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ST. LUKE: A PEOPLE BELIEVING, BELONGING, BECOMING... AN EASTER PEOPLE

St. Luke Church is a special people. Even if that sentence sounds awkward, it is true. We are a people called to **believing**, believing the redemptive power of God's love in Jesus Christ that gives life and hope. The confinement and fear of these corona virus days give us time to reflect on what we truly believe. We do not believe in ritual (as much as I miss our worship together); rather we believe in Jesus. More than *eighty times* the Gospel of John says we *must* believe. Each time "believe" is directed not to an idea, doctrine or particular practice but to the person, Jesus. God's redemptive love is not found in the vicissitudes of circumstance but in the rock-solid certainty of what God has done in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We are, foremost, an Easter people. "On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand."

St. Luke is also a people created for **belonging**, to God and by God's grace to one another. The love of the risen Christ tells us we are created for community. While physical distancing may be necessary for health and safety in these virus-infected days, we were not created for isolation or for ultimate individualism. We are called to belong to one another, in love so powerful, as a part of a transformed and transforming community of Christ in the world. In these days, let's find new and creative ways to maintain our sense of belonging to and caring for one another. The way the early church belonged to one another, loved one another, and cared for one another was its most compelling witness to a callous Roman world.

St. Luke Church is a people destined for **becoming** Christ-like, through spiritual growth. "Beloved, what we are is God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed we shall be like him, for we will see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). The corona virus has altered so much of our daily life and routine, but it cannot change the will of God that we continue to grow in Christ-like love and righteousness. "...But grow in grace and a knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18).

Until that day, let's continue believing in, belonging to and becoming like the Christ who loves us.

Robert Beckum, Senior Pastor

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

The 11:00 a.m. service is streamed at www.saintlukecolumbus.org and broadcast at WLTC 103.7 Lite FM • Broadcast on WTVM Channel 9 at 10:00 a.m.

April 19, 2020

2nd Sunday of Easter

Prelude..... “Morning Has Broken”arr. Diane Bish

Call to Worship “Low in the Grave He Lay”Robert Lowry
(*Chancel Quartet*)

Welcome and Opening Prayer.....Rev. Robert Beckum

Hymn..... “Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

The Affirmation of Faith..... “The Apostles’ Creed”Rev. Burgess

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick* and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic*** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Anthem “The Trumpet Shall Sound”G.F. Handel
(*Marc Boensel, baritone and Kenneth Bailey, organ*)

Epistle Lesson 1 Peter 1:3-9.....Rev. Brett Maddocks

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer.....Rev. Maddocks

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, forever.

The Children’s Sermon.....Mrs. Mary Pat Beckum

Hymn..... “Alleluia, Alleluia”

Call to Prayer.....Rev. Beckum

Prayer Offertory “Draw Me Nearer, Lord”Doane/Livingston

Prayers of The People.....Rev. Beckum

The Written Word.....John 20:19-31

The Spoken Word..... “**OVERCOMING FEAR**”Rev. Beckum

Hymn..... “Thine Be the Glory”

The Benediction.....Rev. Beckum

Postlude(*Ken Bailey*)..... “Thine is the Glory”Improvisation

*** *quick* means “living”; *catholic* means “universal”

COVID-19

**We are all in this together.
Just 6 feet apart.**



Stand Together. Stay Apart.



Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choicest; heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is King of creation.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Thine Be the Glory

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave cloths where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless in victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*



Prayer Calendars

If you would like a prayer calendar mailed to you please call
the church office @ 706-327-4343.

Music Box

Dr. Marc F. Boensel, Director of Music Ministries, mboensel@stlukeum.com

The Music Ministry welcomes new vocal and instrumental members throughout the year. No auditions are required. Please contact Marc Boensel at the e-mail address above or at 706-256-2682.

The Music Ministry continues to fellowship together virtually on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., and Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. until such time as we can make music together in person again for God's Glory. If you would like to join the conversation, please e-mail Marc Boensel at the address above.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Regional Rehab (Phenix City): Mickey McAfee, 216, Heather McAfee, 120.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mrs. Debbie Hamilton in the death of her sister, Mrs. Jo Kinavey, April 1, 2020, Columbus, GA.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Matthew Clegg
April 8, 2020

OUR PHONE NUMBERS

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St. Luke School, 706-256-1301 • Early Learning Center, 706-322-2703

Ministry Center, 706-256-1017 • Respite Care Ministry, 706-256-3117

Call to Daily Prayer at 12:19 p.m.

St. Luke Church will be joining other churches in the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church in a time of daily prayer for our communities, churches, country, and the world.

You are invited to join this daily prayer time at 12:19 p.m. every day. This time is purposeful in helping us remember for what we are specifically praying. Remember the words of Scripture from Philippians 4:

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:4-7)

Let us be faithful to our call to pray in these days. We will be posting prayer points for the day on Facebook each day in preparation for the 12:19 prayer time.

HOW DO I JOIN THE CHURCH?

You may become a part of the St. Luke family of God in one of the following ways:

1. If you have never joined a church before, you may become a member by profession of faith in Jesus Christ and by being baptized. If you have already been baptized (as a child or as an adult) in a Christian Church, your baptism is recognized by St. Luke United Methodist Church. You will be asked to uphold St. Luke church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.
 2. If you are a member of another United Methodist Church or another Christian denomination, indicate to one of the pastors that this is your desire. St. Luke will then transfer your membership.
 3. If you have any questions about faith in Christ, about United Methodism in general or St. Luke in particular, please ask one of the pastors!
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Ministerio Hispano “La Cosecha”

19 *Abril* 2020

Palabra Escrita: Mateo 28:16-20

Palabra Hablada: La Gran Comisión

Sabemos que después de la resurrección de Jesús, el propiamente e intencional se presentó a sus apóstoles par que ellos al igual que otros discípulo fueran testigo de su resurrección. Esto como parte de la tradición de que tenían que haber más de cinco testigos para que se validase su resurrección.

