



SAINT LUKE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 5, 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

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Albin Whitworth

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!*

HYMN *O for a thousand tongues to sing* Hymnal 493

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.

**G**rant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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 35:4-7a

**S**ay to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

ANTHEM

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Carlton Young

*Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun  
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

Mark 7:24-37

**J**esus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately

SERMON NOTES

heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Gospel of the Lord  
*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

ANTHEM

*I sat down* Bairstow

*I sat down under His shadow with great delight  
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.  
He brought me to the banqueting house  
and His banner over me was love.*

THE SERMON The Reverend David Hall

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.

*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 Dawn DeGweck, Jim Ganser, Francis Hagan, Jane Hodges, Susan Isbill, Jessie Key, Juanita Tant, Fred Tyson, Donna Vaughan, 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 *Come, Labor On*  
based on ORA LABORA arr. John Ferguson

*Come, labor on.  
Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,*

while all around us waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant does the Master say,  
"Go work today."

Come, labor on.  
Claim the high calling angels cannot share--  
to young and old the Gospel gladness bear;  
redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.  
The night draws nigh.

Come, labor on.  
Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!  
No arm so weak but may do service here:  
by feeblest agents may our God fulfill  
his righteous will.

Come, labor on.  
No time for rest, till glows the western sky,  
till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,  
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun.  
"Well done! Well done!"

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

Proulx

S125

*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

Jesus Lamb of God

S164

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

*Panis Angelicus*

Franck

*Panis angelicus  
Fit panis hominum;  
Dat panis coelicus  
Figuris terminum:  
O res mirabilis!  
Manducat Dominum  
Pauper, servus et humilis.*

*The bread of the angels  
becomes the bread of mortals;  
the bread of heaven  
puts an end to prefigurations.  
O wondrous thing!  
the poor, the slave and the humble  
feed on their Lord.*

*Te trina Deitas,  
Unaque poscimus,  
Sic nos tu visita,  
Sicut te colimus;  
Per tuas semitas  
Duc nos quo tendimus,  
Ad lucem quam inhabitas.*

*Of you, threefold and  
one God, we ask:  
Come to visit us  
as we worship you;  
lead us on your paths  
to where we want to go:  
to the light in which you dwell.*

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

*Thou, whose almighty word*

Hymnal 371

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

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

POSTLUDE

*If Thou But Suffer, God Will Guide Thee*

J.S. Bach

*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 [kcClinton@saint-lukes.com](mailto:kcClinton@saint-lukes.com).

#### Announcements

**Church offices will be closed Monday, September 6.** Have a safe and happy holiday!

**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*. This group will meet at Saint Luke's on Wednesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. This is a casual class; come in your work out clothes, bring a snack, and fellowship

with other women. Bring your baby if you need to! Please email Jennifer at [jbfranklin26@gmail.com](mailto:jbfranklin26@gmail.com) if you're interested in attending. We hope you will join us!

**Next Wednesday, September 8 from 4 to 6 pm, Saint Luke's Youth will have a car wash fundraiser for WIFI For Warriors.** All proceeds will go to this nonprofit that supports deployed military pay for their WIFI while overseas. We need as much help as we can get to make this a smooth-running car wash! Email [youth@saint-lukes.com](mailto:youth@saint-lukes.com) if you are interested in helping!

**Jericho Road streams live each week on Facebook Live and YouTube at 9 a.m. Sunday mornings.** This semester in Jericho Road, the Rev. Richmond R. Webster's lecture-based Bible study will explore the teachings of Jesus through the eyes of Mark's Gospel. Listen via our Saint Luke's Podcast. You can catch all current and past episodes by searching Saint Luke's Episcopal Church. Follow us for the episodes to automatically populate!

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, beginning September 13 in the Founders Room.** There will be coffee and fellowship and the opportunity to solve the problems of the world. For more information, email the Rev. David Hall at [dhall@saint-lukes.com](mailto:dhall@saint-lukes.com).

**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 with 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! Lunch is \$10 per person or ON US for all first time attendees! Please make a reservation with Rhett Thagard [twtjr@bellwouth.net](mailto:twtjr@bellwouth.net) 205.902.5700 or Betty Bacskay 205-956-7296 [jbacman@aol.com](mailto:jbacman@aol.com).

**Grief Support Group Begins Monday, September 13 from 5 to 6:30 pm.** We are offering a five-session Grief Support Group for those who have experienced a significant loss; it could be the loss of a parent, spouse, child, the loss of a marriage, or any number of things. To keep everyone safe during this pandemic and the quarantine, our group, this fall, will meet online via 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 requirements are a commitment to make the sessions a priority in your schedule, 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.

**A parent orientation for 9th grade Confirmation will be Sunday October 24th from 6:15-7:15pm in Graham Hall.** Contact Saint Luke's Youth at [youth@saint-lukes.com](mailto:youth@saint-lukes.com) for more information.

**\*NEW\* Production Team: For all youth.** Are you interested in technology, sound or film? We are starting a new opportunity to serve your church! Email [youth@saint-lukes.com](mailto:youth@saint-lukes.com) for more information!

**Join poet, advocate, and neurologist Dr. Daniel Potts for a presentation (via Zoom) of "Bringing Art to Life",** an innovative program of art therapy, life story preservation, and intergenerational connection for adults with dementia. Learn how Founders Place (Saint Luke's respite ministry), in partnership with Birmingham-Southern College and the Cognitive Dynamics Foundation, will participate in "Bringing Art to Life" this fall. Meet art therapist Amy Brown (BATL facilitator for Founders Place) as Dr. Potts shares a journey of love, creativity, and remembrance that is the foundation of this life-giving program. Join this special presentation via Zoom or at Saint Luke's "watch party" Thursday, September 9, at 5:45pm. For Zoom link or more information, please contact Susanna Whitsett [swhitsett@saint-lukes.com](mailto:swhitsett@saint-lukes.com) or 205.802.6217.