



SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3736 Montrose Road
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12, 2021 ✦ 8:00 AM Rite I

Enter quietly in prayer as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Welcome! The congregation's responses are in bold. The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and The Hymnal 1982 are found in the pew racks. Children of every age are welcome in all worship services. A nursery is available for children ages 3 years and younger. Hearing aids are available. See an usher for assistance.

HYMN

The Church's One Foundation Hymnal 525

BCP 323

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

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

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Celebrant then says

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
People ***Christ, have mercy upon us.***
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord be with you.
People ***And with thy spirit.***
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant

that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The 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?

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

The people stand for the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

Mark 8:27-38

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 be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Richmond R. Webster



THE NICENE CREED BCP 326

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.

THE PRAYERS of the PEOPLE BCP 328

THE CONFESSION BCP 331

All stand. The Celebrant says:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

All things come of thee, O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING BCP 340

The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
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 meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues
...evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

The Celebrant continues

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table,
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righ-
teousness, but in thy manifold and great merc-
cies. We are not worthy so much as to gather
up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art
the same Lord whose property is always to
have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious
Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear son Jesus
Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may
evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Soloist: Taylor Stricklin *

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we most
heartily thank thee for that thou dost
feed us, in these Holy Mysteries, with the
spiritual food of the most precious Body and
Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and
goodness towards us; and that we are very
members incorporate in the mystical body of
thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful
people; and are also heirs, through hope, of
thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly
beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist
us with thy grace, that we may continue in
that holy fellowship, and do all such good
works as thou hast prepared for us to walk

*in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom
with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor
and glory, world without end. Amen.*

THE BLESSING

HYMN

Praise the Lord through every nation Hymnal 484

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: *Let us go forth in the name of Christ!*
People: **Thanks be to God!**

*Are you receiving our emails? If not and would like
to, please email kclinton@saint-lukes.com and sign
up for our weekly news.*

*Prayer Team. If you have a prayer request please
contact Sandy Porter at 205-802-6207 or sporter@saint-lukes.com. The prayer list is available in the
weekly church emails.*

Soloist: Taylor Stricklin

** Taylor Stricklin is the assistant choral director at Vestavia
Hills High School. Taylor began singing with the St.
Luke's choir in the summer of 2020 after graduating with a
Master of Music in choral conducting from Louisiana State
University. Prior to his time in Baton Rouge, he taught
middle and high school choir in Enterprise, Alabama. Since
the summer of 2018, he has served as assistant conductor for
Iron City Singers, a community choir based in Birmingham.*

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

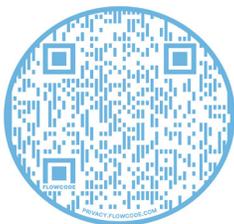
Reed Avant- Children & Family Ministry
Ann Johnson- Outreach, MACE, & Founders Place
Bill Pitts- Finance
Krislin Smith- Pastoral Care & Communication
Wayne Trucks- Jr. Warden, Worship & Facility Management

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



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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.

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) or Scarlett Simmons (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 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. 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, or Allyson Mouron, 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 or 205-802-6207.