



SAINT LUKE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 31, 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* Alfred Fedak

INTROIT Excerpt from *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

*Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Sons of men and angels say,  
Raise your joys and triumphs high. Sing, ye heavens; and, earth, reply.  
Now sing, "Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

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

HYMN *Alleluia! sing to Jesus* Hymnal 460

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.

**A**lmighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; 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

Ruth 1:1-8

**I**n the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following

SERMON NOTES

you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

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

ANTHEM

*If Ye Love Me*

Tallis

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
And I will pray the Father  
And he shall give you another comforter,  
That he may abide with you forever,  
Ev'n the spir't of truth.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gospel of the Lord

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

ANTHEM

*Hear O Israel*

Ron Nelson

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One.*

*Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God,  
with all thy heart and with all thy soul,  
and with all thy might.*

*Praise be His name whose kingdom is forever.*

*And these words which I command thee,  
shall live in your house and be on your heart.*

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.  
*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 Mary Ellen Calhoun, Barbara Eisenhart, Charles Machedehl, Brook Morris, Fred Tyson, and Larry Wright.

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

*The Road Home* arr. Stephen Paulus, 1949-2014

*Tell me, where is the road I can call my own,*  
*That I left, that I lost, so long ago?*  
*All these years I have wandered, oh, when will I know*  
*There's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?*

*After wind, after rain, when the dark is done.*  
*As I wake from a dream in the gold of day,*  
*Through the air there's a calling from far away,*  
*There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.*

*Rise up, follow me, come away, is the call,*  
*With the love in your heart as the only song;*  
*There is no such beauty as where you belong:*  
*Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.*

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.*

*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 Lamb of God

S158

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 MUSIC

HYMN

For the bread

HYMNAL 341

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

Rise up ye saints of God

Hymnal 551

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

*Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

*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

### Flowers

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

#### *Thomas and Everette Russell*

and in loving memory of

Lee Lefkovits Dawkins, Betty Carr and Arnold Kenneth Lefkovits,  
George Wilbur Dawkins II, Russelle Rafael Lacy, and  
William John Russell Jr.

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

### Announcements

**Stewardship Update As of October 27, 2021:** Number of Pledges – 283; 2022 Pledges received - \$2,241,849; we have reached 60% of our 2022 Goal of \$3.7 Million.

**Today, Sunday, October 31 is Vestry Election Day.** All ballots must be received by today at 1 pm. For more information about our candidates, visit the Communication Stations throughout the church. Voting stations can be found at the top of the stairs outside of the Narthex or in Claypool Commons.

**At 10 am, we invite all adults to join the Rector,** the Rev. Richmond R. Webster, for a town-hall meeting in Graham Hall.

**A parish lunch of Jimmy's famous hotdogs** will be served before and after the 11 am service!

**There will be no 5 pm worship service** on Sunday, October 31. In addition, no EYC on Halloween!

**Are you new here?** Whether you are a brand-new visitor or have been attending for a while, come find your place at Saint Luke's by attending the Discovery Class! This 4-week course begins November 14 at 3:30pm. In this class, learn more about who we are at Saint Luke's, our mission, our beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church, and how you can become more involved. This is a great opportunity to interact with the clergy and staff in a casual environment. We will also discuss the membership and confirmation process. Questions? Contact Johnailla Wright at [jwright@saint-lukes.com](mailto:jwright@saint-lukes.com).

**Our next Newcomer's Lunch is Sunday, December 12 at Noon.** Join us, hear from clergy and staff, and learn more about what we believe makes Saint Luke's special! Please rsvp to Kate Clinton, [kclinton@saint-lukes.com](mailto:kclinton@saint-lukes.com). Lunch is provided.

**Saint Luke's Claypool Scholarship Board and Selection committee is requesting applications** for the 2022 - 2023 School Year. Visit our website for more information.

**Bible Clubs are on a roll!** Open for all 3 – 6 graders, and friends are welcome to join! Reminder- we meet Wednesdays in the Saint Luke's Pavilion from 3 to 4:30 pm.

**Our November ECW Meeting** is Friday, November 5 at 11:30 am. The speaker is jewelry designer Holland & Birch. Please RSVP to [ecw@saint-lukes.com](mailto:ecw@saint-lukes.com). Bring a friend!

**We invite you to the first annual Father Daughter Dance** at Saint Luke's from 6:00-7:30pm in Graham Hall on Friday, November 5th! Look forward to an evening filled with dancing and a DJ, build your own snack mix, pink lemonade punch, photo booth, crown bejeweling, make-up station, and sweet memories with your girls! Entry is \$10 per Princess and Dads are free! Sign up on the Saint Luke's

**Join us for a Service of Remembrance** with Taize music on Sunday, November 7 at 5 pm.

**You are invited to Worship Night at Saint Luke's** on Sunday, November 7 at 6:30 pm. Together with the Word Band, worship with us in song and prayer on All Saints Sunday as we remember and honor our loved ones.

**Searchers Lunch & Learn:** "Souls Shine Forth": Don Wendorf & Lynda Everman on advocacy for persons living with memory loss on Monday, November 8 from 10:30-Noon at Saint Luke's. With humor and heart, memories and banjo music, this married couple present their view of advocacy as the voice for others in society; a voice that leads to action. Lunch by Jimmy Tracy is provided at NO COST at this event. RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED until 9:00am on Nov 5. Please contact Rhett Thagard at [twtjr@bellsouth.net](mailto:twtjr@bellsouth.net) or 205.902.5700.