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## St. Luke Continues in Virtual Worship Campus Remains Closed Except for Essential Business

I know many of you have had questions and concerns since Governor Kemp's "reopening" announcement this week. It is right that there should be questions and concerns, because the announcement was both unclear and baffling. Let me be clear: St. Luke Church will not be reopening this Sunday and will likely not be reopened for at least the next few weeks.

I assure you that I long for the day that we can gather together again in-person for worship, study, prayer, fellowship, and service. I sincerely miss the strength I draw week by week from your presence and the communion of saints that is St. Luke. However, the seriousness of the COVID-19 infection rate warrants a prayerful, informed, and carefully intentional strategy for "reopening" our St. Luke campus. I will be consulting with lay leadership, staff, our bishop, and the best medical advice we can access about a plan for reopening. The safety and well-being of all who gather at St. Luke is our foremost concern and responsibility. Bishop Lawson Bryan has asked all United Methodist Churches in south Georgia to continue in virtual worship and gathering at least through May 13th, the end of the governor's current state of emergency order.

As of this moment, I can tell you that our strategy for reopening will be several more weeks in the planning. The reopening will be gradual and in stages, not one very large celebration. We will take into account the CDC's best advice for being prepared for public gatherings and for changes needed once we reopen. Please hold me and our St. Luke leadership team in your prayers as we make decisions concerning St. Luke in days ahead. I will work diligently, week by week, to keep you informed of the next steps on this uncharted journey we share in these days.

Again this week, please plan to join your St. Luke Family of Faith for Sunday worship:

- 9 a.m. Streaming of the Contemporary service [www.saintlukecolumbus.org](http://www.saintlukecolumbus.org)
- 10 a.m. Broadcast of the Traditional Sunday service on WTVM Channel 9
- 11 a.m. Streaming of the Traditional service [www.saintlukecolumbus.org](http://www.saintlukecolumbus.org)
- 11:30 p.m. Re-broadcast of the 9:00 Contemporary service on WTVM Channel 9

Robert Beckum, Senior Pastor  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

April 26, 2020

3rd Sunday of Easter

Prelude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “I Sing Praises” .....arr. Mark Hayes

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

Hymn..... “Christ Is Alive” .....Dr. Marc Boensel

Epistle Lesson ..... 1 Peter 1:17-23.....Rev. Brett Maddocks

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

**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 ..... “O Sons and Daughters” .....Stephen DeCasare  
(*Victoria Leggett-Adams, soprano - Marc Boensel, baritone - Ken Bailey, piano*)

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

**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..... “Open My Eyes, That I May See” .....Dr. Boensel

Call to Congregational Prayer .....Rev. Beckum

Prayer Offertory (*Ken Bailey*)..... “Be Still and Know with Be Still My Soul”.....arr. Mark Hayes

The Written Word.....Luke 24:13-35

The Spoken Word..... **“THE BURNING HEART”** .....Rev. Beckum

Hymn..... “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” .....Dr. Boensel

The Benediction.....Rev. Beckum

Postlude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “Immortal, Invisible” .....arr. Brian C. Howell

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

## Prayer Calendars

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

COVID-19

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



**Stand Together. Stay Apart.**



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## CHRIST IS ALIVE

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,  
he comes to claim the here and now and dwell in every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched unmoved by human pains,  
but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the God-head reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,  
till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

### Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, every-thing false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth every-where;  
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, spirit divine!

### LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

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.

Refrain: 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*



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## St. Luke Clergy Appointments for the Year Ahead

Every year our United Methodist connection calls for consultation between the local churches, the bishop and district superintendent concerning a congregation's desire and a pastor's desire for appointment in the coming year. In January, the St. Luke Staff Parish Relations Committee registered its strong, unanimous preference that all three of our clergy staff (myself, Brett Maddocks and Adriane Burgess) be reappointed to St. Luke. At the same time, all three of us expressed our strongest desire to be reappointed to St. Luke for the coming year.

In addition to the preferences of a congregation and clergypersons, the bishop must take into account the needs of our Annual Conference and the ministries of other local churches in the appointive process. We all know and embrace this aspect of our United Methodist connectional system. After prayerful consultation with St. Luke and with the Rev. Dr. Adriane Burgess, Bishop Lawson Bryan announced projected appointments across the South Georgia Conference on Sunday, April 19. In June, Adriane will be the new Senior Pastor at St. Mary's Road United Methodist Church here in Columbus.

This is a bittersweet announcement for all of us at St. Luke. We rejoice with Adriane for this opportunity in her ministerial career, but we grieve the fact of her leaving St. Luke so soon. Through it all, however, we take confidence in the fact that we know what a blessing Adriane and her family will be for St. Mary's Road and its ministry. Moving day for all South Georgia clergy is set for June 24th.

Meanwhile, I am deeply grateful that the Rev. Brett Maddocks will be reappointed to St. Luke for the beginning of his twelfth year of ministry among us. Furthermore, I am indeed grateful to also be reappointed in June, beginning my tenth year of ministry at St. Luke. St. Luke Church is a blessing for so many in Columbus and around the world, and it is our prayer that God's blessing would continue in the year ahead.

