



### **Hunger Walk 2022 - Save the Date!**

Join us for the annual Hunger Walk on March 6, 2022. This year the walk will be a hybrid event, with the in-person walk beginning at 12:00 pm at the Home Depot Backyard in downtown Atlanta. Be on the lookout for more information about registering to be part of Team St. Luke!

### **Coming Soon: Lent**

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2. There will be two opportunities for worship: a brief service of repentance and imposition of ashes at 12:15, and Divine Service with imposition of ashes at 7:00 pm.

Please see Pr. Robb's letter on the following page for details on a Lenten challenge.

### **The Gathering**

Our women's Bible study group, The Gathering, meets every fourth Friday of the month, and will meet again Friday, February 25, at the home of Barbara Little. All women are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Barbara Little or Debbie Lundell.

### **Online Morning Prayer**

Join Pastor Robb as he prays Morning Prayer live on St. Luke's Facebook page on Wednesday mornings. The live service begins at 9:15 am. If you can't catch it at 9:15, video will be available after the initial livestream.

### **Emergency Contacts**

If you would like to file an emergency contact form or obtain a pastoral emergency card, they can be found in the narthex. Return completed emergency forms to Pastor Robb. All forms will be kept confidential.

### **Burial Plots Available**

St. Luke owns two burial plots in Sherwood Memorial Park on Tara Boulevard in Jonesboro that we are offering for sale. If you or someone you know are interested in these plots, please contact Pastor Robb for more information.



A NOTE FROM PR. ROBB

### **Tolle, lege! Tolle, lege!**

I was saying these things and weeping in the most bitter contrition of my heart, when, lo, I heard the voice as of a boy or girl, I know not which, coming from a neighbouring house, chanting, and oft repeating, *Take up and read; take up and read...Immediately my countenance was changed...restraining the torrent of my tears, I rose up, interpreting it no other way than as a command to me from Heaven to open the book. (Confessions of St. Augustine, VIII.12)*

Throughout his many years of seeking wisdom, no act had a more profound influence on St. Augustine than when he heeded the advice of the voice that said to him, “Tolle, lege” or “take up and read.” The words that Augustine read changed his life, and as a result, changed the history of the Church. Augustine would go from spiritual seeker to spiritual father. He was one of the most influential Christian theologians the church has witnessed, shaping the ideas of other significant leaders like Anselm, Aquinas, Luther, and Calvin. His influence is still felt today, and formal theological education in the Western tradition is incomplete without encountering Augustine.

Augustine’s lifelong dedication to the reading and study of scripture led to a deep and abiding change in his life. This experience, however, is not limited to Augustine. While none of us will have the far-reaching influence of that great saint, we can find our lives and church renewed by our commitment “to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest” scripture. And let’s be honest, after what we have been through with this pandemic and the resulting upheaval, we could use a little renewal, both as individuals and as a congregation

With Lent beginning early next month, I want to issue a challenge to everyone. Taking my cue from Augustine, I’ve put together the “Tolle, Lege Reading Challenge.” The concept is simple: I am asking each and everyone of you to commit to reading a selected passage of scripture every day from Ash Wednesday until Easter. I am also asking you to pray for our church and its members. Pray that we will experience renewed faith this Lent, faith that calls us closer to God and gives us a heart for our community.

You’ll hear more about this in the coming weeks, leading up to our kick-off on Ash Wednesday. You’ll be able to sign-up at church and online, and you’ll receive a copy of the reading plan. Of course, you don’t have to wait until then to pray and delve into scripture. Indeed, I hope it is part of your daily life already.

Peace,

Pr Robb

## Upcoming Commemorations

### **February 2 Presentation of Our Lord**

Forty days after the birth of Jesus we mark the day Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple in accordance with Jewish law. There they were greeted by Simeon, an aged priest who offered the song "Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace," as well as by the prophet Anna, who spoke of the redemption of Israel.

### **February 3 Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark and Sweden, died 865**

A monk who helped bring Christianity to Scandinavia, Ansgar returned to Germany where he was named bishop of Hamburg. He is remembered for his love for poor people.

### **February 5 The Martyrs of Japan, died 1597**

Christianity was brought to Japan in the sixteenth century by Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries. The religion was suppressed, however, and in 1597 twenty-six missionaries and converts were crucified. Nevertheless, Christianity survived and later prospered.

### **February 14 Cyril, monk, died 869; Methodius, bishop, died 885; missionaries to the Slavs**

These two brothers from Thessalonika, Greece, were monks and were sent to bring Christianity to the Slavic people. In the course of their work they created a written language, inventing the Cyrillic alphabet for it, and translated the Bible and the liturgy.

### **February 18 Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546**

Though he began his adult church life as a simple Augustinian monk, Luther challenged the abuses he saw in the church, and his work eventually led to the Protestant Reformation. Luther's accomplishments included liturgical reform, translation of the Bible, and creation of the Small and Large Catechisms.

### **February 23 Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156**

Because he is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation, as well as the important early church fathers Irenaeus and Ignatius, Polycarp serves as a vital link in church history. He was burned at the stake at age 86 for refusing to renounce his faith.

