



### **Hunger Walk 2022**

The annual Hunger Walk is 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. St. Luke will not be sending a group to the in-person event, but if you would like to attend on your own, or sign-up to complete the walk in your neighborhood, you can do so at [acfb.org](http://acfb.org).

### **Lent is Here**

There is a great deal going on this Lent!

Sunday mornings we will hear a sermon series from Pastor Robb based on our mission statement, and exploring how we can best live the mission and values that we find there.

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm we will gather for Lenten Vespers.

We are also engaging in the “Tolle, Lege” reading challenge. If you haven’t signed up but would like to, you may do so at the display in the narthex.

### **Easter Egg Hunt Returns**

After a two year absence, we are excited to announce that we will again hold our community Easter egg hunt on Holy Saturday, April 16. This means that we will need lots of eggs and volunteers! Be on the lookout for information about opportunities to serve during this event.

### **The Gathering**

Our women’s Bible study group, The Gathering, meets every fourth Friday of the month, and will meet again Friday, March 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**

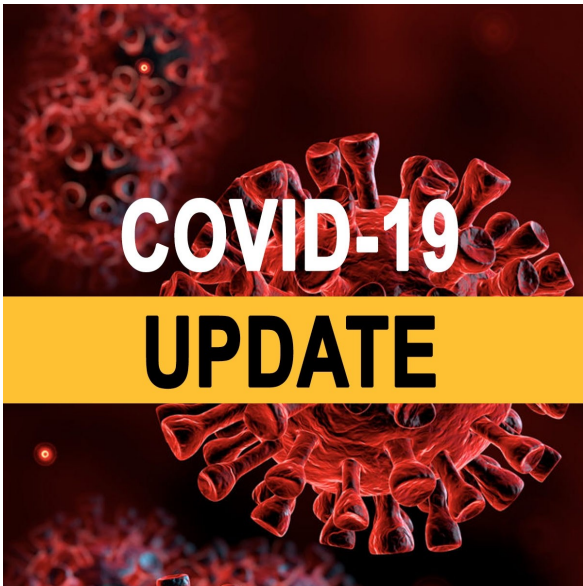
Join Pastor Robb as he prays Morning Prayer live on St. Luke’s Facebook page on Wednesday mornings. The live service begins at 9:15 am. If you can’t catch it at 9:15, the video will be available after the initial livestream.

### **Prayer List**

It has been some time since we have updated our prayer list. If you have a prayer request that you would like included, or if there is someone on the list that can be removed, please let Pastor Robb or Susan know.

### **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.



On February 25, the Centers for Disease Control updated their mask guidance to include county level recommendations based on additional data like hospital admissions and capacity. “COVID-19 Community Levels” are labeled as low, medium, or high depending on the new metrics.

On February 27, St. Luke’s church council voted to use these identifiers to inform our mitigation strategies, especially the use of masks.

The community levels are updated weekly by the CDC. There will be a sign at the front entrance and in the narthex each week that will tell you the status for the week. This information will also be available on the church's Facebook feed and website.

Henry County currently has a COVID-19 Community Level of LOW, meaning masks are optional in the building. Per the CDC, “People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.”

Though Henry County may be at a low level by new CDC guidelines, this is not true of all the surrounding counties. Spalding, Butts, and Newton all remain at the “high” designation. If you live, shop, or work in these areas you are encouraged to continue wearing a facemask indoors.

### **Upcoming Commemorations**

#### **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.

#### **March 7 Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202**

Vibia Perpetua, a noblewoman, and Felicity, an enslaved woman, were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater.

#### **March 10 Harriet Tubman, died 1913; Sojourner Truth, died 1883; renewers of society**

Harriet Tubman, born into slavery, helped about 300 others to escape slavery until the institution was abolished. Sojourner Truth, whose birth name was Isabella, was freed after slavery was abolished, and discerned a call to be a preacher. Taking the name Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where people found her testimony to be deeply moving.

## Upcoming Commemorations (continued)

### March 12 Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604

Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.

### March 17 Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461

A native of Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by pirates at age sixteen and sold into slavery in Ireland. After a few years, he escaped, returned home, and entered the ministry. Returning to Ireland, he successfully served as a bishop and missionary there.



### March 19 Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

Though the Bible tells us little about the husband of Jesus' mother Mary, we know that he was a carpenter or builder by trade. He is also shown as being devoted both to God and to Mary and Jesus. It is assumed that he died before Jesus became an adult.

### March 21 Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury, martyr, died 1556

Cranmer's lasting achievement is contributing to and overseeing the creation of the Book of Common Prayer, which remains (in revised form) the worship book of the Anglican Communion. He was burned at the stake under Queen Mary for his support of the Protestant Reformation.

