



Jesus raises the son of the widow of Nain

The Holy Communion

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:30 a.m. - FM 98.1

Steven Cagle, organist

8:15 a.m. – The Order of Service is found in the Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 67. Propers (Collect, Epistle and Gospel) begin on page 212.

ATTENTION PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN. A family care room, (The Snuggery) with changing facilities and a closed-circuit television is available on the ground floor. An usher / greeter will be glad to direct you to it.

PRELUDE

“Elevation”

by Francois Couperin

INTROIT

“All People That On Earth Do Dwell”

HYMN (insert)

AZMON

“O for a thousand tongues to sing”

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY (kneel or sit)

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

KYRIE ELEISON (#702)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT FOR TRINITY 16

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Isaiah 12 (RSV)

This outburst of thanksgiving is the result of the prophet's faith in God's exceeding great and wonderful power, the same power

which we shall see manifested in today's Gospel when Jesus raises the widow's son from death.

You will say in that day:

"I will give thanks to thee, O LORD,
for though thou wast angry with me,
thy anger turned away,
and thou didst comfort me.

² "Behold, God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation."

³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of
salvation. ⁴ And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the nations,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵ "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known^[a] in all the earth.

⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

THE EPISTLE – Ephesians 3:13-21 (sit)

Paul in these verses prays for his Gentile readers. He ends by focusing on God's amazing power. The power that is at work in Gentile believers in Ephesus is the same power which raised the son of the widow of Nain in today's Gospel.

I DESIRE that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant

you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

THE GOSPEL - St. Luke 7:11-17 (stand)

In the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, we see God at work in the world. The blind receive their sight, the dead are raised up.

AND it came to pass the day after, that Jesus went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people. And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judæa, and throughout all the region round about.

THE NICENE CREED (stand)

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN 517

ST. MATTHEW

“Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old ”

ANNOUNCEMENTS, WELCOME

ANTHEM

“Simple Praise”

by Craig Courtney and Pam Martin
The St. Luke Singers

SERMON – The Rector

OFFERTORY

Online Giving: A portal for on-line giving is now available on St. Luke’s webpage page:

www.stlukesblueridge.org.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH (kneel or sit)

Minister: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [alms and] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also, so to direct

and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

GENERAL CONFESSION

¶ *Then shall the Priest say to those who come to receive the Holy Communion,*

YE who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of

God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

¶ *Then shall the Priest (the Bishop if he be present) stand up, and turning to the People, say,*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;

and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

¶ *Then shall the Priest say,*

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matt. xi. 28.*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John iii. 16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Tim. i. 15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. *1 St. John ii. 1, 2.*

SURSUM CORDA

Priest. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. **It is meet and right so to do.**

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS (# 704)

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be
to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

The Oblation

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our

Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

The Invocation

AND we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

AND we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in

him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Minister: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI (#706)

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world.
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world.
Grant us thy peace.**

THE COMMUNION

*All persons who have been baptized and have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord
and Saviour are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily
thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who
have duly received these holy mysteries, with the
spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of
thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us
thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and
that we are very members incorporate in the mystical
body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all
faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy
everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious
death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O
heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we
may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such
good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and
the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without
end. Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (#739)

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

HYMN 551

EIN' FESTE BURG

“A mighty fortress is our God”

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

“Dialogue sur les grands jeux” by Francois Couperin

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Members of St. Luke’s Patsy Williams, Judy Evans, Bryan Fobbus, Lauren Burgreen, Bob Bradley, Curly Robison, Ron Wikander, Jennifer Higdon, Stacy and Chris Johnson and Family, Jordan Van Horn, Christina Pinkerton, Bob Herrington, Bob Morgan, David Johnston, Sheila McConnell, Glenda Robinson, Deacon Tony McConnell, Tom McCormick, Rodney Allen, Barbara Newman, Elizabeth Ann White, Sherron Dearing, Tom Hoffer, MaryLynn Kipfmiller, Rosanne Johnston, Thomas Heard, Martha Millsaps, and Paul & Patti Hiller.

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THE PARISH STAFF

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The Rt. Rev. John Greaves, Coadjutor Bishop

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God in loving memory of the
Rev. Robert E. Burgreen by Lauren Burgreen.

BIRTHDAYS

Valery Rice, Sept. 20, Gayle Hayes, Sept. 21,
Bruce Berkinshaw, Sept. 24

“Watch over thy children as their days increase.”

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Violet Baio. Sept. 21

Gordon & Pat Bailey. Sept. 21.

“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity” (Colossians 3:14)

IN MILITARY SERVICE

Please remember in your prayers those serving in the Armed Services, especially those who have connections with St. Luke’s particularly, Tyler Ketron, Wesley Ryan McIntosh, Christian Wade Newman, Kyle Morgan, Sam Sonn, Marc Rodriguez, Brooks Johnson, Jessica Wyllie Andres-Jansz, Kyle Yates and Ian Yates.

WSL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

It is again time to start preparing for our annual Christmas Bazaar! This year will be our 20th year, and we would like to make it super special! We ask you to consider donating items that you have created or participate in our Wednesday workshops starting Sept. 9 through Nov. 18. This is the WSL primary fundraiser.

For more info or to volunteer, please contact Lauren Burgreen, #706-400-8761 or Jennifer Higdon at iceni2000@gmail.com.

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

September and October.

- **Eastern Orthodox Divine Liturgy** – Sunday, Sept. 27, at 2 p.m.
- **The Old Testament in Four Weeks, Charles Lutz instructor** – Thursdays, Sept. 17- Oct. 8, Meal at 5:30 p.m. Study at 6 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.
- **WSL Fall Bible Study** – Wednesdays, Sept. 30 – Nov. 4 at 10 a.m.
- **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.

DEADLINE FOR CALENDAR

All additions to the calendar should be submitted to the church office — stlukesblueridge@gmail.com — no later than Wednesday at noon.

To the Parishioners of St. Luke's

There is a certain beauty in the Liturgy at St. Luke's. The timelessness of the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, the graceful singing of the choir, and the solemnity of Holy Communion. In order to ensure the service is done correctly, many people are involved, not just the Clergy. There are Usher/Greeters that welcome people to our church, the Altar Guild who make sure that the Altar is set up correctly and the Lectors and Acolytes who participate in the service alongside the Clergy.

These positions are all necessary to the dignity of the service and are all volunteers. St. Luke's is always looking for those parishioners who would like to participate in any of these positions. We always have a need for Usher/Greeters, Altar Guild members, Lectors and Acolytes.

At this time, we are critically short of Acolytes, although if you have any interest in any of the other positions, please let either Fr. Morgan or me know and we will pass along your interest to the proper person.

If you have any interest in becoming an Acolyte and learning more about our Liturgy and how a service works, please contact me. If you do decide God is calling you this direction, we will train you in the proper fashion to conduct a service and the church will furnish vestments.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Jim Noblett
Verger

Bible Studies

There are two great opportunities to attend a Bible study. Learn about the history of the Old Testament in 4 weeks with Charles Lutz, on Thursday evenings Sept. 17 – Oct. 8 at 5:30 p.m. Dinner provided. Also, the WSL will be starting their fall Bible study based on the book *The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi* by Kathie Lee Gifford and Rabbi Jason Sobel on Wednesdays, Sept, 30- Nov. 4 at 10 a.m. All women of St. Luke's are welcome to attend.

FROM THE TREASURER

Summary for 9-13-2026

Attendance in person: 8:15 - 20 / 10:30 - 60 = 80

General Fund: Contributions / Budget

9/13/2026	\$ 3,449	\$ 3,764
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YTD:	\$ 149,397	\$ 131,788
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