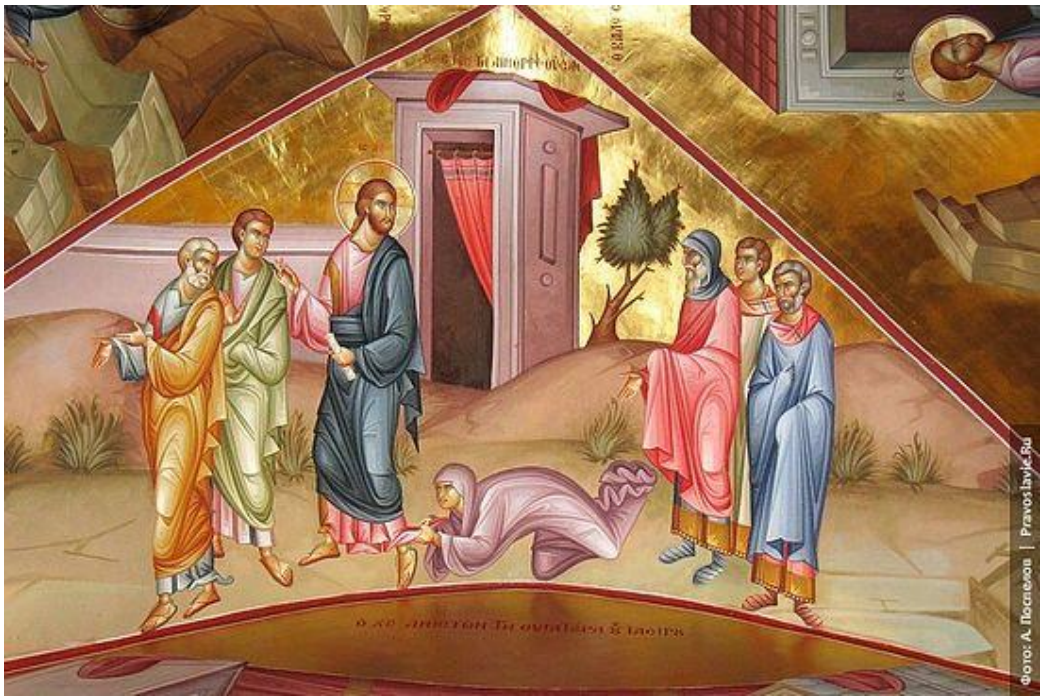
This Sunday at St. Luke's
November 15, 2026

8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion (said service)
10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion with hymns, choir and organ

Steven Cagle, organist

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity



Healing of the woman with an issue of blood

Faith is the victory

In other instances of healing, we find Jesus responding to someone's request. However, in this instance, the woman initiates by reaching out to touch the tassel on Jesus' garment. She truly believes that she will be healed if she can just touch His

outer cloak. Her unwavering faith, despite her condition and societal norms, is truly remarkable. She seems to understand the absolute power He holds and acts. Faith is still the golden key that opens the casket of all God's blessings.

THE COLLECT FOR TRINITY 24

O LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ's, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE – Colossians 1:3-12 (J.B. Phillips)

We thank God for you and pray constantly for you

3-6 I want you to know by this letter that we here are constantly praying for you, and whenever we do we thank God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ because you believe in Christ Jesus and because you are showing true Christian love towards other Christians. We know that you are showing these qualities because you have grasped the hope reserved for you in Heaven—that hope which first became yours when the truth was brought to you. It is, of course, part of the Gospel itself, which has reached you as it spreads all over the world. Wherever that Gospel goes, it produces Christian character, and develops it, as it had done in your own case from the time you first heard and realised the amazing fact of God's grace.

7-10 You learned these things, we understand, from Epaphras who is in the same service as we are. He is a most well-loved minister of Christ, and has your well-being very much at heart. As a matter of fact, it was from him that we heard about your growth in Christian love, so you will understand that since we heard about you we have never missed you in our prayers. We are asking God that you may see things, as it were, from his point of view by being given spiritual insight and understanding. We also pray that your outward lives, which men see, may bring credit to your master's name, and that you may bring joy to his heart by bearing genuine Christian fruit, and that your knowledge of God may grow yet deeper.

