MAY 24TH THE 282ND ANNIVERSARY OF ALDERSGATE DAY IN METHODISM

JOHN WESLEY’S ACCOUNT OF ALDERSGATE

“In the evening, I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther’s Preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.

“I began to pray with all my might for those who had in a more especial manner despitefully used me and persecuted me. I then testified openly to all there what I now first felt in my heart. But it was not long before the enemy suggested, ‘This cannot be faith, for where is thy joy?’ Then was I taught that ‘peace and victory over sin are essential to faith in the Captain of our salvation but that, as to the transports of joy -- that usually attend the beginning of it especially those who have mourned deeply -- God sometimes giveth, sometimes withholdeth them, according to the counsels of his own will.’

“After my return home, I was much buffeted with temptations, but cried out and they fled away. They returned again and again. I as often lifted up my eyes and he ‘sent me help from his holy place’ (Ps. 20:2). And herein I found in what the difference between this and my former state chiefly consisted. I was striving, yea, fighting with all my might under the law, as well as under grace. But then I was sometimes, if not often, conquered; now, I was always conqueror.”

Copied from John Wesley, by Albert Outler

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May 24, 2020 7th Sunday after Easter

Prelude (Ken Bailey).............................. “Come, Holy Spirit” .......................Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome and Opening Prayer.................................................................Rev. Brett Maddocks

Hymn.............................................. “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” ..........Dr. Marc Boensel

The Affirmation of Faith................. “The Apostles’ Creed” .......................Rev. Dr. Adriane 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 (Chancel Quartet).................. “Holy, Holy, Holy” .........................Franz Schubert

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer............................................................Rev. Steve Patton

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.................................................................Dr. Burgess

Hymn.............................................. “I Love to Tell the Story” .......................Dr. Boensel

Call to Congregational Prayer .............................................................Rev. Maddocks

Prayer Offertory (Ken Bailey) .......... “Think About His Love” ..................arr. Mark Hayes

The Written Word..........................................................1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-12

The Spoken Word.......................... “BE THE CHURCH” ........................Rev. Maddocks

Hymn.............................................. “Thine Be the Glory” .......................Dr. Boensel

The Benediction.................................................................Rev. Maddocks

Postlude (Ken Bailey)............... “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” ..............Improvisation

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

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ST. LUKE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 25 IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.

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COVID-19 We are all in this together. Just 6 feet apart.

Stand Together. Stay Apart.
HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE

Hail the day that sees him rise, Al-le-lu-ia! To his throne above the skies, Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ, a-while to mortals given, Al-le-lu-ia! Re-ascends his native heaven, Al-le-lu-ia!

There the glorious triumph waits, Al-le-lu-ia! Lift your heads, eternal gates, Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ hath conquered death and sin, Al-le-lu-ia! Take the King of glory in, Al-le-lu-ia!

See! the heaven its Lord receives, Al-le-lu-ia! Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Al-le-lu-ia!
Though returning to his throne, Al-le-lu-ia! Still he calls the world his own, Al-le-lu-ia!

See! he lifts his hands above, Al-le-lu-ia! See! he shows the prints of love, Al-le-lu-ia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Al-le-lu-ia! Blessings on his church below, Al-le-lu-ia!

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain:
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me; and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.
Refrain

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard, the message of salvation from God's own holy word.
Refrain

I love to tell the story; for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. Refrain

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-clothes where the body lay.

Refrain:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the 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
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Today’s Anthem: “Holy is the Lord! One to be adored! One without beginning, one who’s ever been. Everlasting glory, one who has no end. Wonder, love, and power, one forevermore.”

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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:

“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.

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.

St. Luke Summer Camp & Vacation Bible School

St. Luke Parents,

I know many of you have been wondering and asking about plans for our out of town 3rd-5th grade camp this summer. Keeping the health of all involved (children, youth, and staff) in mind, it has been decided that St. Luke Summer Camp will be canceled this summer. This decision has not been made lightly. SLSC has been a key event in St. Luke’s children’s ministry for over 20 years and we understand the magnitude of this decision for our children and St. Luke family. We want to thank everyone for their support and encouragement during this time!

As of now, we are still planning to host Vacation Bible School. It may look a little different than past years, but God-willing, we will be able to all come together to worship, be disciples for Jesus, and love on our children! We will keep you updated on decisions about VBS.

Thank you again for your prayers and encouraging words during this time!

In Christ,

Hailey Hinson and the Children’s Ministry Team

Cornerkidz video lesson and Sunday school lesson are sent out weekly! Not getting the email? Contact me at haileychs@yahoo.com or Tracey at twilliams@stlukeum.com! Join us for a zoom check-in every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. online! I can’t wait until we are back together again!

Love, Ms. Hailey
**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 acknowledgment sent and mail or bring to the church office. Contact maggie@stlukesum.com.

**Memorial Maintenance Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Judy Mitchell by Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wood, Drs. Mike and Tina Cox and Team. Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Mary) Bradley, and Ms. Dee Rainey. In memory of Mrs. Jane Paul by Ms. Joy P Graham and Mr. Kevin Harcourt.

**UMCOR:** In memory of Mrs. Agnes Pedersen by Ms. Nancy Pedersen.

**Food Pantry:** In memory of Mrs. Jane Paul by the Crossroads Class, Mr. and Mrs. Norris (Linda) Randall, Mrs. Mary Hudson, and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen (Mary) Hall. In memory of Mrs. Judy Mitchell by Mr. Billy Cunningham.

**Meals on Wheels:** In memory of Mrs. Judy Mitchell by Mr. and Mrs. Mote (Patti) Andrews.

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**THE CORNER**

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

*Every Sunday* at 5:00 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 Trivial"! 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!

These are some of my favorite times! 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

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

Blessings, Jmo and Lisa