



SAINT LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 29, 2021

11:00 am ✠ Rite II

Please enter quietly as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Welcome! The congregation's responses are in bold. Children of every age are welcome. Please see an usher for assistance.

THE GREAT PROCESSION

CHORAL PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord* arr. Christiansen
Samford University A Cappella Choir

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear; now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.*

*Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriends thee.*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.*

INTROIT

*Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.*

*Following the Procession, children 3K – 3rd Grade are invited to follow
the Crucifer to Sunday School.*

HYMN *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* Hymnal 423

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily mag-
nify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of
all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your
Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all
goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes
and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe,
so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the
Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must
neither add anything to what I command you nor take
away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the
Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must
observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom
and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all
these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise
and discerning people!" For what other great nation has
a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we
call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and
ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before
you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as
neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to
let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make
them known to your children and your children's children.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM

I feel the winds of God today

John Ness Beck

*I feel the winds of God today
Today my sail I lift*

SERMON NOTES

*Though heavy oft with drenching spray
And torn with many a rift
If hope would light the water's crest
And Christ my bark will use
I'll seek the seas at His behest
And brave another cruise*

*It is the wind of God that dries
My vain regretful tears
Until with braver thoughts shall rise
The purer brighter years
If cast on shores of selfish ease
Or pleasure I should be*

*Lord let me feel Your freshening breeze
And I'll set back to sea*

*If ever I forget Thy love
Or how that love was shown
Lift high the blood-red flag above
It bears Thy name alone
Great Pilot of my onward way
Thou will not let me drift
I feel the winds of God today
Today my sail I lift*

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ANTHEM

Hark, I hear the harps eternal arr. Alice Parker
Combined Choirs

*Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.*

Refrain:
*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the lamb!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM*

*And my soul, tho' stain'd with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters, to the city far away.*

*Souls have cross'd before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.*

Refrain:
*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the lamb!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM*

THE SERMON The Reverend Richmond R. Webster

THE NICENE CREED *All stand.* BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Glenda, our Bishop, the clergy of our parish, Jane, our seminarian, and all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joseph our President, Kay our Governor, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Charlotte E. Thorogood and Valencia Lenora May.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others,
especially Dawn DeGweck, Jim Ganser, Francis Hagan,
Jane Hodges, Susan Isbill, Jessie Key, Juanita Tant, Fred
Tyson, and Donna Vaughan, and Dick Womack.

Silence

CONFESSION

BCP 360

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Clap Your Hands

Edwin Fissinger

Sanford University A Cappella Choir

Clap your hands, all ye people clap your hands.
Sing unto God with a voice of triumph.
For the Lord most high is mighty,
He is the great King over all the earth.

O taste, o taste and see how gracious is the Lord;
Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.
My heart hath trusted in Him and I am helped;
Therefore, my heart danceth for joy,
And in my song I will praise Him.

God is gone up with a merry noise,
And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
O sing praises unto our God;
O sing praises unto our King.

- Psalm 47: 1, 2, 5, 6; 34: 8; 28: 8

PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION *All stand to sing*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;
praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host;
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

SANCTUS et BENEDICTUS

Proulx

S125

The Celebrant continues

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for
ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the Consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

O Lamb of God

S158

The Gifts of God for the people of God

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and
feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Lamb of God, what wondrous love

Faure, arr. Petker

Lamb of God, what wondrous love, O my soul,
Love, such love, that Thou shouldst die, for me, shouldst die.

Lord of Grace, what matchless love, O my soul,
Son of God, Thou loving sacrifice for me.

Here, O Lord, am I, fearful, sinful, man

Guilty and condemned Thy death is surely mine.

Cross of God, I would to turn away, yet Love it beds me stay, O my soul.

Can it be, the very death I fear is that which draws me near, Lord, to Thee?

Lamb of God, Thou died for me.

O what wondrous love.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Officiant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,

you have graciously accepted us as living members

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food

*in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE BLESSING

HYMN *Rejoice, ye pure in heart!* Hymnal 556

THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

*Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE *Festival Voluntary* Flor Peeters

Please feel free to share your joys or concerns with a member of the Prayer Team. If you have a prayer request please contact Sandy Porter at 205-802-6207 or sporter@saint-lukes.com. Copies of the prayer list are on the table in the Communication Stations and in the weekly church emails.

CLERGY AND STAFF: Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda Curry, *Bishop of Alabama*; The Rev. Richmond R. Webster, *Rector*; The Rev. David Hall, *Associate Rector*; The Rev. Corey Jones, *Associate Rector*; The Rev. Rebecca Debow, *Priest Affiliate*; The Rev. Dr. Maurice L. Goldsmith, *Priest Affiliate*; The Rev. Dr. Stephen McWhorter, *Priest Affiliate*; The Rev. Dr. Mark LaGory, *Deacon*; The Rev. Katy Smith, *Deacon*; Mr. Shaun Pezant, *Artist in Residence*; Dr. Philip Copeland, *Choral Director*; Mr. Jamie McLemore, *Organist*.

THE VESTRY

Vestry meetings are held the last Monday of each month from 6:00-7:00pm. Vestry meetings are open to members of Saint Luke's unless in Executive Session.

Rector- The Rev. Richmond R. Webster

Class of 2021

Rebecca Eubanks- Communications & SLDS

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Norman Jetmundsen- Sr. Warden

Scarlett Simmons- Jr. Warden & Youth Ministry

Norman Tynes- Adult Education & Stewardship

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Ann Johnson- Outreach, MACE, & Founders Place

Bill Pitts- Finance

Krislin Smith- Pastoral Care & Communication

Wayne Trucks- Worship & Facility Management

Class of 2023

David Kimberlin- COVID-19

Allyson Mouron- Worship & Events

Susan Silverstein- New Members & Adult Education

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4. At this point, your donation will process. Please note that Msg & Data rates may apply with your phone carrier.

5. You will see a confirmation text showing your donation and registration were successful. The following message should appear: "Your giving was successful. Thank you!"

Interested in receiving our weekly E-News Dialogue? Email kclinton@saint-lukes.com.

Announcements

In God's Image, a formation opportunity for rising 8th and 9th graders, is today from 12 to 4 pm. Students will explore the topics of healthy relationships, social media, and mental health as it relates to their Christian journey. Parents will engage in a session, led by Brian Pitts about creating family core values and how this reflects on the topics the students are discussing.

This semester, during Adult Fellowship Groups, we will study The Comeback by Louie Giglio. Giglio illuminates how The Bible is the story of the greatest comeback of all; the one that makes every other comeback possible.

Jericho Road streams live each week on Facebook Live and YouTube at 9 a.m. Sunday mornings. Following the live stream, you can also watch on the Saint Luke's website. Listen via our Saint Luke's Podcast by searching Saint Luke's Episcopal Church. Follow us for the episodes to automatically populate!

EYC: 6:00-7:30pm. All are welcome. We will be upstairs in Youth Commons. All eat dinner together- Senior High and Junior High split from games and program!

ARISE, Junior High Bible studies, meets Tuesday mornings at 7:00am for all 7th-9th graders beginning Tuesday, August 23rd. Chick-Fil-A breakfast provided. Students will walk to school at 7:40am.

Boys will meet at 114 Richmar Dr.

Girls will meet at 14 Norman Dr.

Calling all golfers! Support Firehouse Ministries Annual Charity Golf Tournament November 1, 2021. Register your foursome at www.firehouseshelter.com.

A parent orientation for 9th grade Confirmation will be Sunday, October 24th from 6:15-7:15pm in Graham Hall. Mark your calendars for Confirmation Retreat on November 19-21. Classes begin in the Spring semester.