



# SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3736 Montrose Road  
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 25, 2022 ✕ 8:00 AM Rite I

*Enter quietly in prayer as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

*Welcome! Our service begins in the BCP on page 323. 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.*

### HYMN

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Hymnal 518

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.

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
People ***Christ, have mercy upon us.***  
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

**O** God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; 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

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

**H**e 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.

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.*

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 be to thee, O Christ.*

## 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 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

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 righ-  
teousness, but in thy manifold and great mer-  
cies. 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: \* Charles Henry

## 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

*All My Hope on God is Founded* Hymnal 665

## THE DISMISSAL

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

Soloist: Charles Henry

Charles F. Henry is the Choral Director and AP Music Theory Instructor at Thompson High School after having previously taught at Pinson Valley, Spain Park, and Mountain Brook High School. He is also the Founder and Artistic Director of Iron City Singers, a community choir based in Birmingham. Charles began singing with the St. Luke's choir in the Summer of 2021 after graduating with a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from the University of Georgia where he studied with Dr. Daniel Bara and Dr. JD Burnett. Charles is also a cum laude graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a Bachelor of Arts in Vocal/Choral Music Education.

**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

## 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.

**On Sunday, September 25 from 2:30 to 4 p.m., uncover the hidden perspectives on common life realities related to conditions such as Alzheimer's & other types of dementia.** With video, virtual reality simulations, and conversation "Hidden Realities" will give insights into what it feels like to experience dementia-related challenges.

**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](mailto:kclinton@saint-lukes.com) so we can have an accurate headcount 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](http://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](mailto: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.**