



**Morning Prayer and Sermon
together with Shortened Holy Communion**

The Sunday next before Advent

10:15 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 225.

PRELUDE

INTROIT *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

HYMN (insert).....SHELTERED DALE

“Awake, awake to love and work!”

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

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

O COME, let us sing / unto **J** the LORD;

* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of / our sal**v**ation.

Let us come before his presence with / **th**anks**g**iving;

* 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** also.
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**. **Amen**.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 145. *Exaltabo te, Deus.*

1 I WILL magnify thee, O God, my King; * and I will
praise thy Name for ever and ever.

**2 Every day will I give thanks unto thee; * and
praise thy Name for ever and ever.**

3 Great is the LORD, and marvellous worthy to be
praised; * there is no end of his greatness.

**4 One generation shall praise thy works unto
another, * and declare thy power.**

5 As for me, I will be talking of thy worship, * thy

glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;

6 So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts; * and I will also tell of thy greatness.

7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be showed; * and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

8 The LORD is gracious and merciful; * long-suffering, and of great goodness.

9 The LORD is loving unto every man; * and his mercy is over all his works.

10 All thy works praise thee, O LORD; * and thy saints give thanks unto thee.

11 They show the glory of thy kingdom, * and talk of thy power;

12 That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom, * might be known unto men.

13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, * and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

14 The LORD upholdeth all such as fall, * and lifteth up all those that are down.

15 The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord; * and thou givest them their meat in due season.

16 Thou openest thine hand, * and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways, * and holy in all his works.

18 The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him; * yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; * he also will hear their cry, and will help them.

20 The LORD preserveth all them that love him; * but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *

and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

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 – Jeremiah 3:14-18 (RSV)

A call to repentance

3¹⁴ Return, O faithless children,

says the LORD;

for I am your master;

I will take you, one from a city and two from a family,

and I will bring you to Zion.

God is going to make a new covenant with his people

¹⁵ “And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. ¹⁶ And when you have multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, says the LORD, they shall no more say, “The ark of the covenant of the LORD.” It shall not come to mind, or be remembered, or missed; it shall not be made again. ¹⁷ At that time Jerusalem shall be called the throne of the LORD, and all nations shall gather to it, to the presence of the LORD in Jerusalem, and they shall no more stubbornly follow their own evil heart. ¹⁸ In those days the house of Judah shall join the house of Israel, and together they shall come from the land of the north to the land that I gave your fathers for a heritage.

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE

BLESSED art thou, O Lord / God of • our fathers:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

Blessed art thou for the / Name of • thy Majesty:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

Blessed art thou in the temple / of thy holiness:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest *between* the Cherubim:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

Blessed art thou on the glorious / throne of thy Kingdom:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

Blessed art thou in the firma/ment of heaven:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

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.**

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

Feeding the five thousand

6⁵ 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?” 6⁶ This he said to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. 7⁷ Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” 8⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, 9⁹ “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what are they among so many?” 10¹⁰ 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

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 **pasture**.

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 /
generation.

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.**

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 THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

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 566.....GALILEE

“Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult”

ANNOUNCEMENTS, WELCOME..... The Rector

ANTHEM

Give Thanks and Sing arr. Patti Drenan
The St. Luke Singers

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”

POSTLUDE

Those wishing to receive Holy Communion from elements consecrated at the 8:15 a.m. service are invited to remain in the church. Others are invited to leave quietly during or following the organ voluntary.

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

**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.

POSTLUDE

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Members of St. Luke's – Stacy and Chris Johnson and Family, Patsy Williams, Sam Sartain, Arianna and Dakota Key, Kathy Butler, Linda Gerlock, Jordan Van Horn, Christina Pinkerton, Bob Herrington, Jody Kautz, Bob Morgan, Judy Smith, David Johnston, Sheila McConnell, Glenda Robinson, Diane Wikander, Deacon Tony McConnell, Tom McCormick, Rodney Allen, Charles Sims, Barbara Newman, Mercedes Misinco, Elizabeth Ann White, Tim

Higdon, Bruce Berkinshaw, Pat and Sherron Dearing, Tom Hoffer, Ann Thomason, MaryLynn Kipfmiller and Rosanne Johnston.

