This Sunday at St. Luke's
November 8, 2026

8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion (said service)
10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion with hymns, choir and organ, together with an Act of Dedication and Remembrance and the laying of a poppy wreath

George Atwell, organist
Chaplain R Christopher Cairns, Maj. Ret.
Dale Greene, Lt. Col.

The Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity



Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
John 15:13

In Flanders' Fields



By Lt. Col. John Mc Crae
(of Guelph, Canada.)
Died January 28th., 1918, while on
active service in France.

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly,
Scarce heard amidst the guns below.
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

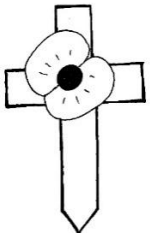
Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from falling hands we throw
The Torch—be yours to hold it high;
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

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Lest we forget

BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANCE

Remembrance Sunday, held on the second Sunday in November in many English-speaking countries around the world, is an opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of service members who have died in wars and other military conflicts since the onset of the First World War. By tradition a two-minute period of silence is observed at 11 a.m., and church services and other ceremonial gatherings take place during the day. The most recognizable symbol of Remembrance Sunday is the red poppy, after scores of the flowers bloomed in the former battlefields of Belgium and northern France. The phenomenon was depicted in the popular 1915 poem "In Flanders Fields," by Canadian soldier John McCrae.



O Almighty God, grant we beseech thee, that we who here do honour to the memory of those who have died in the service of their county may be so inspired by the spirit of their love and fortitude that, forgetting all selfish and unworthy motives, we may live only to thy glory and to the service of mankind through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness; Be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE – Philippians 3:17-21 (J.B. Phillips)

Be careful whom you follow

3[17-21] Let me be your example here, my brothers: let my example be the standard by which you can tell who are the genuine Christians among those about you. For there are many, of whom I have told you before and tell you again now, even with tears,

that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ. These men are heading for utter destruction—their god is their own appetite, their pride is in what they should be ashamed of, and this world is the limit of their horizon. But we are citizens of Heaven; our outlook goes beyond this world to the hopeful expectation of the saviour who will come from Heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will re-make these wretched bodies of ours to resemble his own glorious body, by that power of his which makes him the master of everything that is.

NOTE: St. Paul here describes the Church in terms of citizenship. The fortified town of Philippi was officially a Roman colony, which was considered a great honor. St. Paul's readers knew what it meant to have local loyalty and yet never to forget that their more significant loyalty was to the state they represented in a foreign land. Christians are like that too, he is saying, for "our citizenship is in heaven." (William Sydnor)

THE GOSPEL – St. Matthew 22:15-22 (J.B. Phillips)

A clever trap—and a penetrating answer

22[15-17] Then the Pharisees went off and discussed how they could trap him in argument.
Eventually they sent their disciples with some of the Herod-party to say this, "Master, we know that you are an honest man who teaches the way of God faithfully and that you don't care for human approval. Now tell us—'is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not'?"
[18-20] But Jesus knowing their evil intention said, "Why try this trick on me, you frauds? Show me the money you pay the tax with." They handed him a coin, and he said to them, "Whose face is this and whose name is in the inscription?"
[21] "Caesar's," they said. "Then give to Caesar," he replied, "what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God!"
[22] This reply staggered them and they went away and let him alone.

NOTE: The Christian citizen whose final loyalty is to the heavenly kingdom also lives in an earthly, mundane situation. He has citizenship responsibilities to the temporal authorities as well as to God. (William Sydnor)

THIS SUNDAY



Preacher: Chaplain (Maj. Ret.) R. Christopher Cairns

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Lector (Epistle) – Roger Johnson
Acolyte – Ruth Johnson
Verger – Dr. Alvin Cash
Ushers – Roger, Teresa and Stephen Wankel

(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

- **Veteran's Day Remembrance Service –** Sunday, Nov. 8, at the 10:30 service.
- **WSL Bi-Monthly Meeting –** Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 9:30 a.m.
- **SLMG Retreat** – Monteagle, TN Nov. 17-18.
- **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.

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 Debbie Curry for being the server at the 8:15 a.m. service



JOIN THE CHOIR!

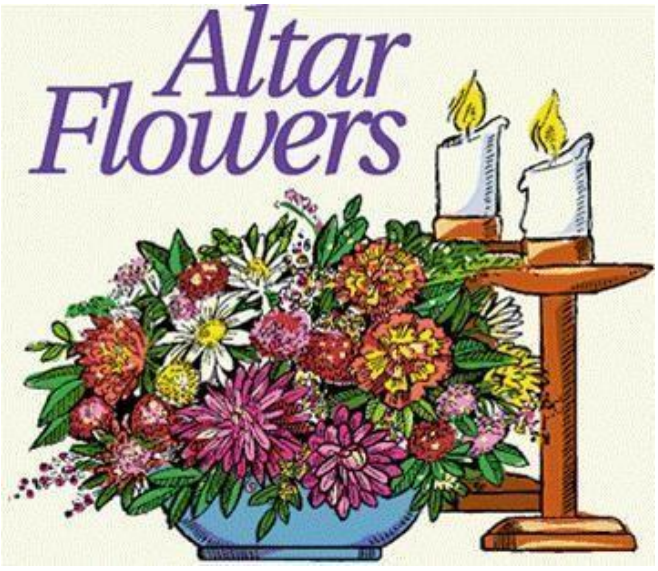


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OUR MISSION

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.

Name

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Amount

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(Please tick the appropriate blank)



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