



This Sunday at St. Luke's
May 31, 2026

8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion (said service)

10:15 a.m. – Holy Communion with hymns and special music

Steven Cagle, organist

Anna Hayes, soloist

St. Luke Singers

Trinity Sunday

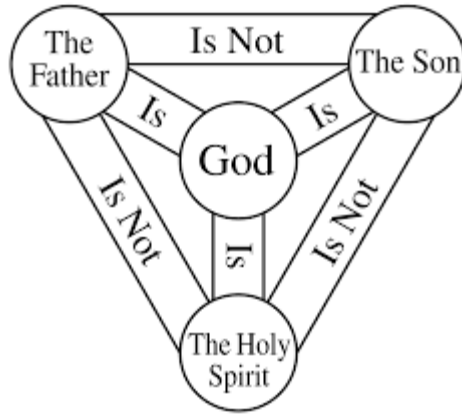


**Praise God, from whom
all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all
creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye
heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Holy Trinity

The doctrine of the Trinity grew instinctively out of the experience of the early Christians. It was their attempt to put into words what they had come to know of God in the face of Jesus Christ and in the light of Pentecost. For that reason, the doctrine is best approached and apprehended in the realm of life rather than of reason alone. Regarded as an abstract truth or as a purely academic exercise, the idea of Three Persons in One Godhead is not only baffling: it appears to be unnecessarily

complicated. But looked at in the light of the Christian experience of salvation, it is found to be a vital and essential element in the Church's faith. (Canon Frank Colquhoun)



THE COLLECT FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

FOR THE EPISTLE – Revelation 4:1-11 (J.B. Phillips)

A vision of Heaven

4 Later I looked again, and before my eyes a door stood open in Heaven, and in my ears was the voice with the ring of a trumpet, which I had heard at first, speaking to me and saying, "Come up here, and I will show you what must happen in the future."

^{2-6a} Immediately I knew myself to be inspired by the Spirit, and in my vision I saw a throne had been set up in Heaven, and there was someone seated upon the throne. His appearance blazed like diamond and topaz, and all around the throne shone a halo like an emerald rainbow. In a circle around the throne there were twenty-four thrones and seated upon them twenty-four elders dressed in white with golden crowns upon their heads. From the central throne come flashes of lightning, noises and peals of thunder. Seven lamps are burning before the throne, and they are the seven Spirits of God. In front of the throne there appears a sea of glass as clear as crystal.

^{6b-8} On each side, encircling the throne, are four living creatures covered with eyes in front and behind. The first living creature is like a lion, the second is like a calf, the

third has a face like a man, and the fourth living creature appears like an eagle in flight. These four creatures have each of them six wings and are covered with eyes, all around them, and even within them. Day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is coming.”

The ceaseless worship of Heaven

⁹⁻¹¹ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanksgiving to the one who sits upon the throne, who lives for timeless ages, the twenty-four elders prostrate themselves before him who is seated upon the throne and worship the one who lives for timeless ages. They cast their crowns before the throne and say, “You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things and by your will they exist and were created.”

NOTE: In the picture language of symbol and near-poetry, the seer of Patmos (1:9-11) describes his vision of heaven. From it we gain a distinct sense of the awe and majesty of the holy Lord God Almighty. This chapter, along with Isaiah 6 and Daniel 7, should be balanced against sentimental and too-restricted human ideas of God gleaned from other parts of the Bible. (William Sydnor)

THE GOSPEL – St. John 3:1-15 (J.B. Phillips)

Jesus and a religious leader

3 ¹⁻² One night Nicodemus, a leading Jew and a Pharisee, came to see Jesus. “Master,” he began, “we realise that you are a teacher who has come from God. Obviously no one could show the signs that you show unless God were with him.”

“Believe me,” returned Jesus, “a man cannot even see the kingdom of God without being born again.” “And how can a man who’s getting old possibly be born?” replied Nicodemus. “How can he go back into his mother’s womb and be born a second time?”

⁵⁻⁸ “I assure you,” said Jesus, “that unless a man is born from water and from spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God. Flesh gives birth to flesh and spirit gives birth to spirit: you must not be surprised that I told you that all of you must be born again. The wind blows where it likes, you can hear the sound of it but you have no idea where it comes from and where it goes. Nor can you tell how a man is born by the wind of the Spirit.”

⁹ “How on earth can things like this happen?” replied Nicodemus.

