

Morning Prayer and Sermon
together with Shortened Holy Communion

Sunday next before Advent
(Trinity 25)
10:30 A.M. - FM 98.1
Susan Gooch, piano

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 225.

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
"We Gather Together" arr. John Carter

INTROIT
"A Harvest of Thanksgiving" by Stacy Nordmeyer

HYMN 315 **KREMSER**
"We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing"

OPENING SENTENCES

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. *St. John* iv. 23.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

LET us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

GENERAL CONFESSION (kneel or sit)

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

¶ *To be made by the Priest alone, standing; the People still kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution

and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips.
People: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**
Minister: O God, make speed to save us.
People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

GLORIA PATRI (please stand)

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
People: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

Minister: Praise ye the Lord.

People: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

VENITE (#608)

O COME, let us sing | unto • the LORD;
* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of | our sal**va**tion.
Let us come before his presence with | **thanks**giving;
* and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.
For the LORD is a| **great** God;
* and a great | King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners | of the earth; * and the strength of the hills is | **his al**so.
The sea is | his, and • he made it;
* and his hands prepared • the **dry** land.
O come, let us worship and | **fall** down,
* and kneel before the | LORD our **Maker**.
For he is the Lord | our God;
* and we are the people of his pasture,
and the | sheep of **his** hand.
O worship the LORD in the | beauty • of holiness;
* let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to | judge *the* earth;
* and with righteousness to judge the world,
and the | peoples with his truth.
GLORY be to the Father, and | to the Son,
* and | to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be,
* world without **end. A**men.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 103. ***Benedic, anima mea.***

1 PRAISE the LORD, O my soul; * and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.

2 Praise the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits:

3 Who forgiveth all thy sin, * and healeth all thine infirmities;

4 Who saveth thy life from destruction, * and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, * making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

6 The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment * for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

7 He showed his ways unto Moses, * his works unto the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * long-suffering, and of great goodness.

9 He will not alway be chiding; * neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; * nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth; * so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

12 Look how wide also the east is from the west; * so far hath he set our sins from us.

13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children; * even so is the LORD merciful unto them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth whereof we are made; * he remembereth that we are but dust.

15 The days of man are but as grass; * for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; * and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him; * and his righteousness upon children's children;

18 Even upon such as keep his covenant, * and think upon his commandments to do them.

19 The LORD hath prepared his seat in heaven, * and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 25:1-9 (RSV) (sit)

The prophet sees beyond the captivity of the Southern Kingdom of Judah to the Messianic age when God will wipe away all tears and bring in a new order.

O Lord, thou art my God;
I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name;
for thou hast done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
2 For thou hast made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify thee;
cities of ruthless nations will fear thee.
4 For thou hast been a stronghold to the poor,
a stronghold to the needy in his distress,
a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat;
for the blast of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall,
5 like heat in a dry place.

Thou dost subdue the noise of the aliens;
as heat by the shade of a cloud,
so the song of the ruthless is stilled.
6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of wine on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wine on the lees well refined.
7 And he will destroy on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.
8 He will swallow up death for ever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken.
9 It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS (said)

The Te Deum is a Latin Christian hymn, believed to date back to A.D. 387, with origins in the Ambrosian hymnal.

WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the Powers therein;

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;

The Father of an infinite Majesty;

Thine adorable, true and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

THOU art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine heritage. Govern *them* and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – St. John 6:5-14
(RSV) (sit)

From the time of the early Church down to this present day, Christians have associated the Feeding of the Five Thousands with the great messianic banquet at the end of the age.

Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a multitude was coming to him, Jesus said to Philip, "How are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" **6** This he said to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. **7** Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." **8** One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, **9** "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what are they among so many?" **10** Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place; so the men sat down, in number about five thousand. **11** Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. **12** And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, that nothing may be lost." **13** So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. **14** When the people saw the sign which he had done, they said, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world!"

JUBILATE DEO (#645)

Psalm 100

O BE joyful in the LORD | all ye lands:
* serve the LORD with gladness,
and come before his | presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the LORD he is God;

it is he that hath made us, and not | we ourselves;
* we are his people and the | sheep of • his **pas**ture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his | courts with praise;
* be thankful unto him, and | **speak** | good of • his Name
For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is | everlasting;
* and his truth endureth from generation to | gene**ra**tion.
GLORY be to the Father, and | to the Son, *
and | to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be,
* world without **end**. **A**men.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE IN GOD the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

SALUTATION AND VERSICLES

Minister: The Lord be with you.
Answer: **And with thy spirit.**
Minister: Let us pray.

¶ *Here, all kneeling or sitting, the Minister shall say,*

Minister: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Answer: **And grant us thy salvation.**
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Answer: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

COLLECT FOR TRINITY 25

STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR GRACE

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT

O LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and to all in Authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE CLERGY AND PEOPLE

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any

ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [**especially those for whom our prayers are desired*;] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world

knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

GRACE

2 Corinthians 23:14

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

HYMN 140 **DIX**

"Praise to God, immortal praise"

ANNOUNCEMENTS, WELCOME…….. The Rector

ANTHEM

"All Good Gifts" (from the musical Godspell)

Owen Malone, soloist

SERMON – The Rector

OFFERTORY

On-line Giving: A portal for on-line giving is now available on St. Luke's webpage page: www.stlukesblueridge.org.

DOXOLOGY, AMERICA (LAST STANZA)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him, all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Our fathers' God, to thee,
Author of liberty,

To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might
Great God, our King. Amen.

PRAYERS (parish birthdays, anniversaries military, etc.)

HYMN 137 **ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR**
"Come, ye thankful people come"

DISMISSAL
Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE
"Rejoice, the Lord is King" arr. Mark Hayes

Those wishing to receive Holy Communion from elements consecrated at the 8:15 a.m. service are invited to remain in the church. This next service will not begin until the postlude is completed and those leaving the service of Morning Prayer and Sermon have departed.

Shortened Holy Communion

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 baptised 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.

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.**

IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Family & Friends – Ryan Veeter, Susan Whitt and family, Cameron Shackleford, Jessica Johnston, Pat Henegar, Frances Nation, Erica Ensley, Larry Mark, Jackey Cheek, Richard Hord, Rick Vollrath, Steve Cummings, Richard Dotson, Michael Batet, Carlie Hammond, Susan Martin, Dave Narey, Meagan Boscque, Evan Simpson, Janice Cary, Elma Donaldson, Helen Dotson, Cheryl Smith, Janet Thomas, Leland Thomas, Noah, Amy and child, Jan Newberry, Patsy Horsford, Gabriella Calla, Clara Bradley, Matt Cross, Michael Briggs, Bill Morgan, Charles Cecil, April Weich, Bob Jost, Lynn Grimme, Donna Dotson, and Alan Jackson.

THE PARISH STAFF

THE REVEREND VICTOR H. MORGAN, Rector
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BISHOPS AND AFFILIATIONS

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The Rt. Rev. John Greaves, Coadjutor Bishop
EMC Diocese of the South

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given in honor and memory of the
Rev. Tony McConnell

BIRTHDAYS

Neil McDonald, Nov. 24, Betty Payne, Nov. 25,
Joe Webb, Nov. 27
"*Watch over thy children as their days increase."*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bob & Zenda Morgan, Nov. 25.

"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.

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

November and December

- **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 Service –** 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.

DEADLINE FOR CALENDAR

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

FROM THE TREASURER

Summary for 11-15-2026

Attendance in person: 8:15 - 17/ 10:30 –51 = 68

General Fund:	Contributions	/ Budget
11/15/2026	$ 2,172	$ 3,764
YTD:	$ 175,539	$ 166,854



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