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Pentecost Sunday: The Difference the Holy Spirit Makes

“We must remember the beginning of the Church’s story. When Jesus had been crucified and raised from the dead, the sum total of the Church was a hundred and twenty persons (Acts 1:15). There was scarcely a person of wealth or influence or power amongst them; there was scarcely a person of intellectual eminence; they were poor; they were undistinguished; and they were simple. To this company of people was given an incredible task: ‘Ye shall be my witnesses,’ said the risen Christ, ‘both in Jerusalem and in Judea and Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth’ (Acts 1:8).

The message they were to bring was the story of a wandering Galilean prophet, crucified as a common criminal in Jerusalem. They were Jews, and they were to bring their message to a world where anti-Semitism was as violent as it has ever been at any time in history. They were to preach purity to a world that was steeped in immorality, and which for the most part did not even regard chastity as a virtue to be desired.

On the face of it, it looked like a task which was completely impossible. It would not have been in the least surprising from a human point of view, if those who were confronted with it had simply recognized its impossibility, and had not even begun to attempt it. But before they began the task they were bidden to wait. To wait for what, or for whom? They were bidden to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit upon them (Acts 1: 4-8). **And when the Holy Spirit came, the task that seemed impossible somehow became possible.**

Within thirty years the message of the gospel had reached Rome and far beyond, and the numbers of the church were reckoned in the hundred thousands, and into the world had come new life and new purity which even those most hostile to Christianity could not deny. The New Testament leaves no doubt that the power behind this miracle was the power of the Holy Spirit. **It is that same power which the Church of today needs to confront the challenges and grasp the opportunities before it.”**

(From) The Promise of the Spirit by William Barclay

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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.

May 31, 2020

Day of Pentecost

Prelude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “Meditation on The Holy Spirit”Jean Langlais

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

Hymn..... “O Spirit of the Living God”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*)..... “O Breath of Life”David White

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.....Dr. Burgess

Hymn..... “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”Dr. Boensel

Call to Congregational PrayerRev. Maddocks

Prayer Offertory (*Ken Bailey*)..... “I Stand in Awe”.....arr. Mark Hayes

The Written Word.....Acts 2:1-21

The Spoken Word..... **“WE’RE GOING OUT”**Rev. Steve Patton
Northwest District Superintendent

Hymn..... “Forward Through the Ages”Dr. Boensel

The Benediction.....Rev. Patton

Postlude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “Forward Through the Ages”Improvisation

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



COVID-19

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



Stand Together. Stay Apart.



O SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
Descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.

Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious common weal.

Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand when love speak loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one;
and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.

So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!

EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT

Refrain:

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so shine, ask my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain*

Jordan river runs right cold, chills the body, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back. *Refrain*

FORWARD THROUGH THE AGES

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move faithful spirits
at the call divine; Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
manifold the service, one the sure reward.

Refrain:

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Wilder grows the kingdom, reign of love and light; for it we must labor,
till our faith is sight. Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory, heroes for it died. *Refrain*

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall; in each loss or triumph
lose or triumph all. Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
move we on together to the shining goal. *Refrain*

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MUSIC BOX

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"Like" and "Follow" the Music Ministry on Facebook; search @stlukemusic

There are four designated funds to which you can contribute to support the **Music Ministry**: 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.

Today's Anthem: "O breath of life, comes sweeping through us, revive your church with life and power. O breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us, and fit your church to meet this hour. O wind of God, come, bend us, break us, till humbly we confess our need. Then in your tenderness remake us, revive, restore, for this we plead. O breath of love, come, breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart. Come, love of Christ, afresh to win us, revive your church in every part."

OUR KNOWN SICK: Piedmont Northside: Maggie Dickinson, 248. **Encompass Rehabilitation:** Marian Young, 142.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mrs. Mary Bass and family in the death of her brother, Mr. Arnold McCall, on May 20, 2020, in Savannah, GA.

*Ministerio Hispano "La Cosecha"
Saint Luke, United Methodist Church
Columbus, Georgia*

*Palabra Escrita: Hechos 2:1-4
Palabra Hablada: La Venida del Espíritu Santo*

Cuando llego el día de Pentecostés (significa "cincuenta"), ese día los 120 que se habían quedado de un grupo de más de 500, se encontraban unánimes juntos. Unánimes, significa que todos ellos se encontraban en un mismo pensar y un mismo propósito.

Ese propósito fue esperar la promesa que Jesús le había dicho que recibirían el Espíritu Santo, y recibirían poder cuando viniera sobre ellos el Espíritu Santo. Como cristianos debemos de andar unánimes en la Fe, y ser paciente en las promesas de Dios nos ha hecho. Dios cumplirá a cabalidad todo lo prometido para sus hijos(as). Mientras esperaban unánimes juntos vino un estruendo del cielo, evento importante que esté estruendo viniera del cielo para los 120, pues ellos habían visto a Jesús irse al cielo.

El evento del derramamiento del Espíritu Santo fue un evento espectacular y único. Pero más interesante fue que todos los que se encontraban en el lugar, comenzaron hablar en otras lenguas, según el Espíritu les daba que hablasen. Tanto el estruendo como como hablar en otras lenguas llamo la atención de todos los que estaban a su alrededor. Y fueron asombrados de que ellos podían entenderlos en su lengua nativa hablar de las maravillas de Dios.

Solo quiero señalar que cuando Dios hace promesas las cumple a cabalidad, confían en Dios en todo tiempo. Amen

Rev. Dr. Jose Resto/Pastor

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

www.cornerkidz.com

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! **Zoom with us this Sunday at 11:00 a.m.!** Please notice the time change! The link will be in the e-mail from me!

I can't wait until we are back together again!

Love, Ms. Hailey

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

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.

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.

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@stlukeum.com.

Respite Scholarship Fund: In memory of Mr. George Sargent, Mrs. Judy Mitchell, and Mrs. Beth Shean, by Mr. and Mrs. Larry King.

Respite Care: In memory of Mr. Sonny Ward by Mr. and Mrs. William Huff.

Food Pantry: In memory of Mrs. Jane Paul by Mr. and Mrs. Larry King, The Fellowship/ Jesus is Lord Class, and Mr. James Waterbury.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mrs. Judy Mitchell by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kenimer. In memory of Ms. Soraya Fravel by Ms. Ernestine Walker. In honor of Miss Georgia Smith by Winifred H. Patterson.

Meals on Wheels: In memory of Fred and Judy Mitchell by Mrs. Beverly Gross.



THE CORNER

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



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