



This Sunday at St. Luke's
June 21, 2026

8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion (said service)
**10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion with Organ, Hymns and
Special Music**
George Atwell, organist
Anna Kathryn Hayes and Owen Malone

The Third Sunday after Trinity
(Father's Day)



SEEKING THE LOST is the theme of both parables recorded in today's Gospel. A third – the Lost Son – which immediately follows, has the same theme. This third parable is read on the Ninth Sunday after Trinity. You and I are called to be a part of Jesus' mission of seeking the lost. God's work, our hands!

JESUS' CARE

The shepherd who cares so much for his sheep that he cannot afford to lose even one, and the woman with her lamp sweeping and searching the house for her lost coin – are pictures given us by Jesus of God Himself. Everyone is of infinite value in God's sight, and no one is outside the scope of his care. In the words of today's Epistle, "He careth for *you*. Put your name in place of 'you' and see what a difference it makes in your life. (H.W. Dobson)

THE COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may, by thy mighty aid, be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EPISTLE – 1 St. Peter 5:5-11 (J.B. Phillips)

Learn to be humble and to trust

⁵ You younger members must also submit to the elders. Indeed all of you should defer to one another and wear the "overall" of humility in serving each other. 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble'.

⁶⁻⁷ So, humble yourselves under God's strong hand, and in his own good time he will lift you up. You can throw the whole weight of your anxieties upon him, for you are his personal concern.

Resist the devil: you are in God's hands

⁸⁻¹¹ Be self-controlled and vigilant always, for your enemy the devil is always about, prowling like a lion roaring for its prey. Resist him, standing firm in your faith and remember that the strain is the same for all your fellow-Christians in other parts of the world. And after you have borne these sufferings a very little while, God himself (from whom we receive all grace and who has called you to share his eternal splendour through Christ) will make you whole and secure and strong. All power is his for ever and ever, amen!

NOTE: These words, with which the First Epistle of St. Peter closes were originally addressed to Christians in a time of persecution. They still ring true today, however. God does reach out to those who humbly seek his "mighty aid," as today's collect puts it. (William Sydnor)

THE GOSPEL – St. Luke 15:1-10 (J.B. Phillips)

Jesus speaks of the love of God for “the lost”

15 ¹⁻² Now all the tax-collectors and “outsiders” were crowding around to hear what he had to say. The Pharisees and the scribes complained of this, remarking, “This man accepts sinners and even eats his meals with them.”

³⁻⁷ So Jesus spoke to them, using this parable: “Wouldn’t any man among you who owned a hundred sheep, and lost one of them, leave the ninety-nine to themselves in the open, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he will put it on his shoulders with great joy, and as soon as he gets home, he will call his friends and neighbours together. ‘Come and celebrate with me,’ he will say, ‘for I have found that sheep of mine which was lost.’ I tell you that it is the same in Heaven—there is more joy over one sinner whose heart is changed than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need for repentance.

⁸⁻¹⁰ “Or if there is a woman who has ten silver coins, if she should lose one, won’t she take a lamp and sweep and search the house from top to bottom until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbours together. ‘Come and celebrate with me’, she says, ‘for I have found that coin I lost.’ I tell you, it is the same in Heaven—there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner whose heart is changed.”

NOTE: In the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin, Jesus teaches that God’s loving concern reaches out for people. The setting in which St. Luke puts these parables is that of complaint that Jesus “receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.” In this same chapter is the parable of the prodigal son – one who was a willful sinner. In each case we learn that God reaches out and forgives the penitent. (William Sydnor)

LECTIONARY READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Jeremiah 31:1-14

The joyful return of the exiles from Babylon

31 “At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.”

² Thus says the LORD:

“The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,

³ the LORD appeared to him from afar.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall adorn yourself with timbrels,
and shall go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards
upon the mountains of Samar'ia;
the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶ For there shall be a day when watchmen will call
in the hill country of E'phraim:
'Arise, and let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.'"

