



SAINT LUKE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 26, 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      *Upon Thy Table Lord*      Dale Wood

INTROIT      *All that hath life and breath*      Rene Clausen  
*All that hath life and breath, praise ye the Lord! Shout to the Lord, Allelujah! Allelujah, Praise Him! Allelujah!*

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

HYMN      *God of the prophets*      Hymnal 359

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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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      Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

**T**he rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once — if I have found favor in your sight — and do not let me see my misery." So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

**SERMON NOTES**

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

**ANTHEM**

*Sing to the Lord* arr. Alice Parker

*Sing to the Lord, ye heav'nly hosts, And thou, O earth, adore;  
Let death and hell through all their coasts Stand trembling at his power.*

*His sounding chariot shakes the sky, He makes the clouds his throne;  
There all his stores of lightning lie, Till vengeance darts them down.*

*His nostrils breathe out fiery streams And from his awful tongue  
A sovereign voice divides the flames, And thunder roars along.*

*Think, O my soul! the dreadful day, When this incensed God  
Shall rend the sky, and burn the sea, And fling his wrath abroad.*

*Let all that dwell above the sky, And air, and earth, and seas -  
Conspire to lift Thy glories high And speak Thine endless praise.*

*The whole creation join in one To bless the sacred Name,  
Of Him that sits upon the throne, And to adore the Lamb!*

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Mark 9:38-50

**J**ohn said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Gospel of the Lord

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**ANTHEM**

*What a Friend We Have In Jesus* Joseph M. Scriven  
Soloist: Sarah Lee Langford

*What a friend we have in Jesus All our sins and griefs to bear  
And what a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer*

*Oh, what peace we often forfeit Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged Take it to the Lord in prayer*

*Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness Take it to the Lord in prayer*

THE SERMON The Reverend Richmond R. Webster

THE NICENE CREED *All stand.* BCP 358

**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 Joseph Benton "Ben" Atkinson, Jr. and Robert Basil Hughes 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 Donna Beauchamp, Jim Ganser, Jessie Key, Rusty Lowe, Brook Morris, Lesly Simon, and Fred Tyson.

We give thanks for the birth of Courtland Timothy Speegle and Josiah Jamichael May.

Silence

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

O Christ, You Cleanse Our Souls Michael Thaxton  
 O Christ who came to Galilee;  
 to heal the sick, to set us free,  
 Who moved for us to Calvary.  
 O Christ, You cleanse our souls.  
 O Christ, who washes lepers clean;  
 Who raises dead, who stands serene  
 At God's right hand, from stable mean.  
 O Christ, You cleanse our souls.  
 O Christ, unmoved by demon's wrath  
 Who casts them out, yet holds us fast;  
 Who cleanses those upon the path.  
 O Christ, You cleanse our souls.  
 O Christ, we gather at Your feet;  
 To touch Your hem, to be complete;  
 To sing to You on Holy Seat.  
 O Christ, You cleanse our souls.

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.**

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

O Sacred Feast Willan  
 O sacred feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory  
 of his passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled  
 with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given  
 unto us. Alleluia.

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

You satisfy the hungry heart Ferguson  
 You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat  
 Come give to us, O Saving Lord The Bread of Life to eat  
 As when the shepherd calls his sheep They know and heed his voice  
 So when you call your family Lord They follow and rejoice  
 With joyful lips, we sing to you Our praise and gratitude  
 That you should count us worthy Lord To share this Heavenly food  
 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured?  
 Does not one cup, one loaf declare Our Oneness in the Lord?  
 The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell:  
 Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 You give yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be,  
 To serve each other in your name In truth and charity.

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 *God of grace and God of glory* Hymnal 594

THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

*Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.*

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

POSTLUDE *We Know That Christ Is Raised* Dale Wood

*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

#### Altar Flowers

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for the marriage of*

*Anne Fairly Alison and Nicholas Nam Tran Robson  
and in loving memory of*

*James Fairly Alison Jr., Celia Shuptrine Alison,  
James Henry Emack, and Ret. Lieutenant General Nguyễn Văn Là.*

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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](mailto:kclinton@saint-lukes.com).

#### Announcements

**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](mailto:ecw@saint-lukes.com). Cost of lunch is \$8. Bring a friend!

**Save the date for Pet Blessing!** One of our favorite days of the year is here! On Wednesday, October 6, from 4:00 to 6 pm we invite your pets to (drive by) and be blessed! Not picking up supper? No worries, swing by anyway!

**On Sunday, October 3rd, the children will perform a song during the 11am Nave worship service!** Grades 3K-3rd have been learning songs during New Creation on Sunday mornings and are ready to present to the congregation!

**The Junior High LOCK-IN** is happening Friday, October 15 – Saturday, October 16 from 7pm-7am. Email [youth@saint-lukes.com](mailto:youth@saint-lukes.com) to sign up! Open to all 7th-9th graders, friends are welcome!

**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](mailto:bcobb@saint-lukes.com), or Allyson Mouron, [mouron.allyson@gmail.com](mailto:mouron.allyson@gmail.com), to volunteer.

**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.stairbir-ningham.org/tutor>.

*The staff and choir of St. Luke's wishes Savannah Bracewell a fond farewell as she sings in her last worship service with the choir. She has been an outstanding leader and musician during her time here and we will miss her.*