Family & Friends – Evan Simpson, Janice Cary, Elma Donaldson, Helen Dotson (mother of Priscilla McDonald), Cheryl Smith, Pam Chastain (for Jan Volrath), Stefano Girodat (for Todd Lyons), Stacy Johnson (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Roger Johnson), Janet Thomas and Leland Thomas (for Fr. Rick). Ethan Steinbaugh (Grandson of Diana Burden), Noah, Amy and unborn child (for Katrina Griggs), Jan Newberry (for Katrina Griggs), Patsy Horsford (for the Noblett's), Joshua Stoddard (for Gwen Skelton), Gabriella Calla (granddaughter of Bill Baio Clara Bradley (mother of Bob Bradley), Matt Cross (son-in-law of D.J. Fulton), Michael Briggs, Bill Morgan, Charles Cecil, Mildred Woody, April Weich (daughter of Rosanne Johnston), Bob Jost, and Lynn Grimme.

THE PARISH STAFF

THE REVEREND VICTOR H. MORGAN, Rector

THE REVEREND W. A. "TONY" MCCONNELL,
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THE REVEREND WILLIAM "BILL" BAIO
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BISHOPS AND AFFILIATIONS

The Rt. Rev. Steve Wood, Archbishop

Anglican Church in North America

The Rt. Rev. Dr. William Wesley Milsaps, Bishop

EMC Diocese of the South

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers around the Altar are given to the glory of God.

BIRTHDAYS

Neil McDonald, Nov. 24; Betty Payne, Nov. 25; Joe Webb, Nov. 27; Rodey Allen, Nov. 30 and Katie McCormick, Nov. 30.

“Watch over thy children as their days increase.”

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Robt. “Bob” 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, Alex Mark, Tyler Ketron, Wesley Ryan McIntosh, Christian Wade Newman, Kyle Morgan, Sam Sonn, Marc Rodriguez, Brooks Johnson and Jessica Wyllie Andres-Jansz, Kyle Yates and Ian Yates.

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

November / December

- **Eastern Orthodox Vespers**, Today, 2 p.m.
- **Thanksgiving Day Service and Community Lunch.** St. Luke’s will celebrate HC on Thursday, Nov. 28 (Thanksgiving Day), at 11 a.m. with a potluck luncheon following the service. Ham and turkey will be provided.
- **St. Luke’s Annual Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, Dec. 7.** The women’s group will be setting up for their Christmas Bazaar from Tuesday, Dec 3, through Friday, Dec. 6. Please contact Lauren Burgreen (cell 706-400-8761 or home 706-781-6198) or Jennifer Higdon (cell

706-455-6263 or iceni2000@gmail.com) to volunteer, donate items, or ask questions.

- **Women of St. Luke's (WSL) Annual Christmas Luncheon** will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the home of Judy Brooten, 1846 Doublehead Gap Road, Blue Ridge. All women of St. Luke's are invited to attend. Those attending are asked to bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20 or less. For more information or to RSVP, please call Judy at (706) 851-6296 or email her at jdbrooten@aol.com. Those attending can gather at the church and carpool. or drive alone as there is plenty of parking. Travel time is about 30 minutes from town.
- **Fifth Sunday Combined Service** will be held at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 29. An enhanced coffee hour will follow.
- **LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY** provides an informal opportunity to explore the readings for the coming Sunday, meets at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesdays.

DEADLINE FOR CALENDAR

All additions to the calendar should be submitted to the church office -- stlukesblueridge@gmail.com -- no later than Wednesday at 12 noon.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

- **Christmas by Candlelight Annual Christmas Concert**, Time 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 22

FROM THE TREASURER

Summary for 11/17/24

Attendance: 8:15 at 21 / 10:15 at 50 = 71

General Fund:	Contributions	/	Budget
11/17/2024	\$2,287		\$3,123
YTD:	\$139,787		\$145,702



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The Mission of St. Luke's Church 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 our hearts for the sake of the Gospel, our community and the world

JERUSALEM DAILY NEWS

JESUS FEEDS 5,000

CROWDS FLOCK TO LOCAL RABBI

Bethsaida Area officials have expressed growing concern after another incident involving a large crowd gathering around Jesus of Nazareth. Eyewitness reports suggest a crowd of well over 5,000 yesterday in a remote area outside of Bethsaida. What started out as a small crowd quickly grew as rumors of miraculous healings spread throughout the region, and everyone appears to have been fed despite limited food sources.

Jesus was not available for comment. More reports to follow.



The Feeding of the 5,000 is also known as the "miracle of the five loaves and two fish"; the Gospel of John reports that Jesus used five loaves and two fish supplied by a boy to feed a multitude. The feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle (besides the resurrection) found in all four gospels (Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17).