### **February 25 Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, died 1921**

Born in Norway and trained there as a deaconess, Fedde was asked to come and minister to the poor and to seamen in New York City. She established the Deaconess House in Brooklyn as well as Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis.

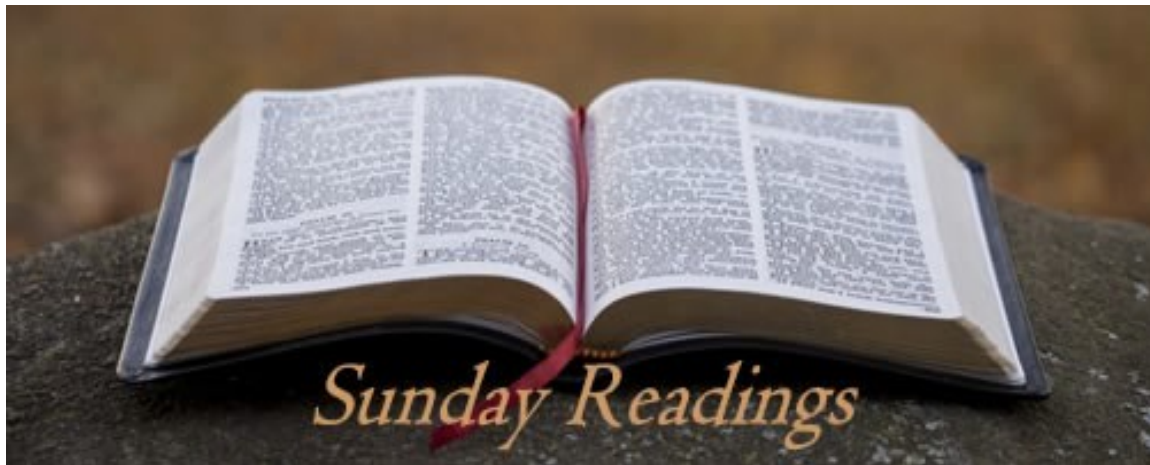
## Upcoming Commemorations (continued)

### March 1 George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633

An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

### March 2 John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church

These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.



#### February 6

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]  
Psalm 138  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

#### February 13

Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Psalm 1  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
Luke 6:17-26

#### February 20

Genesis 45:3-11, 15  
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50  
Luke 6:27-38

#### February 27

Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm 99  
2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2  
Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

## February 2022 Sunday Servants

### February 6

Assistant: Barbara Little

Lector: Dave Barkdoll

Ushers: John Shaw and Larry Egas

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Clearers: Susan Sparrow

### February 13

Assistant: Debbie Lundell

Lector: Shelia Kelley

Ushers: John Shaw and Tony Kelly

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

Clearers: The Egas Family

### February 20

Assistant: Mark Rettig

Lector: Conrad Busch

Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Clearers: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

### February 27

Assistant: Mary Shulack

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

Chong Brauer; Rick and Dorothy Bradberry; Mike Scott and family; Jana Justice; Noel Peek; the family and friends of Don Anderson; LaMont Sudduth; Shirley Jones; the Adair Family; Shawn Hiltunen Johnston and family; Nilgul Taylor; Jeffrey Wedge; Erin Lannen; Rick and Jamie Gray; Mike Gassaway; Charlotte Baldwin; Jan Hammons; Mariya King; Arnold Rettig; Lauren Britten

## **Ongoing Requests**

Morgan and Jordan, Heather and Sierra, Lenore and Family, Corey Sease, Gigi's House

## **Healthcare Workers and First Responders**

Mallory Lively, Cindy Gourley, Janet Neese, Dottie Ogaz, Christy Adams, Lauren Corcoran, Jeremy Hutchinson, Danielle Harrell, Nick Ludley, Eddie Lopez, Elga Dhillon, Mikki Jackels, Bobby Swanger, Damen Denzin

## **Those Serving in the Armed Forces**

Mallory Lively, US Navy; Connor Roberts, USMC

*If you have any prayer requests, please let Pastor Robb or Susan know so that they may be included on this list.*

# February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Matins (online) 9:15 am Al-Anon 7 pm	3	4	5 AA 9 am Al-Anon 7 pm
6 Worship 11 am	7 Al-Anon 12 pm	8	9 Matins (online) 9:15 am Al-Anon 7 pm	10	11	12 AA 9 am Al-Anon 7 pm
13 Worship 11 am	14 Al-Anon 12 pm	15	16 Matins (online) 9:15 am Al-Anon 7 pm	17	18	19 AA 9 am Al-Anon 7 pm
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20 Worship 11 am Council TBD	21 Al-Anon 12 pm	22	23 Matins (online) 9:15 am Al-Anon 7 pm	24	25	26 AA 9 am Al-Anon 7 pm
27 Worship 11 am	28 Al-Anon 12 pm Deadline for news- letter submissions	1	2 Matins (online) 9:15 am Al-Anon 7 pm	3	4	5 AA 9 am Al-Anon 7 pm
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