



Morning Prayer and Sermon together with Shortened Holy Communion

Septuagesima

FM 98.1

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 118.

STEVEN CAGLE – ORGANIST

PRELUDE

HYMN 560PENTECOST
“Fight the good fight with all thy might”

OPENING SENTENCES

THE LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. *Hab.* ii. 20.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite

goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me—

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 • the LORD;

* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of / our **salvation**.

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 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 20. *Exaudiat te Dominus..*

1 THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; * the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee:

2 Send thee help from the sanctuary, * and strengthen thee out of Sion:

3 Remember all thy offerings, * and accept thy burnt-sacrifice:

4 Grant thee thy heart's desire, * and fulfil all thy mind.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and triumph in the Name of the LORD our God: * the LORD perform all thy petitions.

6 Now know I that the LORD helpeth his anointed, and will hear him from his holy heaven, * even with the wholesome strength of his right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots, and some in horses; * but we will remember the Name of the LORD our God.

8 They are brought down and fallen; * but we are risen and stand upright.

9 Save, LORD; and hear us, O King of heaven, * when we call upon thee.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Joshua 1:1-9

God's commission to Joshua

1¹ Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

² Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

³ Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

⁵ There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

⁶ Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them.

⁷ Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest.

⁸ This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

⁹ Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

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. Matthew 20:1-16

The parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard

20¹ For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.

6 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

⁷ They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

⁸ So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.

⁹ And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.

¹⁰ But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.

¹¹ And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house,

¹² Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.

¹³ But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?

¹⁴ Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.

¹⁵ Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?

¹⁶ So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

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 /
gener**ation**.

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 . . .

¶ Here, members of the congregation join in

**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 SEPTUAGESIMA

O LORD, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and, reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. **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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, WELCOME..... The Rector

HYMN 566GALILEE

“Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult”

SERMON – The Rector

OFFERTORY

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

Arr.: David Abramsky

Randy Wilbur - Bassoon

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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 (insert) CWM RHONDDA
“Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah”

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 – Judy Evans, Willaim Trotter, Lynn Mentzer, Jody Kautz, Bob Morgan, Judy Smith, David Johnston, A.D. Fraizer, Evelyn Smith, Sheila McConnell, Glenda Robinson, Linda Gerlock, Diane Wikander, Deacon Tony McConnell, Tom McCormick, Rodney Allen, Charles Sims, Barbara Newman, Mercedes Misinco, Elizabeth Ann White, Tim Higdon, Gwen Skelton, Bruce Berkinshaw, Pat and Sherron Dearing, Tom Hoffer, Ann Thomason, MaryLynn Kipfmiller and Rosanne Johnston.

Family & Friends – Arlene (friend of Barbara Newman), Kaylee West (for Tony McConnell), Alina Landry (for Dave Guzzardi), Deborah Ann Gray (sister-in-law of Priscilla and Paul Leming) Victor Palmeri, Jeremy Simpson, Clara Bradley (mother of Bob Bradley), Matt Cross (son-in-law of D.J. Fulton), Hayden Birkenshaw (grandson of Bruce and Cathy Birkenshaw), M.T. and Cindy Bean (for Teresa Wankel), Michael Briggs, Bill Morgan, Charles and Susan Cecil, Mervin Wyatt (cousin of Cheryl Rutland), Brooke Copeland (for Tim and Jennifer Higdon), Richard Vollrath, Julian McCoy (for Charles Sims), Terry Lowe (for Martha Cash), Janelle Johnson (for Ruth Johnson), Kara Franz, Jamie Harris (for Sheila McConnell, Zane Wolf (for Tim Higdon), Kelly Dearing Roberts (daughter of Pat and Sherron Dearing), Clifford W. Willis, David Hobbs (cousin of Cheryl Rutland), Mildred Woody, Derek Torres (for Violet Sosa), Jessie Smith (for Ruth Johnson), Aiden Ekanayake (grandson of Judy Evans), Kearrie Valentine (for Bobby

Meadows), April Weich (daughter of Rosanne Johnston), Bob Jost, Helen Dotson, Brian (friend of the Gorr Family) and Lynn Grimme.

THE PARISH STAFF

THE REVEREND VICTOR H. MORGAN, Rector

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BISHOPS AND AFFILIATIONS

The Rt. Rev. Foley Beach, 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 and in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary by the Rev. Ronald and Diane Wikander..

BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating birthdays this week are Alex Such, Jan. 28
Dr, Alvin Cash, Jan. 30; John Kautz, Jan. 31 and Susan

Gensel, Feb. 3. *“Watch over thy children as their days increase.”*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The Rev. Ronald and Diane Wilander, Jan. 30.

“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, Lt. Col. Kyle Yates USAF and Ian Yates U.S. Army.

NOTICE – TIME CHANGE

Effective the first Sunday in February, the 10 a.m. service will be moved to 10:15 a.m. The change in time was recommended by the Rector and approved by the Vestry in order to allow the choir more time to prepare for the service.

TODAY AND THIS WEEK

- **WINTER BIBLE STUDY:** continues on Wednesday’s from 10 a.m. – Noon.. Dr. David Jeremiah’s new book – *ANGELS; Who They Are and How They Help...What the Bible Reveals* will be used.. If you wish to sign up for the study, contact **Judy Brooten @ 706-851-6296** or jdbrooten@aol.com for more details. All meetings will be held in the Yellow Room. **The study will run until Feb. 14.**

- **OUTREACH COMMITTEE:** meets Thursday, Jan. 25, at 10 a.m. downstairs. Contact Jodi Beauregard at **706-889-1328** for additional information.
- Sharing Tuesday continues on Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. in the parish house conference room.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The SLMG Monthly Meeting will be held on Feb. 6 at 11 a.m. All men who attend St. Luke's are welcomed. Contact Todd Lyons, trailridertl@gmail.com / 772-919-2470 for more information.
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Feb. 13, 5 – 7 p.m.
- HC, Ash Wednesday Service, Feb. 14, Noon.
- The Men of St. Luke's are planning a visit on January 29 to the Currahee Military Museum in Toccoa Georgia. A car caravan will meet at the church at 8:45. They will leave at 9 a.m. to caravan to the museum with lunch following at a local restaurant. The museum displays items from the 101st Airborne Division that trained there and later participated in WW2. Call Roger Johnson (706-838-4851) for further information.
- The dinner for six plus two is starting up again, Six people are in a group Two plan a dinner lunch or what you wish. You invite two more to join you for the evening, day or what you wish. This is not just for couples it is for six people. I will need to know if you are interested by the second week of Feb. so I can put the groups together. We will start in March. Contact Diane Wikander @ 706-374-4088 or dianewikander@gmail.com for more details.



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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.