



SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3736 Montrose Road
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 19, 2022 ✦ 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 services. A nursery is available for children ages 3K years and younger. Hearing aids are available. See an usher for assistance.

HYMN

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above Hymnal 408

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

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

O Lord, we beseech thee, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, for thou never failest to help and govern those whom thou hast set upon the sure foundation of thy loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they

are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

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 John

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Luke 8:26-39

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus

to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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 HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the cup to guide it), or by dipping the wafer of bread. If you are not receiving the wine, you may fold your hands across your chest. For those choosing to receive neither the bread nor the wine, you are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please place your arms across your chest in reception of the blessing. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

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

H*oly, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glo-
ry. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

The Celebrant continues

*...And now, as our Savior Christ hath
taught us, we are bold to say*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.*

*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: * Zoë Willis

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

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim Hymnal 535

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

Soloist: Zoë Willis

Zoë Willis is a Birmingham native. She holds her bachelor's degree in piano performance from the University of Alabama at Birmingham where she now works as a collaborative pianist and teaching assistant. She has sung at St. Luke's for three years.



Pops & Play: Gather as a church family for pizza, popsicles, and PLAY next Thursday, June 23 from 4 to 6 p.m.! Invite your friends, neighbors, and families. Open to all ages. Register on the website!

The Phoenix Boys Choir in collaboration with the Birmingham Boys Choir will perform at 2:30pm Sunday June 26, 2022 at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, 3736 Montrose Rd, Mountain Brook, AL 35213. This is a FREE community concert for the whole family!

Join us for bridge! On Thursdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., the Bridge group extends a special invitation to children and grandchildren (rising 7th grade and up). Let's teach the younger generation the joy, the art, and the skill of bridge! June 16 to August 4, \$10 per person, per class at Saint Luke's. Open to the community; all are welcome. For more information, contact Kathy Britton at brittonhansen@charter.net or John Douglass at johnmjrDouglass@bellsouth.net.

To support the homeless during the World Games, St. Luke's has committed to providing the following three items: disposable gloves, Clorox wipes, and 13-gallon trash bags. Please place these items in the bins outside the church.

CLERGY AND STAFF: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda Curry, *Bishop of Alabama*; The Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior, *Assisting Bishop*; The Rev. Richmond R. Webster, *Rector*; The Rev. William R. Boyles, *Associate 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 2022

- Reed Avant - Children & Family Ministry
- Ann Johnson - Outreach, MACE, & Founders Place
- Bill Pitts - Jr. Warden, Finance
- Krislin Smith - Pastoral Care & Communication
- Wayne Trucks - Sr. Warden, Worship & Facility Management

Class of 2023

- David Kimberlin - COVID-19
- Allyson Mouron - Jr. Warden, Worship & Events
- Susan Silverstein - New Members & Adult Education
- Beth Wilder - Outreach & Communication
- Turner Williams - Finance & SOAR

Class of 2024

- Kevin Collins- SLDS and Founders Place
- Sara Ford- Finance
- Gerald Gillespy- Worship and Facility Management
- Anna Manasco- Youth
- George Wilbanks- Finance

Appointed Members

- Derick Belden - Clerk
- William Nicrosi - Treasurer

Announcements

On Sunday, July 3, we will worship with one service in the Nave at 10 a.m. Nursery will be available for children 4k and under, however we will not have children's Sunday school.

The Travelers Sunday school class will not meet this Sunday, June 19, however they will return at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 26 with our intern, Jordan Rippy. All ages welcome. Contact Pat King (cell: 205-266-6593) for more information.



PLEDGE ONLINE

Stewardship Update as of June 14, 2022:

Number of Pledges – 529;
2022 Pledges received - \$3,513,421;
We are at 94% of our 2022 Goal of \$3.7 million.

VBS 2022 Recap

VBS 2022 was a huge success. We learned that God's love is a gift, it changes us, His love is always with us, and His love is worth sharing! THANK YOU for supporting the Children's Ministry during VBS week and all the weeks leading up to it! For many volunteers, this was a huge undertaking and we are grateful. It was a joy to serve alongside you as a church body. You can find several videos and pictures from our week on the Saint Luke's Instagram page!

A few stats:

On average, 175 children attended VBS each day. 57 adult volunteers served during the week as small group leaders, station assistants, runners, etc. 49 youth volunteers were exceptionally helpful to adults and children over the course of the week.