*Rev. Robert Beckum*

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## 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](mailto:renee@stlukeum.com) or Brett Maddocks at [bmaddocks@stlukeum.com](mailto:bmaddocks@stlukeum.com).

### CHURCH MAILING ADDRESS

Please do not use the physical address of the church for mailing. The church mailing address is PO Box 867, Columbus, GA 31902. The Post Office will no longer deliver items that are addressed to our physical address. Thank you!

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

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## 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.

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# MUSIC BOX

Dr. Marc F. Boensel, Director of Music Ministries, [mboensel@stlukeum.com](mailto:mboensel@stlukeum.com)

The **Music Ministry Funds** support the Music Ministry and are: The Music Fund, The Music Scholarship Fund, The Organ Fund, and the Orchestra Fund. Contact Marc Boensel for information on how you can support the Music Ministry with your gifts.

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** meets regularly online on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings for fellowship and prayer. If you would like to join the conversation, please e-mail Marc Boensel at the e-mail address above.

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**OUR KNOWN SICK:** **St. Francis:** Gladys Pitts, PCN 27. **Canterbury Rehabilitation, (Phenix City):** Heather McAfee, 9-E.

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** To Mr. and Mrs. Murray (Julie) Widener in the death of his nephew, on April 14, 2020, in North Carolina.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Robynel Harden

April 16, 2020

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*Ministerio Hispano la "Cosecha"*  
*Saint Luke United Methodist Church*

**26 Abril 2020**

**Palabra Escrita:** I Corintios 9:24-27

**Palabra Hablada:** Recibiendo el Premio

“Así que, yo de esta manera corro, no como a la ventura; de esta manera peleo, no como quien golpea al aire, sino que golpeo mi cuerpo, y lo pongo en servidumbre, no sea que habiendo sido heraldo para otros, yo mismo venga a ser eliminado.”

Así que, yo de esta manera corro, no como a la ventura; de esta manera peleo, no como quien golpea al aire, sino que golpeo mi cuerpo, y lo pongo en servidumbre, no sea que habiendo sido heraldo para otros, yo mismo venga a ser eliminado.”

### **Recibiendo el Premio Cinco Pasos para Alcanzarlo**

1. **Trabaje Duro** – Dedíquele tiempo al Señor pues estas trabajando para Dios quien te dio lo mejor de su Reino y te dará lo mejor en su Reino
2. **Aprenda a Gozarse el Proceso** – Gócese en los días buenos porque llegaran los días malos y en esos días poco es el gozo
3. **Prepárese para el Mañana** – Haga planes para uno año, dos tres etc.; pero no muy largos, pues no sabemos cuando nos llegará el día de partida.
4. **No se avergüence en Preguntar** – No nacimos sabiéndolo todo lo aprendimos todo, sí no sabe algo pregúntelo. Es mejor quedar como tontos que perdernos una gran bendición. Pregunte al Pastor y Maestros de la Iglesia. Busque en la Biblia, en los Comentarios Bíblicos, en el Inter-net.
5. **Busque un Mentor** – Consígase a alguien que pueda ser ejemplo y ser su mentor . Debe ser una persona, Cristiana llena del Espíritu Santo, con testimonio, con experiencias y que sepa más que usted o que este mejor preparado que usted.

Rev. Dr. J.Resto/Pastor

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# 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](mailto:maggie@stlukeum.com).

**Respite Care:** In memory of Mr. Joe Pope by Mr. and Mrs. Larry King.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

[www.cornerkidz.com](http://www.cornerkidz.com)

We are studying the Armor of God! CornerKidz Zoom Lessons Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Look for an e-mail for the info from Hailey every week! Sunday School information is also sent via e-mail each week!



### THE CORNER

Jonathan and Lisa Moore, Directors of Student Ministries, [jmoore@stlukeum.com](mailto:jmoore@stlukeum.com)

**\*Every Sunday at 5 P.M.** Join us for THE BIGGEST ZOOM PARTY EVER!



It goes by quickly but it's a chance to connect with your Corner/Crosswalk Family! Last week Mr. Tripp brought us the first installment of "Mr. Tripp's Trivia!" It was so funny! We have guest singers and friends from the past that join us on occasion as well!

**\*Every Sunday at 5:30 P.M.** join us on YouTube "The Corner Crosswalk TV"



Each week we post our worship experience, have guest worship leaders and dive into God's Word. Each Weekly Episode is right at 30 minutes with the music portion so it's easy to sit and enjoy with the whole family!

**\*Every Sunday at 6:15 P.M.** YOUR SMALL GROUP meets to discuss the sermon!



This is some of my favorite time! We have the best small group leaders anywhere and they LOVE YOU SO MUCH!

Don't miss it! God is up to something big and you're a part of it! Reach out if you're not in a group and want to join one!

**\*Every Week** we have small groups that go deeper into God's Word! For a complete list of our small groups visit [www.thecornerstudents.com](http://www.thecornerstudents.com)

Future events and dates are coming soon! We are watching, waiting and praying for God's guidance in next steps.

Blessings, Jmo and Lisa