Posterior a todos los estos eventos, Jesús convoca a sus discípulos y procede a dar una Gran comisión pues El iba a subir al cielo a presentarse delante del Padre. Jesús les da esta Gran Comisión:

¹⁶ Pero los once discípulos se fueron a Galílea, al monte donde Jesús les había ordenado.

¹⁷ Y cuando le vieron, le adoraron; pero algunos dudaban.

¹⁸ Y Jesús se acercó y les habló diciendo: Toda potestad me es dada en el cielo y en la tierra.

¹⁹ Por tanto, id, y haced discípulos a todas las naciones, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo;

²⁰ enseñándoles que guarden todas las cosas que os he mandado; y he aquí yo estoy con vosotros todos los días, hasta el fin del mundo. Amen.

El versículo 19 establece claro la comisión que Jesús der dio a sus discípulos en aquellos momentos. Pero queremos recordarles que esa Gran Comisiónan esta vigente como el primer día. Hoy día aquellos que somos discípulos de Jesús tenemos la misma encomienda, de predicar las Buenas Nuevas de salvación a todo el mundo y hacer discípulos y bautizarlos utilizando la fórmula que Jesús dio, “bautizándolos en el Nombre del Padre, Y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.”

Sigamos predicando a Cristo, pues un día EL nos preguntará si lo hicimos o no, depende de nosotros y no de Cristo. Sigamos haciendo discípulos para la causa del Reino.

Bendiciones para la Familia de “La Cosecha” Saint Luke, Iglesia Metodista Unida.

Rev. Dr. Jose Resto/Pastor

Tithes and Offerings

Our physical doors may be closed for the time being but the mission of St. Luke Church continues. You can continue to support St. Luke Church with your tithes and offerings by going to the St. Luke website, <https://saintlukecolumbus.org/give/>, and clicking on “SecureGive” and then clicking on the “Church” button. If you need help with this option, please contact Renee Wilkinson at renee@stlukeum.com or Brett Maddocks at bmaddocks@stlukeum.com.

You can also mail in your offering to our physical address, P.O. Box 867 Columbus, GA 31902.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministry of St. Luke Church.

ABIDING GIFTS

If you wish to honor or remember someone, please attach to your check the name of that person and the address to which you wish the acknowledgement sent and mail or bring to the church office. Contact maggie@stlukeum.com.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mr. Fred Mitchell by Mrs. Mary Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Hudson.



THE CORNER

Jonathan and Lisa Moore, Directors of Student Ministries, jmoore@stlukeum.com

The Corner Crosswalk TV Every Sunday Night
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Week at a glance in April:

***Sunday Nights at 5 P.M.** join our Zoom Party!
Download the Zoom app on your device and click the link we send you! Mrs. Peggy sends an email, we send texts, and instant messages as a Corner Crosswalk Team! Join us! It's so much fun! Last week Pastor Robert joined us as well as Jake Hess! It was amazing!

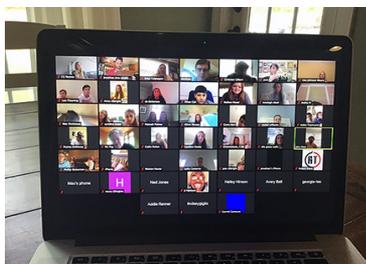
***Sunday Night at 5:30 P.M.** we give you a link to watch this weeks episode of The Corner Crosswalk TV! Worship and a message as well as latest news on what's happening in the lives of our students!

***Sunday Night at 6:15 P.M.** Zoom Small Groups! This is where we all join back together in small groups and talk about the message, apply it to our lives and check on one another!

***Weekly D-Groups** In addition to our Sunday ministry we all have small groups on Zoom throughout the week! Go to our website www.thecornerstudents.com and find one that fits your age group and schedule. If you need a phone number or want to be invited to a small group just contact anyone on our team: JMO, Lisa, Peggy, JJ, Mallory or Christian.

***Be sure to buy your E-Pass to watch our Variety Show airing very soon to raise money for our Mission Trip to Mexico in July! The Show is shaping up to be AWESOME and you are supporting a great ministry in Mexico!

GO WATCH LAST WEEKS SERVICE WITH YOUR FAMILY! IT'S A WORD FOR ALL OF US IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES!*



The List of GIRLS' GROUPS:

High School girls Zoom group 2
with Lisa Moore
Tuesdays at 5:00 PM studying an
overview of Revelation

Middle School girls with Lisa Moore
Wednesdays 3:45 PM
continuing the study of JOHN

Middle School girls
with Ashley Waters
Wednesdays 3:45 PM
continuing the study of JOHN

Middle School girls
with Erica Culpepper
Wednesdays 3:45 PM
continuing the study of JOHN

High School girls Zoom group 1
with Lisa Moore
Wednesdays at 5:45 PM
studying JAMES

High School girls with Mallory Wood
Thursdays at 5 PM

The List of GUYS' GROUPS:

Middle School guys with JJ Harrison
Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

Middle School guys with
Joseph Tucker
Check the website-

<https://www.thecornerstudents.com/>

High School guys
with Jonathan Moore
Wednesdays at 6 PM • Studying Acts