¹⁰⁻²¹ “So you are a teacher of Israel,” said Jesus, “and you do not recognise such things? I assure you that we are talking about something we really know and we are witnessing to something we have actually observed, yet men like you will not accept our evidence. Yet if I have spoken to you about things which happen on this earth and you will not

believe me, what chance is there that you will believe me if I tell you about what happens in Heaven? No one has ever been up to Heaven except the Son of Man who came down from Heaven. The Son of Man must be lifted above the heads of men—as Moses lifted up that serpent in the desert—so that any man who believes in him may have eternal life.

NOTE: In our Lord's conversation with Nicodemus there is much to help us think more deeply about God's revelation of Himself in the Son of Man and through the Holy Spirit. (William Sydnor)

LECTIONARY READING

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Isaiah 6:1-8 (RSV)

A Vision of God in the Temple

6 In the year that King Uzzi'ah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim; each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶ Then flew one of the seraphim to me, having in his hand a burning coal which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth, and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven.” ⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

NOTE: As a result of his vision Isaiah knew himself to be a prophet. This passage stands alongside Revelation 4 as the Bible's chief description of the awesome holiness of God. (William Sydnor)

TRINITY SUNDAY

Preacher: The Rector

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Lector (Old Testament) – Tim Kirby

Lector (Epistle) – Daniel Foster

Acolyte – Jim Noblett

Verger – Dr. Alvin Cash

Ushers – Tim Kirby and Gordon Bailey

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

May and June

- **Evening Bible Study on Genesis** – Thursdays, at 5:30 p.m. continuing for 6 weeks in the St. Luke's pavilion. Dinner provided.
- **Red, White, and Blue Fellowship Luncheon** – Sunday, May 31, following the 10:15 a.m. service. Let's celebrate America's 250th anniversary.
- **SLMG Monthly Meeting** – Tuesday, June 2, at 11 a.m.
- **Her Hope Pregnancy Center Walk for Life** – Saturday, June 6. Register at SupportHerHope.me or Contact Teresa Wankel for more information.
- **Sunny D Theater Camp** – June 8-19.
- **St. Barnabas the Apostle** – Thursday, June 11, HC Jennus Chapel at noon.
- **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.



GENESIS AND CREATION CLASS CONTINUES

Synopsis:

This class meets once a week for 6 weeks. It covers the entire book of Genesis, which is so foundational to an understanding of and earth and civilization are contained in Chapters 1-11, and then the beginnings of the nation of Israel through the

lives of the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are covered in Chapters 12-50, the last several chapters of which is the story of Joseph, ending with the young nation residing prosperously in Egypt, which is however, not their promised land.

The Instructor:

Charles Lutz, 63 years old, lives in Blairsville, but is from Indiana. For the past 31 years, he has put his seminary training to use in a variety of Christian ministries. He currently is a visiting instructor at a Native American Bible college, and is a writer and musician. He loves teaching passionately about both books God has written: the Bible and Creation!

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 Patsy Williams for maintaining St. Luke’s official, permanent parish records.



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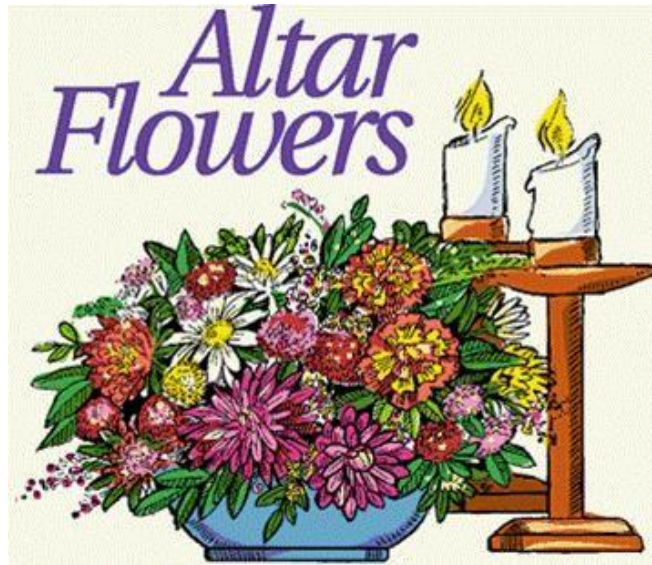
For information, contact, Diana Burden at 678-852-6907 or email dburden6907@gmail.com.



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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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