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ST. LUKE WORSHIP LIFE

Our worship gatherings will continue to be “virtual” this Sunday and at least throughout the month of April. Social distancing restrictions may remain necessary well into May. This week’s service includes some great hymns for Palm Sunday, an “anthem” by Mark Boensel, “The Holy City,” a special word for children, and a message based on Matthew’s account of Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11). Please gather with your St. Luke family of faith by Ustream at 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m., by WTVM at 10:00 a.m. or 11:30 p.m., or by radio on WLTC 103.7 at 11:00 a.m. St Luke online access: www.saintlukecolumbus.org

A SPECIAL WORD OF GRATITUDE FROM YOUR PASTOR

I want to offer a special “thank you” to those faithful souls who continue to support the ministry and mission of St. Luke with your tithes and offerings. I realize everyone has been impacted by this pandemic in health, mobility and finances, and St. Luke Church is no exception. Financial support for January-March 2020 is down by some \$193,399 when compared to the same period in 2019. That’s a decline of about 20%. Your church leadership team seeks to be faithful to our most important priorities and to direct resources accordingly. Let me assure you of the priorities from which we are working:

1. Continue to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and his redeeming love for all
2. Continue our ministries of compassion to the most vulnerable persons in our community
3. Continue ministries of discipleship
4. Continue to protect the jobs of faithful staff members throughout this crisis. Some staff members have faithfully served St. Luke for many years. We care about their families, and we want them to be able to serve in days ahead as this pandemic subsides.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Pray! Pray for your pastor and leadership team as we seek to be faithful stewards of all God has entrusted to us for the living of these days.
2. Give! You can continue to support the ministry and mission of Christ through St. Luke with your tithes and offerings by mailing your gift to P.O. Box 867, Columbus, GA 31902 or going online to: <https://saintlukecolumbus.org/give/> and then click on SecureGive and indicate the “church” button. If you need help with this option, please contact Renee Wilkinson renee@stlukeum.com or Kelly Pridgen kpridgen@stlukeum.com
3. Love! Love God with all your strength and your neighbor as yourself. Nothing is more important.

Robert Beckum, Senior Pastor

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

Prelude..... “Fanfare and Processional”Douglas E. Wagner

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

Hymn..... “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

The Affirmation of Faith..... “The Apostles’ Creed”Rev. Brett 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 “The Holy City”Weatherly and Adams
(Marc Boensel, bass-baritone and Kenneth Bailey, piano)

Scripture Reading Philippians 2:5-11 Rev. Dr. Adriane Burgess

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..... “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

Congregational Call to Prayer Psalm 31:9-16Rev. Beckum

Prayer Offertory “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”arr. Wihla Hutson

Prayers for The People

The Written Word.....Matthew 21:1-11

The Spoken Word..... “**The Question of All Eternity**”Rev. Beckum

Hymn..... “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

The Benediction.....Rev. Beckum

Postlude..... “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”Improvisation

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

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

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. The company of angels
are praising thee on high, and we with all creation in chorus make reply.

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
The people of the Hebrews with psalms before thee went;
our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present.

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here;
scenes by the way-side, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing loudest hosannas,
"Jesus is King!"

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillard court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!



MUSIC BOX

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

The Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir are both continuing to meet online for conversation and fellowship each week during their sabbaticals. We look forward to meeting together in person again soon, once it is safe to do so. If you want to join the conversations, please email Marc Boensel at the address above.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Regional Rehab (Phenix City): Mickey McAfee, 216, Richard Jones, 200. **Navicent Medical Center (Macon, GA):** Heather McAfee, 507.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mr. and Mrs. Jeff (Faye) Thompson in the death of her nephew, Mr. Sean Smith, March 31, 2020, Phenix City, AL. Faye is an employee of St. Luke Church.
To Rev. and Mrs. Brett (Jessica) Maddocks in the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Nell Owens, March 30, 2020, Ellaville, GA.

Did You Know?

St. Luke members:

1. Continue to deliver Meals on Wheels---more than 100 meals each week
2. Continue to serve keeping our food pantry open for those most in need 30-40 families per week
3. Continue to serve those in need through our F.A.N.N. (Friends and Neighbor Network) delivering food every other Thursday in the Highlands and Bibb City neighborhoods
4. Continue to keep our Samaritan Center open, assisting with every imaginable need of our most vulnerable neighbors
5. Continue to serve at great risk to themselves at hospitals and medical offices and throughout our community providing health care, law enforcement, and emergency services in the most trying and dangerous of circumstances
6. Continue to gather in "virtual classes" to prayer study and fellowship
7. Continue to write notes, send emails and make phone calls to extend God's love and care to others
8. Continue the St. Luke prayer ministry by praying daily for everyone on our email prayer chain, as well as their church, community, state, nation and world
9. Continue to offer essential goods and services through heroic efforts to continue to run their businesses and do their jobs in the most difficult of circumstance
10. Continue to give of themselves and their resources for the well-being of others even when their own well-being is endangered.

