



This Sunday at St. Luke's
September 6, 2026

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

10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion with organ, choir and hymns

Steven Cagle, organist

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity



**Ten lepers
cleansed, one
returns to
give thanks**

There are many sins but perhaps none is so ugly as ingratitude. The man who returned and gave thanks, moreover, got a blessing beyond that the other nine received. He received not only physical but spiritual cleansing. Jesus dismisses him

with the words: “Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.” All are in some sense like the lepers who came to Jesus. We stand in need of being made whole of a fatal disease, the disease of sin. When we are united to Jesus in faith and baptism, this healing takes place: we are ransomed, healed, restored forgiven. We are given a new future. Death need not frighten us. What God the Father did for Jesus on Easter morning, He is pledged to do for us. How often do we think of, return and give thanks for these great blessings?

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

Lector (OT) – Lois Joldersma

Lector (NT) – Daniel Foster

Acolyte – Reed Ferrell

Verger – Dr. Alvin Cash

Ushers – Roger, Teresa and Stephen Wankel

**(New usher volunteers are needed! Why not put your name in this blank?
Speak to Tim Kirby)**

OLD FASHIONED SUNDAY SCHOOL ANGLICANISM 101

Grab a cup of coffee and join us!

Adult Sunday school will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the Skelton Conference Room in the Parish House next door. The topic will be “Liturgy and Life: Faith and Worship”. The Rector will be the facilitator.

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

September and October

- ☐ **WSL Bi-Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 9:30 a.m.**
- ☐ **Eastern Orthodox Divine Liturgy – Sunday, Sept. 13 and 27, at 2 p.m.**

- ☐ **St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist – Monday, Sept. 21, HC Jennus chapel at noon.**
- ☐ **WSL Joyful Celebration and Luncheon – Saturday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
- ☐ **Vestry Meeting – Sunday, Sept. 27, following the 10:30 service.**
- ☐ **St. Michael, and All Angels – Tuesday, Sept. 29, HC Jennus chapel at noon.**
- ☐ **SLMG Monthly Meeting – Saturday, Oct. 3, at 10 a.m.**
- ☐ **Annual Church Picnic – Sunday, Oct. 11, following the 10:30 a.m. service.**
- ☐ **Eastern Orthodox Divine Liturgy – Sunday, Oct. 11 and 25, at 2 p.m.**
- ☐ **Young Harris Concert – Sunday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. ☐ St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles – Wednesday, Oct. 28, HC Jennus Chapel at noon.**

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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 the Rev. Bill Baio for assisting in the services of public worship during his and Violet’s time in North Georgia.



JOIN THE CHOIR!



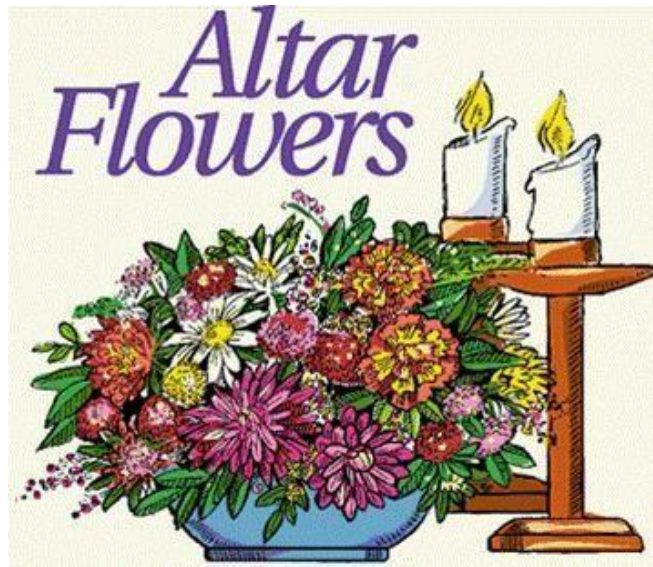
For information, contact, Diana Burden Mark at 678-852-6907 or email dburden6907@gmail.com.



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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 2026.

Name

Address

Amount

_____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____ Yearly

(Please tick the appropriate blank)



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