



# SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3736 Montrose Road  
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 7, 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 4K years and younger. Hearing aids are available. See an usher for assistance.*

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### HYMN

*The God of Abraham Praise*      Hymnal 401

BCP 323

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

*The Celebrant says*

**A**lmighty 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*

**H**ear 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.  
***Christ, have mercy upon us.***  
Celebrant      Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

**G**rant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; 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

Genesis 15:1-6

**T**he 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.

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.***

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 be to thee, O Christ.*

#### THE SERMON

The Reverend Richmond R. Webster

#### THE NICENE CREED BCP 326

**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.*

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

##### BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

*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 Glory. 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 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

*How Firm a Foundation*

*Hymnal 636*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ!  
People: Thanks be to God!*

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 (6) and David (3).*

## 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*

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**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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:hoseyhut@charter.net) or Natalie Sansom at [nataliesansom@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:swhitsett@saint-lukes.com)



**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.**

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