Keep these "saints in service" foremost in your prayers.

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 Mr. and Mrs. Madden Hatcher and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kenimer. In memory of Mrs. Susan Martin by Mrs. Louie Crawford and Mary Lou Swift.

Bereavement Ministry: In memory of Mr. Fred Mitchell by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomas and family.

Respite Care: In memory of Mr. Fred Mitchell by Mr. and Mrs. Larry King.

A Call to Devotion

“Be devoted to one another in love.” (Romans 12:10a)

According to Paul, writing to followers of Jesus in Rome, love is an action. It is not just an inward disposition of the heart; it is also an outward way of living—of relating to each other. He calls disciples of Jesus to be devoted to each other. This word devoted is a family word. It means to see each other as they are your closest family member. Paul completes this thought with saying disciples of Jesus are to be devoted to one another “in love.” Followers of Jesus are to see other followers of Jesus as brothers and sisters and to love them like family.

That is what we are here at St. Luke. We are family. We are brothers and sisters. We need each other and we are called to love each other as a family. In fact, read Paul’s complete thought on familial love from Romans 12:

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

We are called to be a family together no matter what our circumstances in the world and our community are! So, how do we do this? How do we show devotion and honor to each other when we can’t visit with each other in person? How do we practice hospitality when told to practice social-distancing? One thing is for sure, we cannot put this devotion off until this crisis is over. We are called to continue being family even now. We have to get creative and step out of our comfort zones to do so.

I want to share some options for you to consider if you are looking at ways to connect for your Sunday School class, Small Group, etc.

- **Zoom:** Zoom is an easy to set up video/phone cloud-based conferencing tool that allows up to 100 participants to join for meetings. There is a free version of this that allows up to 40 minutes of meeting time. The “Pro” version is \$15 dollars a month and allows for virtually unlimited time to meet. We already have a number of groups using Zoom (Free and Pro). Check out Zoom at www.zoom.us
- **Teleconferencing:** Teleconferencing allows you to have a telephone meeting with your group. St. Luke has capabilities to help you set that up if that is an option you want to explore.
- **FaceTime:** Some cell phones (iPhones, etc.) allow for face to face video calls that can involve several people on the call.
- **Letter Writing/Emails:** One way to keep up with your whole group is to do so through an email that is sent to the group highlighting teaching, prayer concerns, joys, news, etc. Also, handwritten letters are a great way to just tell someone that you are thinking of them.
- **Phone calls:** Let’s not forget the power of just picking up the phone and calling someone. Hearing each other’s voices can be a powerful tool to show your love to someone.

These are just several ways that we can stay connected to each other showing our devotion to one another in love. Please don’t hesitate to call or email me if you need help finding the right connection option for you and your group. I can help set something up and even troubleshoot issues if they arise.

We are certainly living in different days, and as such, we are reminded that we need each other. We are family. Let’s be devoted to one another in love.

For the Kingdom



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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!

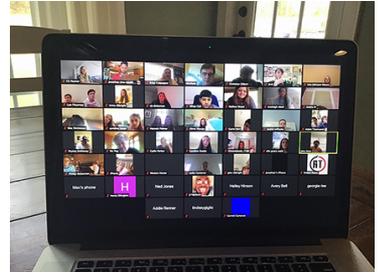
***Sunday Night at 5:30 P.M.** we give you a link to watch this weeks episode of The Corner Crosswalk TV! Worship and a message as well as latest news on what's happening in the lives of our students!

***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!*



Palabra Escrita: Mateo 21:1-11

Palabra Hablada: La Entrada Triunfal de Jesús “

La entrada triunfal de Jesús era necesaria para que su pueblo reconociera aunque de forma temporera que Jesús era el Mesías conforme a la profecía. Las palabras exclamara por el pueblo en especial la palabra “Hosanna” que el Griego literalmente significa “salva ahora”.

La entrada de Jesús implicaba que el Salvador de Israel había llegado y de forma triunfal.

El pueblo de Israel de dio la bienvenida a Jesús como un Rey, sabiendo El que más tarde los que recibieron luego lo iban a crucificar.

Jesús es nuestro Salvador y Rey en nuestras vidas.. Amén

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 a 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.
