



This Sunday at St. Luke's
July 5, 2026

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

10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion with hymns

Charles Lutz, musician

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity



LIVING OUT OUR FAITH continues to be the focus of the Trinity season. This Sunday's Gospel contains Jesus' call to Simon (Peter), James and John to become members of His team. In a sense, that is the Master's call to each one of us, to

set our sights beyond the mundane pursuits of this present age and to become co-workers with Him in matters of eternity. In Peter's case it was to go beyond catching fish to catching humans. Today's Gospel speaks of a beautiful beginning on the road to discipleship, but the disciples' path is a costly one as William Alexander Percy's 1924 hymn makes clear. Yet, in the end it yield the greatest joy and peace, one which transcends the travails of this present age.

1 They cast their nets in Galilee,
Just off the hills of brown;
Such happy, simple fisherfolk,
Before the Lord came down,
Before the Lord came down.

2 Contented, peaceful fishermen,
Before they ever knew
The peace of God that filled their hearts
Brimful, and broke them too,
Brimful, and broke them too.

3 Young John, who trimmed the flapping sail,
Homeless in Patmos died.
Peter, who hauled the teeming net,
Head down was crucified,
Head down was crucified.

4 The peace of God, it is no peace,
But strife closed in the sod.
Yet, let us pray for but one thing:
The marv'lous peace of God,
The marv'lous peace of God.

THE COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE – 1 Peter 3:8-15 (J.B. Phillips)

Be good to each other—and to all men

⁸⁻¹² To sum up, you should all be of one mind living like brothers with true love and sympathy for each other, generous and courteous at all times. Never pay back a bad turn with a bad turn or an insult with another insult, but on the contrary pay back with good. For this is your calling—to do good and one day to inherit all the goodness of God. For: 'He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking guile: let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil'.

Do good, even if you suffer for it

¹³⁻¹⁶ After all, who in the ordinary way is likely to injure you for being enthusiastic for good? And if it should happen that you suffer “for righteousness’ sake”, that is a privilege. You need neither fear their threats nor worry about them; simply concentrate on being completely devoted to Christ in your hearts. Be ready at any time to give a quiet and reverent answer to any man who wants a reason for the hope that you have within you. Make sure that your conscience is perfectly clear, so that if men should speak slanderously of you as rogues they may come to feel ashamed of themselves for libelling your good Christian behaviour.

NOTE: This passage is part of a section that is largely a summary of the duties of Christians (2:11-4:11). The Christian is enjoined to live righteously in his dealings with others. (William Sydnor)

THE GOSPEL – St. Luke 5:1-11 (J.B. Phillips)

Simon (Peter), James and John become Jesus’ followers

¹⁻³ One day the people were crowding closely round Jesus to hear God’s message, as he stood on the shore of Lake Gennesaret. Jesus noticed two boats drawn up on the beach, for the fishermen had left them there while they were cleaning their nets. He went aboard one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to push out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and continued his teaching of the crowds from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Push out now into deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”

⁵ Simon replied, “Master! We’ve worked all night and never caught a thing, but if you say so, I’ll let the nets down.”

⁶⁻⁸ And when they had done this, they caught an enormous shoal of fish—so big that the nets began to tear. So they signalled to their friends in the other boats to come and help them. They came and filled both the boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell on his knees before Jesus and said, “Keep away from me, Lord, for I’m only a sinful man!”

⁹⁻¹⁰ For he and his companions (including Zebedee’s sons, James and John, Simon’s partners) were staggered at the haul of fish that they had made. Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid, Simon. From now on your catch will be men.”

¹¹ So they brought the boats ashore, left everything and followed him.

NOTE: This is St. Luke’s account of our Lord’s calling His first disciples. The call to the disciples of a rabbi meant leaving home and possessions and becoming his follower. Every one of us, at both baptism and confirmation, promised to follow Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour (Prayer Book, pp. 278 and 297). (William Sydnor)

LECTIONARY READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Jeremiah 31:1-14 (RSV)

The call of Gideon

31 ¹ Now the angel of the Lord came and sat under the oak at Ophrah, which belonged to Jo'ash the Abiez'rite, as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press, to hide it from the Mid'ianites. ² And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, "The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor." ³ And Gideon said to him, "Pray, sir, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this befallen us? And where are all his wonderful deeds which our fathers recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?' But now the Lord has cast us off, and given us into the hand of Mid'ian." ⁴ And the Lord turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours and deliver Israel from the hand of Mid'ian; do not I send you?" ⁵ And he said to him, "Pray, Lord, how can I deliver Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manas'sseh, and I am the least in my family." ⁶ And the Lord said to him, "But I will be with you, and you shall smite the Mid'ianites as one man." ⁷ And he said to him, "If now I have found favor with thee, then show me a sign that it is thou who speakest with me." ⁸ Do not depart from here, I pray thee, until I come to thee, and bring out my present, and set it before thee." And he said, "I will stay till you return."

