



***This Sunday at St. Luke's***  
**August 10, 2025**

**8:15 Holy Communion (said service)**

**10:15 a.m. – Holy Communion with Hymns and Choir**

**George Atwell, organist**  
**Daniel Foster, euphonium**  
**Diana Burden, pianist**

## **The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

**LIVING OUT OUR FAITH** continues to be the focus of the Trinity season. A genuine follower of Jesus does not just talk a good line, he or she demonstrates his devotion to the Master by actions. Good fruit distinguishes the genuine from the counterfeit.



Abraham, in today's Old Testament reading, stands as example of someone who lived out his faith, who did more than talk a good line. He did so by believing God would provide a suitable wife for his son Isaac. God honored Abraham's faith by leading the patriarch's servant to Rebekah. God's providence spoken of in today's Collect can be seen at work in this story from the Old Testament. God's providence and man's obedience is what true religion is about.

## THE COLLECT FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE EPISTLE – Romans 8:12-17 (J.B. Phillips)

*Life in the Spirit*

BRETHREN, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

NOTE: Romans 8 is about the meaning of the Christian's life in the Spirit. To have the Spirit of the family of which God is the Father makes us true sons, just as legal adoption does. (William Sydnor)

### THE GOSPEL – St. Matthew 7:15-21 (J.B. Phillips)

*Living, not professing, is what matters*

<sup>15-20</sup> “Be on your guard against false religious teachers, who come to you dressed up as sheep but are really greedy wolves. You can tell them by their fruit. Do you pick a bunch of grapes from a thorn-bush or figs from a clump of thistles? Every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree is incapable of producing bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. The tree that fails to produce good fruit is cut down and burnt. So you may know men by their fruit.”

<sup>21</sup> “It is not everyone who keeps saying to me ‘Lord, Lord’ who will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but the man who actually does my Heavenly Father’s will.

NOTE: Followers of the Lord are known to be faithful or wanting by their actions just as a fruit tree is judged by its fruit or lack of it. The same is true of the members of the a family, and the Family of God is no exception.

# LECTIONARY READING

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Genesis 24:1-27 (RSV)

### *The Marriage of Isaac and Rebekah*

**24** Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years; and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. <sup>2</sup> And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his house, who had charge of all that he had, “Put your hand under my thigh, <sup>3</sup> and I will make you swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell, <sup>4</sup> but will go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac.” <sup>5</sup> The servant said to him, “Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land; must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?” <sup>6</sup> Abraham said to him, “See to it that you do not take my son back there. <sup>7</sup> The Lord, the God of heaven, who took me from my father’s house and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me and swore to me, ‘To your descendants I will give this land,’ he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. <sup>8</sup> But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there.” <sup>9</sup> So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter.

<sup>10</sup> Then the servant took ten of his master’s camels and departed, taking all sorts of choice gifts from his master; and he arose, and went to Mesopota’mia, to the city of Nahor. <sup>11</sup> And he made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time when women go out to draw water. <sup>12</sup> And he said, “O Lord, God of my master Abraham, grant me success today, I pray thee, and show steadfast love to my master Abraham. <sup>13</sup> Behold, I am standing by the spring of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. <sup>14</sup> Let the maiden to whom I shall say, ‘Pray let down your jar that I may drink,’ and who shall say, ‘Drink, and I will water your camels’—let her be the one whom thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac. By this I shall know that thou hast shown steadfast love to my master.”

<sup>15</sup> Before he had done speaking, behold, Rebekah, who was born to Bethu’el the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham’s brother, came out with her water jar upon her shoulder. <sup>16</sup> The maiden was very fair to look upon, a virgin, whom no man had known. She went down to the spring, and filled her jar, and came up. <sup>17</sup> Then the servant ran to meet her, and said, “Pray give me a little water to drink from your jar.” <sup>18</sup> She said, “Drink, my lord”; and she quickly let down her jar upon her hand, and gave him a drink. <sup>19</sup> When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, “I will draw for your camels also, until they have done drinking.” <sup>20</sup> So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels. <sup>21</sup> The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether the Lord had prospered his journey or not.

<sup>22</sup> When the camels had done drinking, the man took a gold ring weighing a half shekel, and two bracelets for her arms weighing ten gold shekels, <sup>23</sup> and said, “Tell me whose daughter you are. Is there room in your father’s house for us to lodge in?” <sup>24</sup> She said to him, “I am the daughter of Bethu’el the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor.” <sup>25</sup> She added, “We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.” <sup>26</sup> The man bowed his head and worshiped the Lord, <sup>27</sup> and said, “Blessed be the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his steadfast love and his faithfulness toward my master. As for me, the Lord has led me in the way to the house of my master’s kinsmen.”

NOTE: The story of Rebekkah illustrates God’s faithfulness. God’s faithfulness elicits our faith in him. (William Sydnor)

## **THIS SUNDAY**

**Preacher: The Rector**



**Tip of the Canterbury Cap** to Gordan Bailey for updating aging light fixtures in Thomason Hall. “Let there be light, and there was light!”

### **CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **August 2025**

- **Bible Study Michaelmas Term, Malachi** – Wednesday, Aug. 27 - Sept. 17, 10 a.m., Yellow Room.
- **WSL Fall Bible Study, “Bad Girls of the Bible”**, Wednesday, Sept. 24 - Oct. 29, 10 a.m. Yellow Room.



## JOIN THE CHOIR!



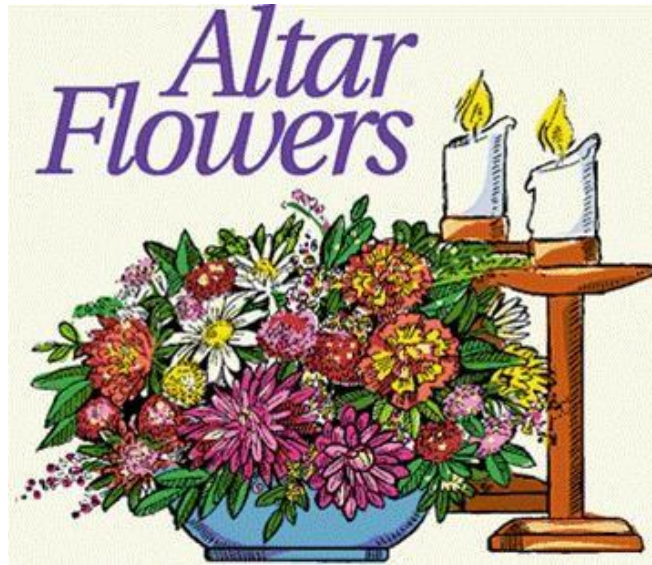
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## OUR MISSION

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 Diana Burden at the church office to sign up.

### **Financial Pledge for the Year of our Lord 2025**

*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*

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