We pray for you to have real Christian experience

11-14 As you live this new life, we pray that you will be strengthened from God's boundless resources, so that you will find yourselves able to pass through any experience and endure it with courage. You will even be able to thank God in the midst of pain and distress because you are privileged to share the lot of those who are living

in the light. For we must never forget that he rescued us from the power of darkness, and re-established us in the kingdom of his beloved Son, that is, in the kingdom of light. For it is by his Son alone that we have been redeemed and have had our sins forgiven.

NOTE: St. Paul prays that the Colossians may be strengthened in "all patience and longsuffering." He also prays that their faith, in which he rejoices, may become even more perfect. Should not Christians today pray for the same things for their local congregations? (William Sydnor)

THE GOSPEL – St. Matthew 9:18-26 (J.B. Phillips)

Jesus heals a young girl, and several others in need

18 While he was saying these thing to them an official came up to him and, bowing low before him, said, "My daughter has just this moment died. Please come and lay your hand on her and she will come back to life!"
19-20 At this Jesus got to his feet and followed him, accompanied by his disciples. And on the way a woman who had a haemorrhage for twelve years approached him from behind and touched the edge of his cloak.
21 "If I can only touch his cloak," she kept saying to herself, "I shall be all right."
22 But Jesus turned right round and saw her. "Cheer up, my daughter," he said, "your faith has made you well!" And the woman was completely cured from that moment.
23-24 Then when Jesus came into the official's house and noticed the flute-players and the noisy crowd he said, "You must all go outside; the little girl is not dead, she is fast asleep."
25-26 This was met with scornful laughter. But when Jesus had forced the crowd to leave, he came right into the room, took hold of her hand, and the girl got up. And this became the talk of the whole district.

NOTE: Both those who came to Jesus in this passage came in faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God.

LECTIONARY READING

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – 2 Kings 4:18-37 (RSV)

Elisha Raises the Shunammite's Son

18 When the child had grown, he went out one day to his father among the reapers. **19** And he said to his father, "Oh, my head, my head!" The father said to his servant, "Carry him to his mother." **20** And when he had lifted him, and brought him to his mother, the child sat on her lap till noon, and then he died. **21** And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out. **22** Then she called to her husband, and said, "Send me one of the servants and one of the asses,

that I may quickly go to the man of God, and come back again." [23] And he said, "Why will you go to him today? It is neither new moon nor sabbath." She said, "It will be well." [24] Then she saddled the ass, and she said to her servant, "Urge the beast on; do not slacken the pace for me unless I tell you." [25] So she set out, and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When the man of God saw her coming, he said to Geha′zi his servant, "Look, yonder is the Shu′nammite; [26] run at once to meet her, and say to her, Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the child?" And she answered, "It is well." [27] And when she came to the mountain to the man of God, she caught hold of his feet. And Geha′zi came to thrust her away. But the man of God said, "Let her alone, for she is in bitter distress; and the Lord has hidden it from me, and has not told me." [28] Then she said, "Did I ask my lord for a son? Did I not say, Do not deceive me?" [29] He said to Geha′zi, "Gird up your loins, and take my staff in your hand, and go. If you meet any one, do not salute him; and if any one salutes you, do not reply; and lay my staff upon the face of the child." [30] Then the mother of the child said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So he arose and followed her. [31] Geha′zi went on ahead and laid the staff upon the face of the child, but there was no sound or sign of life. Therefore he returned to meet him, and told him, "The child has not awaked."

