



SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3736 Montrose Road
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 10, 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

O God, our help in ages past Hymnal 680

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.

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

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

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE FIRST LESSON

Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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.***

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON
 The Reverend David Hall

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 up unto 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 mer-
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: *Melanie Williams*

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

Sing Praise to God

Hymnal 408

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](mailto:sporter@saint-lukes.com). The prayer list is available in the
weekly church emails.*

Soloist: Melanie Williams

**Melanie Williams has her doctorate in vocal performance
and serves as professor of voice at the University of
Montevallo where she teaches classes in vocal pedagogy
and private voice. She has sung with the St. Luke's
choir for the past four years. She and husband, Mark,
have two children, Anna Katherine and John Mark.*

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
Trippie Gray- Facility Management
Norman Jermundsen- 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

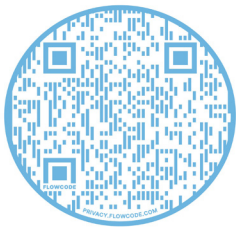
Class of 2023

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 Nicosi- Treasurer

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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

As we move through the Stewardship Season, we prayerfully urge you to consider making a pledge for 2022. Every pledge counts. We hope to have all pledges turned in by October 31st, to prepare our finances and plan for the coming year. Over the next several weeks, you will notice signage around the church intended to be a helpful tool as you make

your pledge. This year, your Stewardship Chairs are Derick Belden (dbelden@thinkfred.com) and Norman Tynes (ntynes@harbertrealty.com). On Sundays, visit the Stewardship table in Claypool Commons. Stewardship Committee members will be present to answer any questions you may have as you reflect upon your giving to the church. To pledge online, visit our website, www.saint-lukes.com/giving/. Stewardship Update As of October 6, 2021: Number of Pledges – 90; 2022 Pledges received - \$1,077,749; 2022 Goal -- \$3.7 Million.

Afterschool Bible Studies and Fellowship for 3rd-6th graders has begun!!! Join us Wednesdays this fall for fellowship, activities, and Bible Club offered for all 3rd-6th graders from 3 to 4:30 pm! Questions? Contact bowenby@saint-lukes.com. Room assignments: 3rd graders - Room 227, 4th graders - Room 200B, 5th-6th graders - pavilion.

Searchers Lunch & Learn is a monthly gathering with lunch, fellowship, and learning on a variety of topics relating to community, advocacy, self-care, and spirituality. It is a wonderful way to connect to others at Saint Luke's! Please join us Monday, Oct 11 (10:30-NOON) for a program by The Rev. Mark Lagory in the Founders Room. Newcomers welcome at any time! Lunch is "on us" for first time attendees; all others are \$10 pp. Please make a reservation with Rhett Thagard tw-tjr@bellwouth.net 205.902.5700 or Betty Bacskay 205-956-7296 jbacman@aol.com. Searchers Lunch & Learn is a program of SOAR Ministries for Mature Adults.

The Junior High LOCK-IN is happening Friday, October 15 – Saturday, October 16 from 7pm-7am. Contact youth@saint-lukes.com to sign up! Open to all 7th-9th graders. Friends are welcome!

Abide: An adult formation where we study scripture, liturgy, and cultivate our spiritual practices with Life in The Vine. For those who seek to take seriously Jesus' challenge "to change and become like children" (Matthew 18:3), this book serves as an invitation to the same joyful journey. A Bible study/adult formation open to all ages-and will begin at 6:00pm in Rm 214. We will meet the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month, and you can drop in any week- nothing to prepare ahead of time. Please contact Leah Rice to sign up or for more information, leah.rice@icloud.com.

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>.

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 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.