### March 22 Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians, died 1758

A Puritan minister in Connecticut, Edwards is remembered as being a great preacher. Though his most famous sermon talks at length about hell, he was more concerned with God's love. He served both as missionary to the Housatonic people in Massachusetts, and as president of the future Princeton University.

### March 24 Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr, died 1980

Romero was deeply concerned with injustices evident toward the poor and powerless in El Salvador, and worked forthrightly against political repression. He was assassinated while presiding at the eucharist in a chapel near the cathedral in San Salvador.



### March 25 Annunciation of Our Lord

Nine months before Christmas we celebrate the annunciation, in which the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God. The ancient church believed that this was also the date of the world's creation and of Jesus' death on the cross.

*This image of the Annunciation was painted by renowned African-American artist Allan Crite (1910-2007) in 1947. It is a hand colored woodcut with god leaf. Crite's work hangs in more than 100 museums nationwide. This piece is currently held by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.*

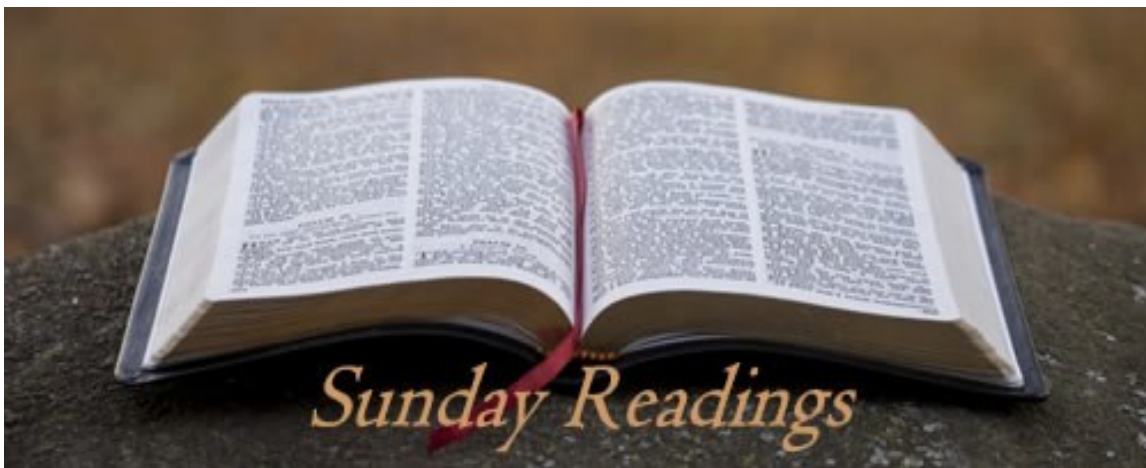
## Upcoming Commemorations (continued)

### March 29 Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824

Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.

### March 31 John Donne, poet, died 1631

After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry.



### March 6

Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16  
Romans 10:8b-13  
Luke 4:1-13

### March 13

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
Psalm 27  
Philippians 3:17--4:1  
Luke 13:31-35

### March 20

Isaiah 55:1-9  
Psalm 63:1-8  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Luke 13:1-9

### March 27

Joshua 5:9-12  
Psalm 32  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

## March 2022 Sunday Servants

### March 6

Assistant: Barbara Little

Lector: Dave Barkdoll

Ushers: John Shaw and Larry Egas

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

Cleaners: Susan Sparrow

### March 13

Assistant: Debbie Lundell

Lector: Shelia Kelley

Ushers: John Shaw and Tony Kelly

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Cleaners: The Egas Family

### March 20

Assistant: Mark Rettig

Lector: Conrad Busch

Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

### March 27

Assistant: Mary Shulack

Lector: David Ludley

Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

Cleaners: The Barkdolls and Vickie Pace

## April 2022 Sunday Servants

### April 3

Assistant: Barbara Little

Lector: Dave Barkdoll

Ushers: John Shaw and Larry Egas

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Cleaners: Susan Sparrow

### April 10

Assistant: Debbie Lundell

Lector: Shelia Kelley

Ushers: John Shaw and Tony Kelly

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Cleaners: The Egas Family

### April 17

Assistant: Mark Rettig

Lector: Conrad Busch

Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

### April 24

Assistant: Mary Shulack

Lector: David Ludley

Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

The family and friends of Lauren Britten; 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; Mike Gassaway; Charlotte Baldwin; Jan Hammons; Mariya King; Arnold Rettig

## **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.*

# March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Ash Wednesday 12:15, 7:00 pm 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 Vespers 7 pm 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 Vespers 7 pm Al-Anon 7 pm	17	18	19 AA 9 am Al-Anon 7 pm
20 Worship 11 am Council TBD	21 Al-Anon 12 pm	22	23 Matins (online) 9:15 am Vespers 7 pm 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	29	30 Matins (online) 9:15 am Vespers 7 pm Al-Anon 7 pm	31	1	2 AA 9 am Al-Anon 7 pm