



This Sunday at St. Luke's
June 7, 2026

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

10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion with hymns and special music

Susan Gooch, pianist

The First Sunday after Trinity



TRINITYTIDE

TRINITY Sunday divides the Christian Year into its two main parts. Up to this point we have been principally concerned with the great doctrines of the Christian faith: the mighty acts of God for man's salvation in the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ. Trinity Sunday confronts us with God Himself in the mystery and majesty of His Triune Being. In the Sunday that follows – Trinity 1 – the emphasis is upon our response to, and experience of God's saving grace and the working out of His purpose in our Christian life, conduct and duty.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN TRINITY – AN OVERVIEW

The Gospel for the First Sunday in Trinity is the parable of Dives (the rich man) and Lazarus. This Gospel is an excellent example of this. It brings us face to face with the practical demands which God makes upon us. It reminds us of what manner of persons we ought to be in this life in view of the other life which lies beyond the grave. In a sense the parable is a commentary on the text, “As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men” (Galatians 6:10). We might sum up its message by saying that it views our present duty in the light of our future destiny. (Canon Frank Colquhoun)

THE COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O GOD, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee; Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE – 1 St. John 4:7-21 (J.B. Phillips)

Let us love: God has shown us love at its highest

⁷⁻⁸ To you whom I love I say, let us go on loving one another, for love comes from God. Every man who truly loves is God’s son and has some knowledge of him. But the man who does not love cannot know him at all, for God is love.

⁹⁻¹⁰ To us, the greatest demonstration of God’s love for us has been his sending his only Son into the world to give us life through him. We see real love, not in that fact that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to make personal atonement for our sins.

¹¹ If God loved us as much as that, surely we, in our turn, should love each other!

¹²⁻¹³ It is true that no human being has ever had a direct vision of God. Yet if we love each other God does actually live within us, and his love grows in us towards perfection. And, as I wrote above, the guarantee of our living in him and his living in us is the share of his own Spirit which he gives us.

Knowing Christ means more love and confidence, less and less fear

^{14-16a} We ourselves are eye-witnesses able and willing to testify to the fact that the Father did send the Son to save the world. Everyone who acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God lives in him, and he lives in God. So we have come to know and trust the love God has for us.

^{16b-18} God is love, and the man whose life is lived in love does, in fact, live in God, and God does, in fact, live in him. So our love for him grows more and more, filling us with

complete confidence for the day when he shall judge all men—for we realise that our life in this world is actually his life lived in us. Love contains no fear—indeed fully-developed love expels every particle of fear, for fear always contains some of the torture of feeling guilty. This means that the man who lives in fear has not yet had his love perfected.

¹⁹⁻²¹ Yes, we love him because he first loved us. If a man says, “I love God” and hates his brother, he is a liar. For if he does not love the brother before his eyes how can he love the one beyond his sight? And in any case it is his explicit command that the one who loves God must love his brother too.

NOTE: This book and particularly this passage gives us one of the Bible’s most significant descriptions of God’s loving nature. This paragraph describes in words what our Lord Himself lived out in historic fact. (William Sydnor)

THE GOSPEL – St. Luke 16:19-31 (J.B. Phillips)

A parable of failing to love

¹⁹⁻³¹ “There was once a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and lead a life of daily luxury. And there was a poor man called Lazarus who was put down at his gate. He was covered with sores. He used to long to be fed with the scraps from the rich man’s table. Yes, and the dogs used to come and lick his sores. Well, it happened that the poor man died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And from among the dead he looked up and saw Abraham a long way away, and Lazarus in his arms. ‘Father Abraham!’ he cried out, ‘please pity me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham replied, ‘Remember, my son, that you used to have the good things in your lifetime, while Lazarus suffered the bad. Now he is being comforted here, while you are in agony. And besides this, a great chasm has been set between you and us, so that those who want to go to you from this side cannot do so, and people cannot come to us from your side.’ At this he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house for I have five brothers. He could warn them about all this and prevent their coming to this place of torture.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets: they can listen to them.’ ‘Ah no, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘if only someone were to go to them from the dead, they would change completely.’ But Abraham told him, ‘If they will not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they would not be convinced even if somebody were to rise from the dead.’”

NOTE: In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus it is evident that selfishness is a barrier between man and God. This story illustrates the question raised in the Epistle: “He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?” (1 John 4:20). (William Sydnor)

LECTIONARY READING

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Jeremiah 23:23-32 (RSV)

False prophets denounced

“Am I a God at hand, says the Lord, and not a God afar off? ²⁴ Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams which they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Ba’al? ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer which breaks the rock in pieces? ³⁰ Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, says the Lord, who steal my words from one another. ³¹ Behold, I am against the prophets, says the Lord, who use their tongues and say, ‘Says the Lord.’ ³² Behold, I am against those who prophesy lying dreams, says the Lord, and who tell them and lead my people astray by their lies and their recklessness, when I did not send them or charge them; so they do not profit this people at all, says the Lord.