⁹ So Gideon went into his house and prepared a kid, and unleavened cakes from an ephah of flour; the meat he put in a basket, and the broth he put in a pot, and brought them to him under the oak and presented them. ¹⁰ And the angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, and put them on this rock, and pour the broth over them." And he did so. ¹¹ Then the angel of the Lord reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes; and there sprang up fire from the rock and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and the angel of the Lord vanished from his sight. ¹² Then Gideon perceived that he was the angel of the Lord; and Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord God! For now I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face." ¹³ But the Lord said to him, "Peace be to you; do not fear, you shall not die."

NOTE. Before Israel had a king, God raised up military commanders, political deliverers, and spiritual guides called judges. Their task was to rescue the Israelites from foreign oppression and to call the people back to the Mosaic Law. Gideon, whose call we read about in this reading, was one of these judges.

TRINITY 5

Preacher: The Rev. Rick Gillert

THIS SUNDAY

Preacher: The Rector

Lectors – Daniel Foster and Lois Joldersma

Acolyte – Reed Ferrell

Verger – Jim Noblett

Ushers – TBA

OLD FASHIONED SUNDAY SCHOOL ANGLICANISM 101

Grab a cup of coffee and join us!

The Anglican expression of the Christian faith is discussed. Classes begins at 9:15 a.m. and are held in the Yellow Room. **No class this week. Will resume Trinity 6 (July 12).**

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

July and August

- SLMG Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, July 7, at 11 a.m.
- WSL Bi-Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, July 8, at 9:30 a.m.
- Eastern Orthodox Vespers – Sunday, July 12 and 26, at 2 p.m.
- Pat Webb Memorial Service – Saturday, July 25, at 2 p.m.
- Vestry Meeting – July 28, following the 10:30 a.m. service.
- AARP Good Driver Class – Saturday, Aug. 1, at 10 a.m.
- SLMG Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, Aug. 4, at 11 a.m.
- The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ – Thursday, Aug. 6, HC Jennus chapel at noon.
- Eastern Orthodox Vespers – Sunday Aug. 9 and 23, at 2 p.m.
- St. Bartholomew the Apostle – Monday, Aug. 24, HC Jennus chapel at noon.

- **Charles Lutz Concert** – Thursday, Aug. 27, 6 p.m.
- **Fellowship Luncheon** – Sunday, Aug. 30, following the 10:30 a.m. service.

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 all Debbie Curry for assisting with the 8:15 a.m. service as an altar server.



JOIN THE CHOIR!

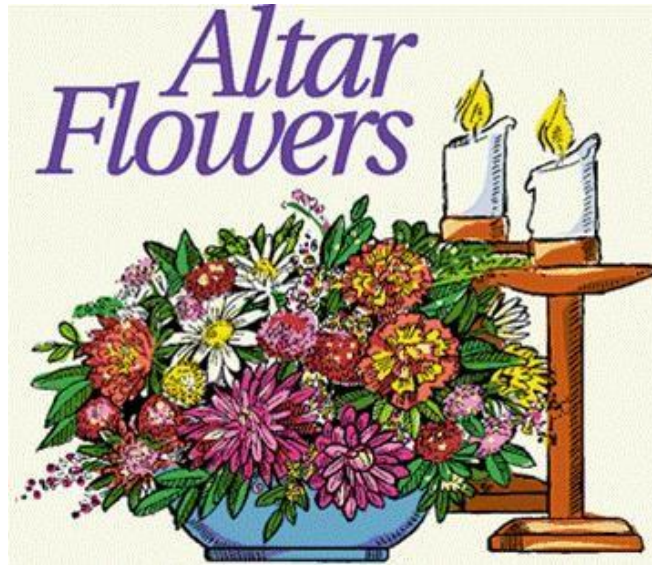


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OUR MISSION

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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