



SAINT LUKE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 2, 2022

11:00 am ✠ Rite II

*Please enter quietly as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

*Welcome! Our service begins in the BCP on page 355. The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and The Hymnal 1982 are found in the pew racks. The congregation's responses are in bold. 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

*Absolution in e minor*

*Alexander Guilmant*

INTROIT

*Oh Love, How Deep, How Broad*

*Benjamin Webb*

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!*

HYMN

*God the Omnipotent! King, Who Ordainest* Hymnal 569

*BCP 355*

*Celebrant:* 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 everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

*Children 4K – 3rd Grade are invited to follow the Crucifer to Sunday School.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Lamentations 1:1-6

**H**ow lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

ANTHEM

*God Is My Strong Salvation*

*Austin Lovelace*

*God is my strong salvation; what foe have I to fear?  
In peril and temptation my light, my help, is near.  
Though hosts encamp around me, firm to the fight I stand;  
what terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?*

*Place on the Lord reliance; my soul, with courage wait;  
God's truth be thine affiance, when faint and desolate.  
God's might thy heart shall strengthen, God's love thy joy increase;  
mercy thy days shall lengthen; the Lord will give thee peace.*

SERMON NOTES

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of the Lord

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

ANTHEM

*Amazing Grace*

*Music: Sheena Phillips Text: John Newton*

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch; like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.*

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.*

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

BCP 392

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, and all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Charles Anderson, Tina Darnall, Hosey Hutson, Sheila Shugerman, and Tommy Tyson.

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for the birth of Hart Booth Silverstein.

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

We pray for all who have died, especially Betty Cross Jordan, Barbara Louise Brunson Sullivan, Nancy Carnley Morrow, Margaret Bagby Ahearn, John Perron Wetherbee Jr. and Frankie Bradberry Avinger, 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

### 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

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

Music: Howard Friedell; Text: Percy Deamer

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether;  
For when humbly, in thy name,  
Two or three are met together,  
Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya!  
Touch we now thy garment's hem.*

*As the brethren used to gather  
In the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father  
Break the bread and bless the cup: Alleluya  
So knit thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living  
Make as sacraments of thee,  
That by caring, helping, giving,  
We may true disciples be: Alleluya!  
We will serve thee faithfully.*

### 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

Powell

S129

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

Schubert

S164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:  
Give us your peace, give us your peace.

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

*Come Risen Lord*

## 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, Our Help in Ages Past* Hymnal 680

THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

*Deacon: Let us bless the Lord!  
People: Thanks be to God!*

POSTLUDE *Fanfare* William Mathias

*If you have a prayer request, you may contact clergy at [clergy@saint-lukes.com](mailto:clergy@saint-lukes.com) or Sandy Porter 205-802-6207 or [sporter@saint-lukes.com](mailto: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, MACÉ, & 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  
John Rutherford- Jr. Vestryperson

## Announcements

**Are you new to Saint Luke's? Have you visited for many months and would like to learn more about the church?** Our next Newcomers Gathering is today, October 2 at noon in the

Founders Room. Lunch will be provided. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know clergy and staff, learn more about Saint Luke's, and ask questions! Childcare is available by request. Drop ins are welcome!

**On Sunday, October 2 we hope you and your family, furry friends included, will join us at our Crestline Park location for outdoor worship at 4 p.m. and fellowship to follow.** Bring a lawn chair for seating, we do have some extras so do not worry if you do not own one! Family pets may receive a blessing, and activities for the children promise to be fun (bounce house and cold treats)! We look forward to showing some new faces around the Crestline Park church, across the street from Saw's.

## **We begin our 4-part discovery classes on Sunday, October 16.**

This series is a preparation for Confirmation on December 11, however confirmation is not an end requirement of the class. This 4-week course will meet at 3:00 p.m. at Saint Luke's on 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, and 11/6. Led by the Rev. Richmond R. Webster, you will find out 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. We will also discuss the membership and confirmation process. Whether you are a brand new visitor, or a regular attendee we invite you to participate! Please let us know you are coming, email [jwright@saint-lukes.com](mailto:jwright@saint-lukes.com).

## **We are delighted to invite all women to the first ECW meeting of the year.**

We welcome gift extraordinaire George and Virginia Jones of Snoozy's Kids as our speaker! Bring a pen and paper as we expect plenty of ideas for Christmas gifts! Join us on Friday, October 14 at 11:30 a.m. in Graham Hall. We regret we are unable to provide childcare for ECW. Purchase of lunch reserves your seat. More details on our website under updates.

## **We invite you to the Second annual Father Daughter Dance at Saint Luke's from 6:00-7:30pm in Graham Hall on Friday, October 14th!**

Bring your father, grandfather, uncle, neighbor, or friend! Register on our website. Look forward to an evening filled with dancing and a DJ, build your own snack mix, pink lemonade punch, photo booth, crown bejeweling and sweet memories with your girls!



PLEDGE ONLINE

## **Stewardship Update as of September 27, 2022:**

Number of Pledges – 65; 2023 Pledges received - \$778,300; We have reached 20% of our 2023 Goal of \$3.8 million. For the 2022 stewardship campaign 56% of our church families pledged. Our goal for 2023 is to strive for 100% participation.

**Christmas pageant volunteers are needed!** All you need is a smiling face! If you are interested in helping with this sweet Christmas tradition, please email the Rev. William Boyles at [wboyles@saint-lukes.com](mailto:wboyles@saint-lukes.com). The pageant is December 18th.

## **Saint Luke's is seeking a Family & Children's Ministry Director in a part time role.**

The Children's Ministry Director will faithfully shepherd the spiritual growth of our children at Saint Luke's and in the community. The individual must have a heart for children and for Jesus. Please help us spread the word! To apply or for more information, email [hr@saint-lukes.com](mailto:hr@saint-lukes.com).

### Guest Organist Cody Lawyer

*Cody Lawyer is from Chattanooga, Tennessee. While a familiar face around Saint Luke's, he recently became the organist and choirmaster of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church. He studied music vigorously throughout schooling and took on the organ in high school. Shortly after, he became the assistant organist at the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul where he gained a love for sacred music. Moving to Birmingham to pursue further he studied organ with Dr. Fred Teardo at Samford University. Currently he is pursuing a degree in Theology and Ministry. Cody is a member of Saint Luke's and is discerning a call to ministry.*