them to the brim. Then he said to them, "Now draw some water out and take it to the master of ceremonies", which they did. When this man tasted the water, which had now become wine, without knowing where it came from (though naturally the servants who had drawn the water knew), he called out to the bridegroom and said to him, "Everybody I know puts his good wine on first and then when men have had plenty to drink, he brings out the poor stuff. But you have kept back your good wine till now!" Jesus gave this, the first of his signs, at Cana in Galilee. He demonstrated his power and his disciples believed in him.

**NOTE:** The marriage feast in Cana has been associated with the Epiphany from very early times. Here is an occasion when Jesus manifested His glory in a very ordinary situation. (William Sydnor)

## LECTIONARY READING

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Isaiah 41:8-10, 17-20 (RSV)

*The prophet tells of God's concern for His people. God's lovingkindness to Israel is pictured in terms of springs of water in a dry land.*

<sup>8</sup> But you, Israel, my servant,  
Jacob, whom I have chosen,  
the offspring of Abraham, my friend;

<sup>9</sup> you whom I took from the ends of the earth,  
and called from its farthest corners,

saying to you, "You are my servant,  
I have chosen you and not cast you off";

<sup>10</sup> fear not, for I am with you,  
be not dismayed, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you, I will help you,  
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

<sup>17</sup> When the poor and needy seek water,  
and there is none,  
and their tongue is parched with thirst,  
I the LORD will answer them,

I the God of Israel will not forsake them.  
<sup>18</sup> I will open rivers on the bare heights,  
    and fountains in the midst of the valleys;  
I will make the wilderness a pool of water,  
    and the dry land springs of water.  
<sup>19</sup> I will put in the wilderness the cedar,  
    the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive;  
I will set in the desert the cypress,  
    the plane and the pine together;  
<sup>20</sup> that men may see and know,  
    may consider and understand together,  
that the hand of the LORD has done this,  
    the Holy One of Israel has created it.

NOTE: Here are two stanzas of a long poem (41:1-42:4) dealing with the trial of the nations.  
(William Sydnor)

## THIS SUNDAY

**Preacher: The Rector**

Lector – OT: Jordan Van Horn

Lector – NT: Judy Brooten

Acolyte – Jim Noblett

Verger – Dr. Alvin Cash

Ushers: Roger, Steven and Teresa Wankel

## 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.



**Tip of the Canterbury Cap** to Teresa Wankel for taking down Christmas greenery and removing poinsettias from the Church and for Ruth Balis for joining the Altar Guild.



## JOIN THE CHOIR!

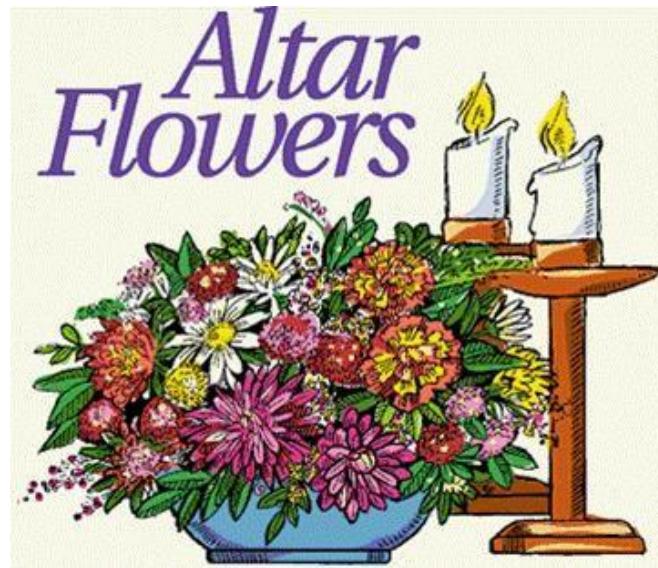


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### OUR MISSION

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 2025.

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 2025**

*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 2025*

Name

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Amount

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(Please tick the appropriate blank)



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