



SAINT LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Stephen Minister Sunday

November 13, 2022

11:00 am ✠ Rite II

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

The Peace May Be Exchanged (from Rubrics) Dan Locklair

INTROIT

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*O Trinity of love and pow'r, your children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe, protect them where-so-e'er they go;
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.*

HYMN

Thou, Whose Almighty Word Hymnal 371
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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord-- and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjello

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Where charity and love are, God is there.*

*Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.*

*Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.*

*Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.*

*Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ANTHEM

America the Beautiful

Music: John Ness Beck and Craig Courtney

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Corey Jones

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 Jack Blackwell, Tina Darnall, Barbara Mitchell, Betsy Pringle, Sheila Shugerman, Tommy Tyson, and Betty Wagstaff.

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 Helen Gibbs Couch, 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

Stephen Minister Recognition

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

Jubilate Deo

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise.
Be thankful unto him and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting;
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen.

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 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

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

In Remembrance of Me

Buryl Red

*In remembrance of Me eat this bread; in remembrance of Me drink this wine
In remembrance of Me pray for the time when God's own will is done*

*In remembrance of me heal the sick; in remembrance of me feed the poor
In remembrance of me open the door and let your brother in, let him in*

*Take eat and be comforted; drink and remember too
That this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you*

*In remembrance of me search for truth; in remembrance of me always love
In remembrance of me don't look above but in your heart, in your heart
Look in your heart for God*

*Do this in remembrance of Me; do this in remembrance of Me
In remembrance of Me*

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*; Dr. Jordan Rippey, *Associate Pastor*; 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
John Rutherford- Jr. Vestryperson



PLEDGE ONLINE

Stewardship Update as of November 9, 2022:
Number of Pledges – 352;
2023 Pledges received - \$2,678,115;
We are at 70% of our 2023 Goal of \$3.8 million.

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

Announcements

A busy season is upon us, there are many upcoming events happening at Saint Luke's! More information about each of the events below can be found at www.saint-lukes.com/updates or call Stephanie Sierke at 205.871.3583.

November 14: Searchers Lunch & Learn

November 16: Witness to Dignity with The Rev. Dr. Russell Levenson, Jr., a book launch event.

November 16: Final Mid-Week Bible Club for 3-6th graders, See you in January! To receive emails from Saint Luke's Children's Ministry, email us here!

November 28: Senior Adult Men's Lunch at 11 a.m. in Graham Hall. RSVP to Stephanie Sierke, click here or call 205.871.3583.

December 2: December ECW Meeting: Wreath Making with Melisa Tyson

December 2: Parents Night Out

December 4: Blood Drive in Founders Room from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

December 4: Final Day to drop toys for Christmas Village

December 7: God & Jazz at 6:30 p.m. in the Nave, details to come!

December 11: Bags of Kindness Service Opportunity at 10 a.m. in Graham Hall

December 11: Maria Campbell Book Signing, more details to come!

December 18: Children's Christmas Pageant

December 24: Christmas Eve Services: 2 p.m. Family Eucharist; 5:00 p.m. Family Eucharist with Contemporary Choir and Musicians (prelude music begins at 4:30 p.m.); 7:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist & Carols with brass; 9:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist & Carols with brass.