



SAINT LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 11, 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

When in the Hour of Utmost Need J.S. Bach

INTROIT

O Love, How Broad, How Deep
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 *My Country 'Tis of Thee* Hymnal 717
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

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 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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

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

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Wash Me Thoroughly David Halls

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness,
And forgive me all my sin.
For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

-Psalm 51:2-3

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Arr. Mac Wilberg

*My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His Name;
 In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream.
 He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake His ways,
 And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk thru the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay;
 One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
 My cup with blessings overflows; Thine oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
 O may Thy house be mine abode, and all my work be praise!
 There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
 No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.*

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.

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 Marshall Foster, Betty Jordan, Sheila Shugerman, Fred Simpler, Tommy Tyson, and Rebecca Williams.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
 We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, 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

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

Maurice Bevan

*There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in his justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given.*

*For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of man's mind,
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own,
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal God will not own.*

*There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all of the members
In the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
Or new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.*

*If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.*

PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION *All stand to sing*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures 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

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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

Lamb of God Most Holy

F. Melius Christiansen

*Lamb of God most holy who on the cross did suffer,
Patient still and lowly, thyself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, O Jesu.*

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

Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love Faure, arr. Petker

*Lamb of God, what wondrous love, O my soul,
Love, such love, that Thou shouldst die, for me, shouldst die.
Lord of Grace, what matchless love, O my soul,
Son of God, Thou loving sacrifice for me.
Here, O Lord, am I, fearful, sinful, man
Guilty and condemned Thy death is surely mine.
Cross of God, I would to turn away, yet Love it bids me stay, O my soul.
Can it be, the very death I fear is that which draws me near, Lord, to Thee?
Lamb of God, Thou died for me. O what wondrous love.*

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 *America the Beautiful* Hymnal 719

THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

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

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* John Stanley

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, 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

Announcements

Drive through the Youth Car Wash Fundraiser on Sunday, September 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. A portion of the parking lot will be designated for the washing of cars! Cost is \$20 and all proceeds will go towards the Youth Mission Fund. This fundraiser benefits everything from summer mission trips to Sawyerville dinner meals to the GraceWorks summer program. All donations are helpful for our mission areas! See you at the car wash!

Searchers Lunch & Learn is a monthly gathering with food, fellowship, learning and entertainment. Searchers is a program of SOAR ministry for mature adults and ALL invited and all are welcome! The next Searchers meeting is Monday, September 12 (11:00-1:00) in Graham Hall. Please come for lunch and conversation with our clergy, The Revs Rich Webster, David Hall, Corey Jones and William Boyles. Lunch is \$10, but always "on us" for newcomers! Contact Rhett Thagard 205.902.5700 or twjtjr@belsouth.net to reserve a meal.

On September 16 at 6 p.m., Saint Luke's will serve at Firehouse Shelter, this is a great opportunity for families and children 12 and older to serve together. Contact youth@saint-lukes.com to rsvp.

On Wednesday, September 28 at 6 p.m. in Graham Hall, officials from the United States Marshals Service will offer a security training. USM Marty Keely and Deputy USM Keith Blankenship will discuss situational awareness, security measures, and active shooter response protocols. This training is designed to enhance the personal security of those who attend not only while they are at Saint Luke's, but also as they go about everyday life at home, work, and in the community. If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, email kclinton@saint-lukes.com.

We are now accepting nominations for the upcoming Vestry class of 2023, and we are asking for your prayerful ideas of who might enjoy this important ministry. Vestry members serve three year terms, and provide oversight and support to all the various programs and ministries of Saint Luke's. Vestry members must be active adult members, and we welcome all interests and skill sets! Nominations can be sent via e mail to seniorwarden@saint-lukes.com, and nomination forms will be available at the church. We will close nominations on September 23, and we look forward to hearing from you!

Saint Luke's is seeking a Family & Children's Minister in a part time role. Please help us spread the word! To apply, email resume and cover letter to Saint Luke's Administration at HR@saint-lukes.com



PLEDGE ONLINE

Stewardship Update as of September 6, 2022:
Number of Pledges – 534;
2022 Pledges received - \$3,529,871;
We are at 94% of our 2022 Goal of \$3.7 million.