



SAINT LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 19, 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 *Pastorale* Douglas Wagner

INTROIT *I will arise* Shaw/Parker

*Come thou fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing Thy grace,
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms,
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.*

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

HYMN *Praise to the Lord* Hymnal 390

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 us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM

Psalm 1 Mark Hayes

*Blessed are the ones who delight in the law of the Lord.
On God's law they meditate day and night.
They are like a tree, planted by the water,
Which yields its fruit in season whose leaf shall never wither,
And all they do shall prosper.*

*Blessed are the ones who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked,
Or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.
For the delight in the law of the Lord.*

-Psalm 1:1-3

SERMON NOTES

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ANTHEM

Offertory

John Ness Beck

*With what shall I come before the Lord,
And bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?*

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,

*With ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?*

*He has shown you, O man,
He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justice and to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Corey Jones

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 Jane Blackwell Hodges, Barrie Howard Goulding, Clement Trantum Fitzpatrick II, and Norman M. Baker Jr.
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, Pat King, Brook Morris, Lesly Simon, and Fred Tyson.

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

The Apple Tree

arr. K. Lee Scott

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be
of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

-Words from 'Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs', 1784

PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION All stand to sing

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heav'nly 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

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

Behold the Lamb of God

Willan

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

Cantique de Jean Racine

Faure

English text by Harold Heiberg

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation,
Eternal Light of the earth and the sky,
We kneel in adoration.
O Savior, return on us Thy loving eye!

Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all-consuming,
Whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell.
And rouse our slumbering souls with radiance all-illuminating,
that they may waken Thy mercy to tell!

O Christ, bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee,
Who here are gathered on penitent knee,
Accept the hymns we chant to Thine eternal glory,
and these Thy gifts we return unto Thee!

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 O love, how deep, how broad, how high Hymnal 449

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

LaMarche

G.F. Handel

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

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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.

STAIR is making plans to safely resume in-person tutoring in October! Volunteers are needed Tuesday and/or Thursday afternoons 3:30 - 4:45 at Norwood School. STAIR trains volunteer tutors to partner with a 1st or 2nd grade student for an entire school year, assess their literacy needs, and help them improve reading skills. Keeping safety precautions in mind, St. Luke's STAIR volunteers are asked to be fully vaccinated. Masks will be worn at all times while in the building. For more information about the program and to become a tutor, please go to <https://www.stairbirmingham.org/tutor>.

Our friends at Preschool Partners currently have a record number of children in after school care. Help us support these children by donating individually packaged snacks (meaning one serving per bag) like Goldfish, Veggie Straws, Cheez-Its, apple sauce pouches, Animal Crackers, etc. Donations can be left in the Outreach Bins in Claypool Commons entrance, or by the outdoor benches. THANK YOU!

Men! Do you have thoughts, opinions, ideas, and wisdom that the world does not yet appreciate? Are you now or someday hope to be a curmudgeon? **Then you will want to join David for coffee on Monday mornings at 8:00 am in the Founders Room.** There will be coffee, fellowship, and the opportunity to solve the problems of the world. For more information, email The Rev. David Hall at dhall@saint-lukes.com.

We are delighted to invite all women to the first ECW meeting of the year. We welcome the wonderful George Jones of Snoozy's Kids as our speaker! Bring a pen and paper, as we expect plenty of ideas for Christmas gifts! Join us on Friday, October 1 at 11:30 a.m. in Graham Hall. Childcare provided with reservation at ecw@saint-lukes.com. Cost of lunch is \$8. Bring a friend!

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 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 Pattyggilbert@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Parents! The Saint Luke's children's ministry team needs your help. Please consider two to three 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.