[32] When Eli′sha came into the house, he saw the child lying dead on his bed. [33] So he went in and shut the door upon the two of them, and prayed to the Lord. [34] Then he went up and lay upon the child, putting his mouth upon his mouth, his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands; and as he stretched himself upon him, the flesh of the child became warm. [35] Then he got up again, and walked once to and fro in the house, and went up, and stretched himself upon him; the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. [36] Then he summoned Geha′zi and said, "Call this Shu′nammite." So he called her. And when she came to him, he said, "Take up your son." [37] She came and fell at his feet, bowing to the ground; then she took up her son and went out.

NOTE: By raising the son of the Shunammite woman, the Old Testament prophet Elisha anticipates Jesus by whom healing and new life will come to the whole world. Like the woman with the issue of blood in today's Gospel, this Shunammite exhibited faith, faith . . . desperate yes, but not without hope.

THIS SUNDAY

Preacher: The Rector

Lector (Old Testament) – Daniel Foster

Lector (Epistle) – Lois Joldersma

Acolyte – Reed Ferrell
Verger – Dr. Alvin Cash
Ushers –

(New usher volunteers and altar servers are needed! Why not put your name in this blank? Speak to Tim Kirby about being an usher; to Jim about being a being a reader or acolyte.

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS
November and December

- **SLMG Retreat** – Monteagle, Tenn., Nov. 17-18.
- **Christmas Bazaar Workshop** – Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 10 a.m.
- **Vestry Meeting –** Sunday, Nov. 22 following the 10:30 service.
- **Thanksgiving Day Service –** Thursday, Nov. 26, at 11 a.m. followed by a Thanksgiving dinner.
- **St. Andrew the Apostle –** Monday, Nov. 30, HC Jennus Chapel at noon.
- **SLMG Monthly Meeting –** Tuesday**,** Dec. 1, at 11 a.m.
- **WSL Christmas Bazaar –** Saturday, Dec. 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Christmas by Candlelight Concert –** Saturday, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 20, at 3 p.m.
- **St. Thomas the Apostle –** Monday, Dec. 21, HC Jennus Chapel at noon.
- **Christmas Eve Family Service –** Thursday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m.
- **Christmas Eve Traditional Mass –** Thursday, Dec. 24, at 10 p.m.
- **The Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Day Service –** Friday, Dec. 25, at 9 a.m.
- **Vestry Meeting –** Sunday, Dec. 27, following the 10:30 a.m. service.

OLD FASHIONED SUNDAY SCHOOL

"These Things We Believe: A Look at the Nicene Creed"

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 study for the next few weeks will focus on the Nicene Creed. A video series featuring RC Bishop Barron will be used. The Rector will be the facilitator.

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 Randy Wilbur for bringing extraordinary music to St. Luke's Church Sunday by Sunday.



JOIN THE CHOIR!

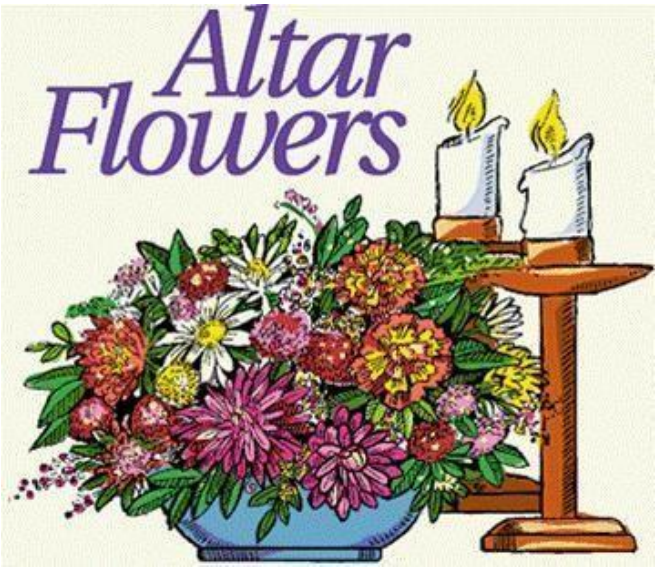


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OUR MISSION

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 2027

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 2027.

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