NOTE: God genuinely loves His people; hence He is displeased with false prophets who deceive them. (William Sydnor)

TRINITY 1

Preacher: The Rev. Clark Cornelius

The Rev. Clark Cornelus serves as rector of Grace Church (Anglican), Dothan, Ala. He and Mrs. Cornelus are frequent visitors to North Georgia and attend St. Luke's when in the area.



Born in a small town in Kentucky, the Rev. Mr. Cornelus spent early years on a sheep farm in Ohio. He is 1992 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, he served in Korea, Georgia, Louisiana, Haiti, Kentucky, Kansas, Wisconsin, and Mississippi.

The Rev. Mr. Cornelus has done master's level studies at Midwestern and New Orleans Baptist Seminaries, Trinity School for Ministry, Reformed Theological Seminary and Birmingham Theological Seminary.

THIS SUNDAY

Preacher: The Rector

Lector (Old Testament) – Al Cash

Lector (Epistle) – Tim Kirby

Acolyte – Reed Ferrell

Verger – Dr. Alvin Cash

Ushers – Tim Kirby and Jordan Van Horn

OLD FASHIONED SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINNING NEXT WEEK

ANGLICANISM 101

Grab a cup of coffee and join us!

Beginning **Sunday, June 14**, the Rector (assisted by others) will conduct a class on the Anglican expression of the Christian faith. Classes will begin at 9:15 a.m. and held in Yellow Room in the Parish House. Topics will include: Roots and Branches; Did Henry the Eighth Start a New Church?; The Reformation and Why It Matters; Beliefs and Practices; Why are Evangelicals Becoming Anglicans? . . . and more. **Those who are considering formally affiliating with St. Luke's are encouraged to attend these sessions, while others are cordially welcomed as well.**

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

June

- **Evening Bible Study on Genesis** – Thursdays, at 5:30 p.m. continuing for 6 weeks in the St. Luke's pavilion. Dinner provided.
- **Her Hope Pregnancy Center Walk for Life** – Saturday, June 6. Register at SupportHerHope.me or Contact Teresa Wankel for more information.
- **Sunny D Theater Camp** – June 8-19.
- **St. Barnabas the Apostle** – Thursday, June 11, HC Jennus Chapel at noon.
- **SLMG Yard Sale** – Saturday, June 20 at 8 a.m.
- **Eastern Orthodox Vespers** – Sunday, June 14 and 28, at 2 p.m.
- **The Nativity of St. John the Baptist** – Wednesday, June 24, HC, Jennus Chapel at noon.
- **St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles** – Monday, June 29, Jennus Chapel at noon.

GENESIS AND CREATION CLASS CONTINUES

Synopsis:

This class meets once a week for 6 weeks. It covers the entire book of Genesis, which is so foundational to an understanding of how and where earth and civilization are contained in Chapters 1-11, and then the beginnings of the nation of Israel through the lives of the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are covered in Chapters 12-50, the last several chapters of which is the story of Joseph, ending with the young nation residing prosperously in Egypt, which is however, not their promised land.



The Instructor:

Charles Lutz, 63 years old, lives in Blairsville, but is from Indiana. For the past 31 years, he has put his seminary training to use in a variety of Christian ministries. He currently is a visiting instructor at a Native American Bible college, and is a writer and musician. He loves teaching passionately about

both books God has written: the Bible and Creation!

Options

In-church.

Online. Services are livestreamed on Facebook and available for viewing following the service on YouTube. To access both put “Parish Church of St. Luke, Blue Ridge, Ga.” In the search bar.



Tip of the Canterbury Cap to all who assisted with last Sunday's 'Red, White and Blue' lunch, especially to Judy Brooten for coordinating the event.



JOIN THE CHOIR!

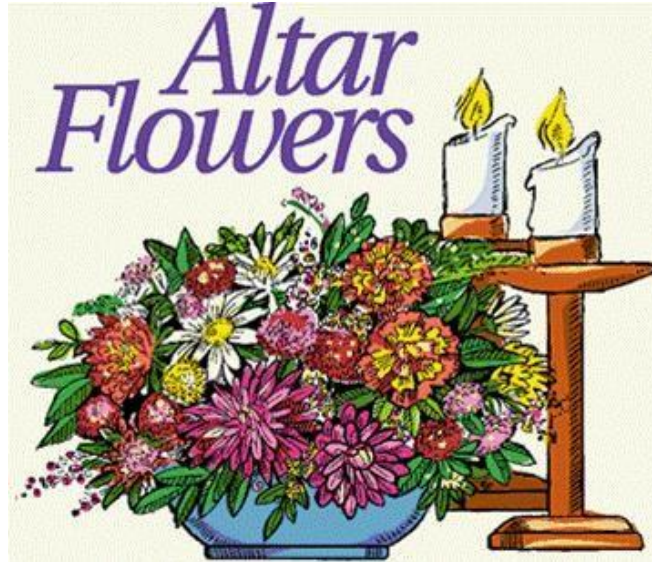


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OUR MISSION

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 2026

*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

Address

Amount

Weekly Monthly Yearly

(Please tick the appropriate blank)



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