



SAINT LUKE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 14, 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 *If Thou but Suffer, God will Guide Thee* Paul Manz

INTROIT *God Is Here: from Choral Introits with Bells*

*God is here; God is in this place.*

*Draw near to God and the Lord will draw near to you.*

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

HYMN *Eternal Father, strong to save* Hymnal 608

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.

**B**lessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

THE FIRST LESSON Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

**E**very priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.] Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

ANTHEM

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is* arr. John Ferguson

*The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his And he is mine for ever.*

*Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth.*

**SERMON NOTES**

*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder brought me - rejoicing.*

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill With thee beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort, Thy cross to guide me.*

*Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thy unction, grace bestoweth:  
And O what transport of delight From thy pure chalice floweth!*

*And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise Within thy house for ever.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Mark 13:1-8

**A**s Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

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

ANTHEM

*Have You Not Known* Milburn Price  
*Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and shall not faint.*

THE SERMON The Reverend Dr. Stephen McWhorter

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 Juanita Tant and Robert Earl Belk.  
*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 Machemehl, Brook Morris, Fred Tyson, and Larry Wright.

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

*Ave Verum Corpus*

Mozart

*Ave, verum corpus  
natum de Maria Virgine,  
Vere passum immolatum  
in Cruce pro homine,  
Cujus latus perforatum  
unda\* fluxit (et)\* sanguine,  
Esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine.*

*Hail, true body  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
Who truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the Cross for man,  
Whose pierced side overflowed  
with water\* and blood,  
Be for us a foretaste\*\*  
In the test of death.*

### 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.*

### SANCTUS et BENEDICTUS

Hurd

124

*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

S157

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

*I am the bread of life*

HYMNAL 335

### 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

O God of every nation

Hymnal 607

### THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

*Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Praise to the Lord*

Paul Manz

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

#### Announcements

**Stewardship Update As of November 10, 2021:** Number of Pledges – 349; 2022 Pledges received - \$2,639,623; we have reached 70% of our 2022 Goal of \$3,745,000.

**Again this year, Saint Luke's is excited to serve The Samaritan Place: A Christmas Village.** This is a shopping experience for invited guests to shop for the children in their home. Avondale Samaritan Place will be transformed into a Christmas market where local community members will be hired to work the shop and new gifts will be available at greatly reduced prices, affirming the God-given dignity of every participant. We need your help! There are a variety of ways to participate: 1. SHOP LOCAL... Snoozy's Kids is ready to help! Provide George with an amount you are looking to spend and he and his staff will gather the items. Bring your unwrapped gifts to Canterbury or Avondale United Methodist Church before November 28. 2. Purchase gifts from our Amazon wish list. You can even change the delivery address to CUMC Village, 350 Overbrook Road, Birmingham, AL 35213 and they will ship directly. 3. Financial donations are always welcome. These will allow us to shop and fill in with gifts that are needed. Please mark your dona-

tions with "Christmas Village" in the memo line. Thank you

for helping us serve these families and children during the Christmas season!

**Saint Luke's is partnering All Saints Homewood this Christmas season** to serve disadvantaged residents in Hale County as part of the annual Sawyerville Christmas Project. Adopt an adult and purchase non-perishable food, paper goods, and items on their wish lists. This is a great holiday project for families, Cursillo reunion groups, Bible studies, and church members who want to brighten the holiday season for elderly people in need. Visit our website for more information. Questions? Email Beth Wilder at [bethwilder@mac.com](mailto:bethwilder@mac.com).

**Mark your calendars for Parents Night Out on Friday, December 3 from 6 to 9 pm.** Children 6 months through 6 grade are welcome to attend. All proceeds benefit Saint Luke's Youth. Sign up on the website!

**The 15th annual God and Jazz concert series is Wednesday, December 8 from 6:30 to 8 pm.** The concert will cover a wide repertoire spanning traditional jazz, contemporary, and holiday favorites. Tickets are available for purchase on Eventbrite. Students and children under 12 receive free admission. More information on the website!

**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).

**Come make a Joyful Noise with our Parish Choir!** The choir is now open to parishioners who would like to sing our beautiful Advent and Christmas music. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30. For more information contact Philip Copeland, Choral Director ([pcopeland@saint-lukes.com](mailto:pcopeland@saint-lukes.com)) or Jamie McLemore, Parish Organist ([jmclemore@saint-lukes.com](mailto:jmclemore@saint-lukes.com)) for more info.

**Our next Newcomer's Lunch is Sunday, December 12 at Noon.** Join us, hear from clergy and staff, 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 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: <https://saint-lukes.com/ministries/st-lukes-foundation>.

**Beautiful cards and stamps supporting Founders Place respite ministry are available for purchase during November** at the display table in Claypool Commons (by the front desk) or by contacting Rebecca Eubanks ([rebeccaeubanks@yahoo.com](mailto:rebeccaeubanks@yahoo.com)). Suggested donation is \$10 per Holiday Card and \$5 per blank notecard. Alzheimer's forever stamps (supporting research for prevention, cure, and care) are available: \$15 for 20. Thank you for your support!