⁷ For thus says the LORD:
"Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
'The LORD has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel.'

⁸ Behold, I will bring them from the north country,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
the woman with child and her who is in travail, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations^[b] I will lead them back,
I will make them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I am a father to Israel,
and E'phraim is my first-born.

¹⁰ "Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands afar off;
say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.'

¹¹ For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,

and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall be like a watered garden,
and they shall languish no more.
¹³ Then shall the maidens rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
¹⁴ I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance,
and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness,
says the LORD.”

NOTE: God’s people in exile in Babylon will come home. Their unfaithfulness, which has landed them in this far land, is no match for God’s faithfulness. God will make a way for their return.

TRINITY 3

Preacher: The Rector

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Lector (Old Testament) – John Kautz

Lector (Epistle) – Dr. Alvin Cash

Acolyte – Reed Ferrell

Verger – Jim Noblett

Ushers – Tim Kirby and Jennifer Higdon

OLD FASHIONED SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINNING NEXT WEEK ANGLICANISM 101

Grab a cup of coffee and join us!

Beginning **Sunday, June 14**, the Rector (assisted by others) will conduct a class on the Anglican expression of the Christian faith. Classes will begin at 9:15 a.m. and held in Yellow Room in the Parish House. Topics will include: Roots and Branches; Did Henry the Eighth Start a New Church?; The Reformation and Why It Matters; Beliefs and Practices; Why are Evangelicals Becoming Anglicans? . . . and more. **Those who are considering formally affiliating with St. Luke's are encouraged to attend these sessions, while others are cordially welcomed as well.**

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

June and July

- **Sunny D Theater Camp** – June 8-19.
- **SLMG Yard Sale** – Saturday, June 20 at 8 a.m.
- **Eastern Orthodox Vespers** – Sunday, June 14 and 28, at 2 p.m.
- **The Nativity of St. John the Baptist** – Wednesday, June 24, HC, Jennus Chapel at noon.
- **St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles** – Monday, June 29, Jennus Chapel at noon.
- **Vestry Meeting** – Sunday, June 28, following 10:30 a.m. service.
- **SLMG monthly meeting** – Tuesday, July 7, 11 a.m.
- **WSL Bi-Monthly meeting** – Wednesday, July 8, 9:30 a.m.
- **Memorial Service for Pat Webb** – Saturday, July 25, 2 p.m.

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 Priscilla Cashmann
for lovingly tending St. Luke's Little Library.



JOIN THE CHOIR!

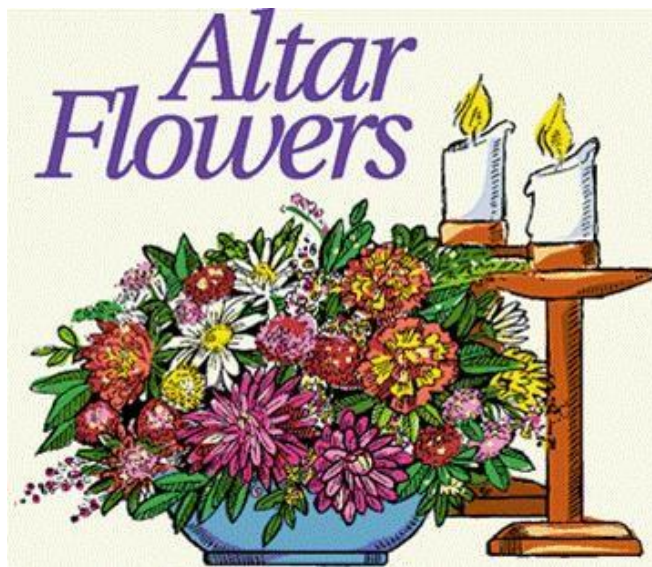


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OUR MISSION

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 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 2025

Name

Address

Amount

_____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____ Yearly

(Please tick the appropriate blank)



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