



This Sunday at St. Luke's
November 9, 2025

8:15 Holy Communion (said service)

**10:15 a.m. Holy Communion together with an Act of
Dedication for Remembrance Sunday
*Veterans to be Recognized***

Steve Cagle, organist

The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity



*And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead
which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from
their labours; and their works do follow them. Revelation 14:13*

Remembrance Sunday (Armistice, Veterans Day)

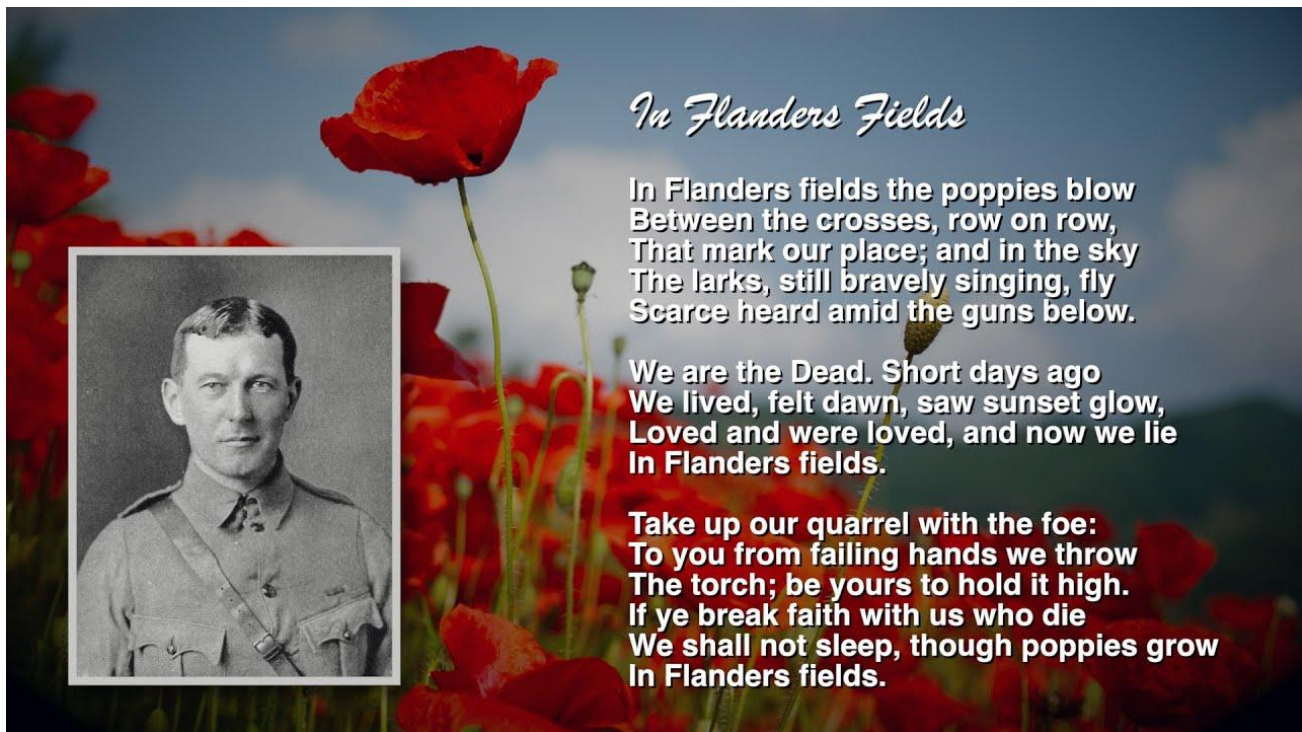


Remembrance Sunday is observed on the second Sunday of November in Anglican Churches in many places throughout the world. It commemorates service members who have died in wars and other military conflicts since the onset of the First World War. It is also a time of recognizing the service of those alive today who serve or have served in the Armed Forces.

By tradition, a period of silence is observed at 11 a.m. The day has its origins in Armistice Day, which was dedicated in Great Britain on Nov. 11, 1919, in commemoration of the one-year anniversary of the peace agreement that ended the First World War. In response to a politician's suggestion, King George V requested that the country pause in silence for two minutes in acknowledgment of the war's fatalities. Thereafter a period of silence became the centerpiece of Armistice Day.

After the conclusion of the Second World War, the scope of the observance was expanded to include participants in both World Wars and later those who served in subsequent conflicts. Also, in many places, Sunday became the day of observance. In the U.S., since 1954 the day is officially styled as Veterans Day.

The most recognizable symbol of Remembrance Sunday is the red poppy, which became associated with First World War memorials 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.) In 1921 the newly formed British Legion (now the Royal British Legion), a charitable organization for ex-servicemen, began selling red paper poppies for Armistice Day. The custom soon spread to other English-speaking nations, including the United States.



