



SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3736 Montrose Road
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST

October 17, 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

Hail, thou once despised Jesus Hymnal 495

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.

Almighty God, who didst inspire thy servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of thy Son: Graciously continue in thy Church the like love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of thy Name; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Timothy 4:5-13

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

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 Luke

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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 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 righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. 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: * Julia Jackson

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

***A**lmighty 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

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Hymnal 556

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: Julia Jackson

** Julia Jackson is a soprano with a degree in vocal performance from the University of Montevallo. She has been in the St. Luke's choir for 12 years. Julia met and married her Husband, Trey, at St. Luke's. She has two beautiful children, Isabelle (5) and David (3).*

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 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

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 kclinton@saint-lukes.com.

Announcements

Saint Luke's will elect five new members to the Vestry on **Sunday, October 31st**. The nominees for Vestry are: Derick Belden, Kevin Collins, Sara Ford, Gerald Gillespy, Joe Gribbin Jr., Trish Hoover, Anna Manasco, Jimmy Puckett, Jim Stewart, and George Wilbanks. Voting begins Friday, October 22nd and there are three options available to vote:

1. An online ballot will be emailed to all confirmed adult members on Friday, October 22nd, and may be submitted online.
2. Individuals may request a paper ballot by calling the church receptionist, Stephanie Sierke (205.871.3583). Paper ballots may be returned to a designated mailbox outside of the Maloof or Claypool Commons entrances.
3. In-person elections will take place Sunday, October 31st from 7:30 am to Noon, or 4:30 pm to 6 pm at designated locations in the church.

All ballots must be received by October 31st at 6 pm. All adult, confirmed members known to the Treasurer are eligible to vote.

All are invited to join us for Worship Night at Saint Luke's on Sunday, November 7 from 6:30-7:30 pm. The Word Band and Saint Luke's Youth will lead us in song and prayer on All Saints Sunday as we remember and honor our loved ones. Join us for worship!

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 – 198; 2022 Pledges received - \$1,762,549; 2022 Goal -- \$3.7 Million.

After school Bible studies and fellowship for 3rd-6th graders have begun!!! Join us Wednesdays this fall for fellowship, activities, and Bible Club, which is 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. **Please pick up and drop off children in the Pavilion!**

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesdays in the Fall at 9 am: 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).

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

Abide is 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. This is a Bible study/adult formation open to all ages, beginning 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.