



SAINT LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 8, 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

PRELUDE Meditation on "O Waly Waly" John Leavitt

INTROIT *God Is Here: from Choral Introits with Bells*

*God is here; God is in this place.
Draw near to God and the Lord will draw near to you.*

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

HYMN *O day of radiant gladness* Hymnal 48

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 magnify 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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM

God is my strong salvation:

Lovelace

*God is my strong salvation;
what foe have I to fear?
In peril and temptation
my light, my help, is near.
Though hosts encamp around me,
firm to the fight I stand;
what terror can confound me,
with God at my right hand?*

*Place on the Lord reliance;
my soul, with courage wait;
God's truth be thine affiance,
when faint and desolate.
God's might thy heart shall strengthen,
God's love thy joy increase;*

SERMON NOTES

*mercy thy days shall lengthen;
the Lord will give thee peace.*

Please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Word Was God Rosephanye Powell

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with
God, and the Word was God.
The same was in the beginning with God.
All things were made that have been made.
Nothing was made, He has not made.*

THE SERMON The Reverend Stephen McWhorter

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 Elaine Marilyn DeGweck.

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 Jerry Corvin, Jim Ganser, Francis Hagan, Jane Hodges, and Valencia May.

Silence

CONFESSIO 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

Write your blessed name K. Lee Scott

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,
there to remain so indelibly engraved,
that no prosperity,
no adversity shall ever move me from your love.
Be to me a strong tower of defense,
a comforter in tribulation,
a deliverer in distress,
a very present help in trouble
and a guide to heaven
through the many temptations
and dangers of this life. Amen.

PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION All stand to sing

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures 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 Robert Powell S129

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharist Prayer

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

Lamb of God S161

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

Just as I am Woodworth

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was
shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict,
many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come.

O Lamb of God, I come.

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 *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing* Hymnal 344

THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

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

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune Michael McCabe

*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 porter@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, *Priest Affiliate*; 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
Sr. Warden- Norman Jetmundsen '21
Jr. Warden- Scarlett Simmons '21
Jr. Warden- Wayne Trucks '22

Class of 2021

Rebecca Eubanks- Communications & SLDS
Trippe Gray- Facility Management
Norman Jetmundsen- Sr. Warden
Scarlett Simmons- Jr. Warden & Youth Ministry
Norman Tynes- Adult Education & Stewardship

Class of 2022

Reed Avant- Children & Family Ministry
Ann Johnson- Outreach, MACÉ, & 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
Beth Wilder- Outreach & Communication
Turner Williams- Finance

Appointed Members

Kevin Collins- Clerk
William Nicrosi- Treasurer

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2. If you are a first time, text-giving donor you will be prompted to visit a secure link. The message should appear like below.
"You're almost done! Finish your gift to Saint Luke's Episcopal Church with this link."

3. Once you click the registration link, you can enter your credit card information.

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

As we head into the fall season at **Saint Luke's**, the **Sunday School hour** will become a time of community known as Fellowship Groups. We believe God created us to live in relationship with others. Sharing life through community can create meaningful relationships that aren't always easy to find. Join us Sundays in the fall during the Sunday School hour at 10am. Please visit our website to register! Fellowship groups begin August 22.

Are you someone who is energetic, patient, and has a love for children and for teaching children? **Saint Luke's Day School is currently looking for teachers** to fill preschool teaching positions in the Older Toddlers and 2K classes. Hours are Monday - Friday 8:30-1:15. Come join our SLDS family. Email kmurphree@saint-lukes.com for more information.

If you are looking for an Olympic level volunteer experience, join us at Founders Place! This life-giving ministry is filled with grace, joy, love, and laughter. If you are truly looking to "make a difference", sign up for their volunteer training and catch the Founders Place spirit! For more details, please contact Susanna Whitsett at 205.802.6218 or swhitsett@saint-lukes.com.

Pack the Bus on August 15- Can Soup/Can Stew Drive, benefiting Bridge Ministries and the Southside Baptist Food Pantry. Let's help out our much needed neighbors who are struggling right now. Questions, contact outreach@saint-lukes.com

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

- Sunday, August 15: Welcome Home Fall Kick-off Event (all day).
- Sunday, August 15: EYC Kick-off
- Sunday, August 22: Hot Breakfast returns from 7:30 am to 8:50 am.
- Sunday, August 22: Worship/Acolyte Training
- Sunday, August 29: In God's Image 8th & 9th grades

Learn a skill, gain a community! **Join us for Bridge class!** Fridays 9:30-12:00. August 20-December 8. Cost: \$10 per person (for the whole class!). Register by August 16. To register, please contact John Douglass at johnmjrduiglass@bellsouth.net or 205.902.9937.

The Children's Ministry team has been hard at work planning some exciting things for Fall. Parents should have received a registration email from our Children's Ministry confirming your child(ren)'s information for the coming year. If you DID NOT receive an email, please contact Johnailla Wright, jjwright@saint-lukes.com.