



SAINT LUKE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12, 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 *Aria on a Chaconne* Joel Martinson

INTROIT *God Is Here: from Choral Intros 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 *The Church's One Foundation* Hymnal 525

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

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

*The Celebrant says*

**A**lmighty 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.

**O** God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

**T**he Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** *Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM

*Who is This?*

arr. John Ferguson

*Who is this that walks among us?  
Who speaks such words?  
Is it Moses, or Elijah, or some prophet of the Lord?  
Can we name this suffering servant?  
Can we name the promised sun?  
Can we name the heir of David?  
Jesus, holy one.*

*You are Christ, from God eternal!  
Living God from human womb,  
Our deliv'rer and redeemer,  
Known by cross and empty tomb.  
Jesus, hidden, holy one.*

*Who is this?  
Holy one.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**People** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

ANTHEM

O Lord, how can we know Thee? Nelson  
 O Lord, how can we know Thee?  
 Where can we find Thee?  
 Thou art as close to us as breathing  
 And yet art farther than the farthest star.  
 Thou art as mysterious as the vast solitudes of the night  
 And yet art as familiar to us as the light of the sun.  
 When justice burns like a flaming fire,  
 When love evokes willing sacrifice, do we not bow down to Thee?  
 Thou livest within our hearts as Thou dost pervade the world,  
 And we through Thy presence behold.

THE SERMON      The Reverend Richmond R. Webster



**W**e 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 Hall Thompson, Jr. and Rachel Love.  
*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 Jim Ganser, Jessie Key, Fred Tyson, 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

*He Comes to Us as One Unknown* Marshall

*He comes to us as One unknown, without a name,  
as of old, by the lakeside,  
He came to those men who knew Him not.  
He speaks to us the same words: "Follow thou me!"  
and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time.*

*He commands. And to those who obey Him,  
whether they be wise or simple,  
He will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts,  
the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship,  
and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own  
experience Who He is.*

### 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 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*

**O**ur 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* Christiansen

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 HYMN

*O sacred head, sore wounded* HYMN 168

### 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 *Praise the Lord through every nation* Hymnal 484

### THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

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

POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord* Johann Walther

*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  
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, MACE, & Founders Place  
Bill Pitts- Finance  
Krislin Smith- Pastoral Care & Communication  
Wayne Trucks- Jr. Warden, 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 & SOAR

#### Appointed Members

Kevin Collins- Clerk  
William Nicrosi- Treasurer

### **Give via Text (205) 576-4100**



1. Text the amount you would like to give to (205) 576-4100.
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](mailto:kclinton@saint-lukes.com).

### **Announcements**

**We are pleased to announce the Nominating Committee for the Vestry elections scheduled for the Fall.** The members of the committee are the 5 outgoing Vestry members plus 5 non-Vestry members in Good Standing (members who pledge and attend regularly).

#### Outgoing Vestry Members:

Norman Jetmundsen (Co-Chair)  
Scarlett Simmons (Co-Chair)  
Rebecca Eubanks  
Trippe Gray  
Norman Tynes

#### Members in Good Standing:

Jim Hughey  
Thomas Logan  
Carey Hinds  
Diana Plosser  
Sumner Rives

All members of the congregation are encouraged to consider whether they or someone they know is willing to serve Saint Luke's as a member of the Vestry. To recommend someone for consideration, please directly contact Norman Jetmundsen ([normanjetmundsen@gmail.com](mailto:normanjetmundsen@gmail.com)) or Scarlett Simmons ([scarlett@wswealth.org](mailto:scarlett@wswealth.org)) before September 26. Candidates will be announced in early October and elections will be held following the Annual Town Hall Meeting (via website) on Sunday, October 25th.

### **Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities**

**Beginning Wednesday, September 8:** Saint Luke's women of all ages and stages are invited to a Bible study facilitated by Jennifer Coltharp and Stacie Tubb. We will study Beth Moore's *David, Seeking a Heart Like His*. Please email Jennifer at [jbfranklin26@gmail.com](mailto:jbfranklin26@gmail.com) if you're interested in attending. We hope you will join us!

**The Rector's Men's and Women's Bible Studies:** This semester, in the Rev. Richmond R. Webster's lecture-based Bible study, we will explore the teachings of Jesus through the eyes of Mark's Gospel. Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. (Men's Bible Study & Breakfast) Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. (Women's Bible Study- Rm 212).

**Beginning Monday, September 20:** Join us as we study *All Things New; a Study of 2 Corinthians* by Kelly Minter. This study is open to all women on Monday evenings from 5:30-7:00 pm in the Tilson Room. Patty Gilbert is the leader. Contact Patty for more information! 205-821-4424, or [Pattygilbert@gmail.com](mailto:Pattygilbert@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

**Parents, The Saint Luke's Children's Ministry Team needs your help.** Please consider 2-3 Sundays this semester you are available to volunteer with our children. We cannot do this without you. Contact Betsy Cobb, [bcobb@saint-lukes.com](mailto:bcobb@saint-lukes.com), or Allyson Mouron, [mouron.allyson@gmail.com](mailto:mouron.allyson@gmail.com), to volunteer.

**Searchers Lunch & Learn** is a monthly gathering offering lunch, fellowship, and learning on a variety of topics relating to the community, advocacy, self-care, and spirituality. It is a wonderful way to connect to others at Saint Luke's! **Please join us for a special "get to know you" kick-off lunch on Monday, September 13 (10:30-NOON) in the Founders Room.** Newcomers are especially welcome!

**Grief Support Group Begins Monday, September 13; 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm – Online Zoom Sessions.**

We are offering a five-session Grief Support Group for those who have experienced a significant loss. Our group, this fall, will meet online on Zoom. The group will be led by the Rev. David Hall and Betsy Smith, one of our trained Stephen Ministers. Saint Luke's members, as well as others from the community, are invited to attend. The only requirement is a commitment to make the sessions a priority in your schedule, and a willingness to share your experiences and receive the experiences of others in an atmosphere of Christian love. To register, please contact Sandy Porter: [sporter@saint-lukes.com](mailto:sporter@saint-lukes.com) or 205-802-6207.