



SAINT LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 25, 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

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

PRELUDE

Adagio Molto from Sonata #3 Alexander Guilmant

INTROIT

God Is Here Hal H. Hopson
God is here; God is in this place.
Draw near to God and the Lord will draw near to you.

HYMN Christ is Made the Sure Foundation Hymnal 518
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.

God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

He shall say to the Lord,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."

He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.

He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Almighty and Everlasting God

Orlando Gibbons

Almighty and everlasting God,
mercifully look upon our infirmities,
and in all our dangers and necessities
stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ANTHEM

Poor Man Laz'rus

Jester Hairston

*Poor man Lazarus, sick and disabled,
dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!
He had to eat crumbs from the rich man's table
dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!*

Refrain:

*I'm tormented in the flame!
I'm tormented in the flame!
Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!*

*Rich man Divies, he lived so well.
Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!
And when he died, he went straight to hell.
Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!*

*I love to shout, I love to sing.
Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!
I love to praise my heavenly King.
Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Stephen McWhorter

CHORAL RESPONSE

*And God will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

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 Tina Darnall, Marshall Foster, Betty Jordan, 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 Watford Hill McClintock.

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

In Paradisium Gabriel Faure, from Requiem

*In Paradisum deducant te Angeli
May the angels lead you into paradise;
in tuo adventu suscipiant te Martyres
may the martyrs greet you at your arrival
and lead you into the holy City of Jerusalem.
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.*

*Chorus Angelorum te suscipiant
May the choir of Angels greet you*

*et cum Lazaro quondam paupere
and like Lazarus, who once was a poor man,*

*aeternam habeas requiem.
may you have eternal rest.*

PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION *All stand to sing*

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

O Sacred Feast

Healy Willan

*O sacred feast, wherein Christ is received,
the memory of his passion is renewed in us,
our souls are filled with grace,
and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us.
Alleluia.*

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

I Come With Joy

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 *All My Hope on God is Founded* Hymnal 665

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Michael McCabe

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

Announcements

Stewardship Season 2023 has begun. Your annual pledge allows us to properly plan for the upcoming year, making it one of the most important things you can do for our church. Pledge online at any time. Our finance office is always available and willing to answer any questions or provide help in making your pledge online or in person.

Grace & Truth: A Discipleship Class for Women in their 20's and 30's: We will study scripture, pray and build friendships. Along the way we will have fun exploring some practical domestic skills (think a little cooking, a little flower arranging, a little home decorating)! We will meet weekly (or bi-weekly...), but you may drop in as your schedule permits as there is nothing to prepare ahead of time. For more information, please contact Morgan Cook. The first meeting will be Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tilson Room. We hope you will join us!

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 Sunday, 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! Please rsvp to kclinton@saint-lukes.com so we can have an accurate head-count for food.

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 information at www.saint-lukes.com/updates.

Saint Luke's Children's Ministry needs volunteers to assist with the Christmas Pageant production. 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.



PLEDGE ONLINE

Stewardship Update as of September 22, 2022:

Number of Pledges – 57;

2022 Pledges received - \$693,380;

We are at 18% of our 2023 Goal of \$3.8 million.