COLLECT FOR THE 21st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EPISTLE – Ephesians 6:10-20 (J.B. Phillips)

Be forewarned and forearmed in your spiritual conflict

¹⁰⁻¹⁸ In conclusion be strong—not in yourselves but in the Lord, in the power of his boundless resource. Put on God's complete armour so that you can successfully resist all the devil's methods of attack. For our fight is not against any physical enemy: it is against organisations and powers that are spiritual. We are up against the unseen power that controls this dark world, and spiritual agents from the very headquarters of evil. Therefore you must wear the whole armour of God that you may be able to resist evil in its day of power, and that even when you have fought to a standstill you may still stand your ground. Take your stand then with truth as your belt, righteousness your breastplate, the Gospel of peace firmly on your feet, salvation as your helmet and in your hand the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. Above all be sure you take faith as your shield, for it can quench every burning missile the enemy hurls at you. Pray at all

times with every kind of spiritual prayer, keeping alert and persistent as you pray for all Christ's men and women.

¹⁹⁻²⁰ And pray for me, too, that I may be able to speak freely here to make known the secret of that Gospel for which I am, so to speak, an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may speak out about it as my plain and obvious duty.

NOTE: Paul sums up the qualities of life which a Christian ought to possess as parts of the armor of God. This is the protection which the "children of light" have against "the rulers of the darkness of this world." The Lord is the Light of the world and those who belong to Him fight under His banner against the Prince of Darkness. (See Ephesians 5:8-13).

THE GOSPEL – St. John 4:46-54 (J.B. Phillips)

Jesus, in Cana again, heals in response to faith

⁴⁶⁻⁴⁷ At Capernaum there was an official whose son was very ill. When he heard that Jesus had left Judea and had arrived in Galilee, he went off to see him and begged him to come down and heal his son, who was by this time at the point of death.

⁴⁸ Jesus said to him, "I suppose you will never believe unless you see signs and wonders!"

⁴⁹ "Sir," returned the official, "please come down before my boy dies!"

⁵⁰ "You can go home," returned Jesus, "your son is alive and well." And the man believed what Jesus had said to him and went on his way.

⁵¹⁻⁵⁴ On the journey back his servants met him with the report, "Your son is alive and well." So he asked them at what time he had begun to recover, and they replied: "The fever left him yesterday at one o'clock in the afternoon". Then the father knew that this must have happened at the very moment when Jesus had said to him, "Your son is alive and well." And he and his whole household believed in Jesus. This, then, was the second sign that Jesus gave on his return from Judea to Galilee.

NOTE: The account of the healing of the noble-man's son contains the words, "the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him." This faith places one within the orbit of Christ's saving power. In the case of the nobleman, the result was new life – physically for the boy, spiritually for the entire household.

THIS SUNDAY

Preacher: The Rector

Poppy wreath will be laid at the Altar by Bob Bradley; also, Dale Green, representing Marine Corps League Detachment # 1438 Blue Ridge, will assist with military portion of the service.



Tip of the Canterbury Cap to Tim Kirby for dealing with a fallen tree behind the parish house.

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2025

- **Christmas Bazaar Workshops** – Wednesday, Nov. 12, at noon after meeting. Bring your lunch. For information call Lauren Burgreen, 706-400-8761.
- **Eastern Orthodox Vespers** – Sunday, Nov. 23, at 2 p.m.
- **Remembrance Sunday** – Sunday, Nov. 9, Military and civilian members who have served in past wars will be remembered at the 10:15 a.m. service. A two-minute silence will be observed.
- **WSL Meeting** – Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 9:30 a.m.
- **Community Thanksgiving Service** – Sunday, Nov. 23, 5 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church. Music is under the direction of Randy Wilbur and therefore will be excellent. Don't miss it!
- **Vestry Meeting** – Sunday, Nov. 23, following the 10:15 a.m. service.
- **Community Thanksgiving Day Meal and HC** – Thursday Nov. 27, HC at 11 a.m.; dinner at noon.



All St. Luke's members, friends and strangers are welcomed to eat Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Turkey and ham will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. The dinner will begin at noon, and will be preceded at 11a.m. with a service of Holy Communion. A sign-up sheet is available in Thomason Hall.



JOIN THE CHOIR!

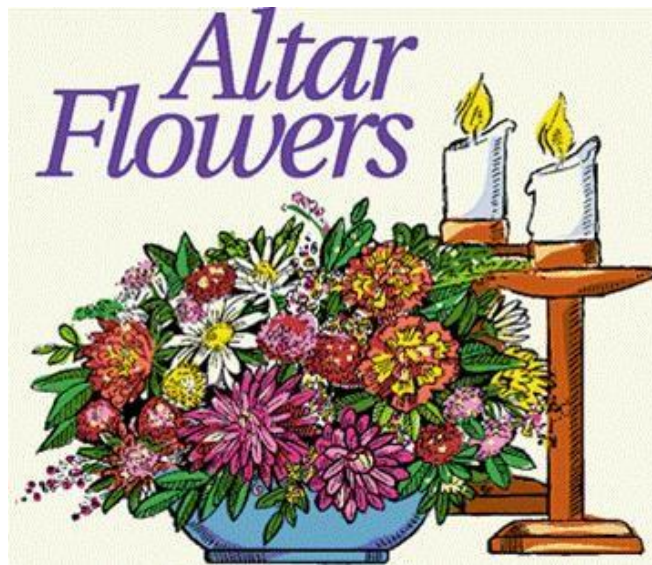


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OUR MISSION

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

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.



Stewardship

a way of life

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 2026.

Name

Address

Amount

_____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____ Yearly

(Please tick the appropriate blank)



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