



SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 23, 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

Trumpet Voluntary

Henry Heron

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

O Worship the King

Hymnal 388

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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.

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

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! Thus says the Lord concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

ANTHEM

Elijah Rock

Arr. Jester Hairston

Elijah Rock! Elijah rock shout shout

Elijah rock comin' up Lord; Elijah rock shout shout

Elijah rock comin' up Lord

Satan ain't nothin but a snake in the grass

He's a conjur, he's a liar

Hallelujah, Lord.

If I could I surely would stand on the rock where Moses stood

Hallelujah Jesus, Hallelujah Jesus rock Elijah, Rock Elijah

Comin' up Lawdy, Comin' up Lawdy

Elijah rock shout!

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ANTHEM

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms Arr. Eric Nelson

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.
[Refrain]

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.
[Refrain]

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

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, Vickie Barnes, Jack Blackwell, Tina Darnall, Hosey Hutson, Sheila Shugerman, Betsy Smith, and Tommy Tyson.

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, especially James William Keith and Jane Williamson Nelson, 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.

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

Thee We Adore

T. Frederick Candlyn

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee,
who at this blessed feast art pleased to be;
both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
who living bread to all doth here afford!
O may our souls forever feed on thee,
and thou, O Christ, forever precious be!

Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God,
cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;
increase our faith and love, that we may know
the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
may what we thirst for soon our portion be,
to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face,
the vision of thy glory and thy grace.

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.**

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

Martens

S167

Antiphon
Cantor; then All
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.
Cantor
1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,
is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]
Cantor
2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,
for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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

My God Thy Table Now is Spread

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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* Hymnal 383

THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

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

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on "Ebenezer" Paul Manz

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
John Rutherford- Jr. Vestryperson



PLEDGE ONLINE

Stewardship Update as of October 19, 2022:
Number of Pledges – 235;
2023 Pledges received - \$2,036,630
We are at 54% of our 2023 Goal of \$3.8 million.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the marriage of
Scott Jacob van Tilburg and Cornelia Macfarlane Buchanan

Announcements

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.

The five nominees for our Vestry Slate of 2023 are Susan Emack Alison, Derick Belden, Morgan Cook, Tom Garrett, and Bob Methvin. We are grateful for these five individuals and their willingness to serve. In the communication stations throughout the church, you may learn more about each candidate in the Vestry Slate publication. Vestry Elections are Sunday, October 30, 2022. Mark your calendars for a Town Hall meeting that day during the 10 o'clock hour in Graham Hall with Rich.

EYC Tonight from 6 to 8 p.m: Basketball tournament for Sr. High youth with Birmingham EYC groups! Jr. High children are welcome!

Saint Luke's is partnering again with Canterbury United Methodist Church for Samaritan Place Market: A Christmas Village. Avondale Samaritan Place (ASP) will be transformed into a Christmas Village for invited guests to shop from hundreds of new gifts at greatly reduced prices. There are several ways to help:

1. **SHOP!** George Jones at Snoozy's Kids is familiar with the items needed and is happy to assist you and deliver your purchases to Canterbury. You can give him a price range and he is happy to shop for you if you prefer. You may also shop online via a link on our website under updates.

2. **VOLUNTEER!** Folks are needed to set up, assist during the shopping, etc. Dec. 5-9.

3. **HELP** is needed to keep gifts in order during the collection month of November. A handful of folks (perhaps a family project?) will go to Canterbury on Sundays (November 6, 13, 20, 27) between 5 and 7 p.m. and move the boxes to the PODS. This will NOT take 2 hours, but during that time the church will be open.

Please contact Lauren Lovell, laurensilv@gmail.com, if you are interested in helping or for more information.

Discovery Classes have begun. Meets at 3:00 p.m. in the Founders Room 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.

Christmas pageant is Sunday, December 18. Children K - 6th grade may participate. More information to come in early November. Mark your calendars!

Our first Youth Confirmation meeting is Sunday, October 23rd in Graham Hall from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. This meeting is for parents and Confirmands, and is designed to introduce the Confirmation experience. Confirmation Retreat is November 18th-20th at Camp McDowell. Email youth@saint-lukes for more information.

Give via Text: Please text the amount you would like to give to 205-576-4100.