



SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 7, 2022

11:00 am ✕ Rite II

Please enter quietly 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 4K years and younger. Hearing aids are available. See an usher for assistance.

THE GREAT PROCESSION

PRELUDE

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness J.S. Bach

INTROIT

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Henry Purcell

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.*

HYMN

The God of Abraham Praise Hymnal 401

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.*

The Celebrant says

Almighty 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 mag-
nify 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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and
do always those things that are right, that we, who
cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live
according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Children will follow the cross to Pray and Play.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do
not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward
shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what
will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir
of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said,
"You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born
in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord
came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one
but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought
him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count
the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to
him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the
Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM

O Christ, You Cleanse Our Souls Michael Thaxton

*O Christ who came to Galilee;
to heal the sick, to set us free,
Who moved for us to Calvary.
O Christ, You cleanse our souls.*

*O Christ, who washes lepers clean;
Who raises dead, who stands serene
At God's right hand, from stable mean.
O Christ, You cleanse our souls.*

*O Christ, unmoved by demon's wrath
Who casts them out, yet holds us fast;
Who cleanses those upon the path.
O Christ, You cleanse our souls.*

*O Christ, we gather at Your feet;
To touch Your hem, to be complete;
To sing to You on Holy Seat.
O Christ, You cleanse our souls.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ANTHEM

Set Me As A Seal

René Clausen

*Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.*

*Many waters cannot quench love;
neither can the floods drown it.*

-Song of Songs 8:6a; 8:7a

THE SERMON

The Reverend Richmond R. Webster

THE NICENE CREED *All stand.* BCP 358

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.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For Joseph our President, Kay our Governor, for this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble:
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Glenda and Brian, our Bishops; the clergy of our parish, Jane our seminarian, Julia our intern, and all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Marshall Foster, Alonso Maddox, Tommy Tyson, and Betty Wagstaff.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for the birth of James Edward Rich, II.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Ralph Albert Apfel, Sr. and Margaret Meadows Denson, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE ABSOLUTION

All stand. The Celebrant says:

*The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.*

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

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.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Write Your Blessed Name

K. Lee Scott

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,
there to remain so indelibly engraved,
that no prosperity,
no adversity shall ever move me from your love.
Be to me a strong tower of defense,
a comforter in tribulation,
a deliverer in distress,
a very present help in trouble
and a guide to heaven
through the many temptations
and dangers of this life. Amen.

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 Proulx S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
-san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Therefore according to his command, O Father,

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

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM Hurd S151

Cantor
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
All
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Cantor
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us
All
keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

Laudate Dominum

Mozart

DeLee Benton, solo

*Laudate Dominum omnes gentes
Laudate eum, omnes populi
Quoniam confirmata est
Super nos misericordia eius,
Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.*

*Praise the Lord, all nations;
Praise Him, all people.
For He has bestowed His mercy
upon us, And the truth of the
Lord endures forever.*

*Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et
semper. Et in saecula saeculorum.*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the
beginning, is now, and forever,
and for generations of generations.*

Amen.

Amen.

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

How Firm a Foundation

Hymnal 636

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Festal Voluntary

Flor Peeters

If you have a prayer request, you may contact clergy at clergy@saint-lukes.com or Sandy Porter 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: 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

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar
are given to the glory of God

and in thanksgiving for the marriage of

Elizabeth Norris Coleman and Austin Alexander Miller

A special welcome to our students, parents, teachers, and faculty with us this morning. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9
Have a happy school year!

Announcements

Jericho Road Returns to Sunday mornings at 10 o'clock in Graham Hall with the Rev. Richmond R. Webster. This semester, under the theme of Living Water, we will explore God's Holy Word together, and study seldom encountered people and corners of scripture with remarkable application and relevance for us today. This study meets in person on Sunday mornings during the 10 o'clock fellowship hour or you can listen via our podcast which releases every Monday morning. To listen, simply search Saint Luke's Episcopal Church or Jericho Road on your Apple podcast app. To receive emails specific to this semester's Jericho Road study, please contact kclinton@saint-lukes.com.

A complete list of upcoming Fall Bible studies and Sunday programming can be found in the Communication stations throughout the church!

The 5 o'clock usher team is looking for some volunteers to serve or sub periodically. The 5 o'clock service is fairly laid back and easy to handle. Anyone interested may shadow an usher on a Sunday, and make sure you have notes of what to do. We have a terrific team and would love to have you join us. Let us know if you are interested in joining our team or if you have questions. Contact Hosey Huston at hoseyhut@charter.net or Natalie Sansom at nataliesansom@gmail.com.

Welcome Back Sunday is August 14! We hope to see you and your family there!

- New Creation returns for children during the 10 o'clock hour.
- Join the Rev. Richmond R. Webster for a Town Hall meeting in Graham Hall at 10 a.m.
- A parish lunch will follow the 11 a.m. worship service. Games and activities for children will take place outside!
- EYC Kickoff at 6 p.m. for 7 - 12th graders. Dinner is included!
- Dress casual and bring a friend!

Have you moved or changed contact information? We are updating our database and would love your most recent information. Contact Erin Davis at edavis@saint-lukes.com with any changes or updates.

Acolyte training for youth grades 7th - 12th is coming up Sunday, August 21 at 12:15 in the Nave.

In God's Image formation for 8th and 9th graders is Sunday, August 28. Registration is required. We encourage you to join us as we enter a new school year! For more information, contact youth@saint-lukes.com.

Founders Place respite program is filled with grace, joy, love, and laughter. Volunteers serve as intentional companions for adults with memory loss Tues/Thur 9:30-2:00. You can volunteer a little or a lot. Regardless, if you are seeking to truly "make a difference", attend the Founders Place Volunteer training to learn more about this unique and needed ministry. For more details, please contact Susanna Whitsett at 205.802.6217 or swhitsett@saint-lukes.com



PLEDGE ONLINE

Stewardship Update as of August 1, 2022:

Number of Pledges - 530;

2022 Pledges received - \$3,513,421;

We are at 94% of our 2022 Goal of \$3.7 million.