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“The world in front of us is nothing like the world behind us.”

Tod Bolsinger’s book, Canoeing The Mountains, is a helpful contribution to understanding what it takes to find a way forward in these days. He uses the Lewis and Clark expedition, seeking the elusive “Northwest passage,” to draw lessons for our day. What’s the possible connection? They and we find ourselves in unchartered territory. As we contemplate resuming some of the ministry entities that are St. Luke, Bolsinger’s insights are very appropriate:

1) The world in front of us is nothing like the world behind us. As we consider resuming some of St. Luke’s ministries, we cannot indulge the illusion of returning or reopening as if we are going back to the way things were. We are in unchartered territory, and our task is to live into the mission of Christ while seeking a way forward. In moving forward, practices and procedures will be quite different, and discomfort will be with us throughout a long learning curve.

2) In unchartered territory, adaptation is everything. If we can adapt and embrace the adventure, we can thrive. But we must let go, learn as we go, and keep going no matter what. I am certain the second half of 2020 will test our adaptive skills as we learn together how to be Christ’s Church in unchartered territory and uncertain times. However, I have witnessed the adaptive ability of St. Luke before, and I am certain that by determination and perseverance we will keep moving forward no matter what.

3) It is possible to prepare for the future without knowing what it will be. The primary way to prepare for the future is to attend to the quality of our relationships, to how well we know and trust one another. St. Luke has mission and adventure in its DNA. We love and trust one another. In unchartered territory, trust is as essential as the air we breathe. Together we will find a faithful way forward.

4) Everybody will be changed (especially the leaders). Leadership in the past meant coming up with solutions. Today, it is about learning to ask new questions that we have been too scared, too busy or too proud to ask.

St. Luke’s first step in resuming ministries will be the reopening of our Early Learning Center for childcare on July 6. Director Sherry Carr has been working very hard to prepare for this day, and I am so thankful for Sherry’s faithful leadership in these days. Procedures and practices will be significantly different but the love and care for children will still be our mission and purpose. Pray for Sherry, our leadership team and all our staff and families as we take this first step.
June 28, 2020

Prelude................................. “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name” ..........arr. Paul Mickelson
(Ken Bailey)

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

Hymn................................. “Love Divine All Loves Excelling” ...............Dr. Marc Boensel

Psalm 36:5-10.................................................................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............................... “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” ..........Sebastian Temple
(Chancel Quartet)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer..........................................................Rev. Dick Reese
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.............................. “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” .........Dr. Boensel

News on A Way Forward

The Written Word.................................................................Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
The Spoken Word...............“BURDENS WORTH BEARING” ..............Rev. Beckum

Hymn................................. “To God Be the Glory” ..........................Dr. Boensel

The Benediction.................................................................Rev. Beckum

Postlude (Ken Bailey)....................... “To God Be the Glory” ........... Improvisation
*** quick means “living”; catholic means “universal”
LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe, thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Refrain

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus, the Son; but purer and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Refrain
Music Box

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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 if you have questions regarding the music ministry please contact Marc Boensel at the e-mail address above or at 706-256-2682.

Today’s Anthem: “Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there’s doubt, true faith in you. O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul. Where there is despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness only light, and where there’s sadness ever joy. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.”


Notes for Adriane Burgess

In these unprecedented times we are having to do things much differently than normal. Since we were unable to have a proper goodbye for our beloved associate, Adriane Burgess, you may want to write a note to offer your encouragement/well wishes for her and her family in this time of transition. You can write Adriane at:

Rev. Dr. Adriane Burgess
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Ministerio Hispano “La Cosecha”

Palabra Escrita: Romanos 7:15-25
Palabra Hablada: “Hacer lo que no quiero hacer”

Romanos 7:14-25 no describe a un incrédulo o a un creyente que vive conforme a la carne, sino que describe a un discípulo victorioso. Puede parecer un poco extraño lo que Pablo dice, ¿por qué harías lo que no entiendes? Aquí Pablo no escribe de cometer pecado de manera consciente (conscientemente ceder ante los deseos de la carne). Porque cuando cometes pecado de forma consciente, entonces sabes y entiendes muy bien lo que estás haciendo.

Pablo vivió una vida crucificada. No sirvió a la ley del pecado con su mente (Romanos 7:25) Según el grado de la luz* que tenía, se deleitó en la ley de Dios en el hombre interior. (Romanos 7:22) Eso significaba que se deleitó en amor, en bondad, en misericordia. Esa era la actitud de su mente. En aquellas áreas, donde había recibido luz, allí crucificó al pecado en su cuerpo. Su mente, la cual servía a Dios, paró a estos deseos pecaminosos.

Alguien que comete pecado de manera consciente no hace lo que aborrece, porque su mente aprueba la acción. La concupiscencia, después que ha concebido, da a luz el pecado. La concepción sucede cuando en nuestra mente estamos de acuerdo con el deseo. Entonces se da a luz al pecado. (Santiago 1:14-15) Tal persona sirve a la ley del pecado con su mente.

Pablo no escribió de ese tipo de pecado en Romanos 7. Él sirvió a la ley de Dios con su mente, pero al mismo tiempo se manifestó pecado que aún estaba presente en su carne, sin que él lo aprobara. Él sirvió a la ley del pecado con su carne. Amen

Rev. Dr. José D. Resto/ Pastor
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.

**Music Fund:** In memory of Mr. Jim Sigmund by Mrs. Anleone Evans, Col (Ret.) and Mrs. Robert Poydasheff, and Mr. Kevin Harcourt.

**Music Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Mr. Jim Sigmund by Drs. Mike and Tina Cox and Team, Mr. and Mrs. Barry White, Mr. and Mrs. Mizell Alexander, Mrs. Joanne Cavis, and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bush. In memory of Mr. Jim Sigmund, Mr. Sonny Ward, Mr. Sonny Clements, and Mr. Dick Jones by Mrs. Loraine Stewart.

**Memorial Maintenance Fund:** In memory of Fred and Judy Mitchell by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pate. In memory of Mr. Sonny Clements by Mr. Whit Blackmon. In memory of Mr. Dick Jones and Mrs. Virginia Huff Parker by Dr. and Mrs. Hollis Daniel Sigman. In memory of Mr. Dick Jones by Mr. Frank G. Lumpkin III, Mr. Kevin Harcourt, The David Group, and Ms. Nancy Boyd. In memory of Mrs. Virginia "Pud" Huff Parker by Mr. and Mrs. James Vech.

**Food Pantry:** In memory of Mrs. Jane Paul by Mr. Monty Thorne. In memory of Mr. Dick Jones by the Fellowship/Jesus is Lord Class. In honor of Mrs. Gladys Pitts by Mrs. Peggy Gindville. In memory of Mr. Sonny Clements by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hall and Mr. Billy Cunningham.

**Samaritan Fund:** In honor of Mr. Jon Haralson by Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Register. In memory of Mr. Dick Jones by Mr. and Mrs. Norris Randall. In honor of Rev. Dr. Adriane Burgess by Mrs. Joanne Cavis.

**Naomi’s Village:** In memory of Mr. Arnold McCall by Ms. Nancy Pedersen. In memory of Mr. Dick Jones by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kilpatrick, Jr.

**Meals on Wheels:** In memory of Mr. Dick Jones by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brandon and Mr. and Mrs. Mizell Alexander.

**Respite Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Mr. Arnold McCall and Mr. Dick Jones by Mrs. Melinda Hunter. In memory of Mr. Arnold McCall, Mr. Jim Sigmund, and Mrs. Virginia "Pud" Huff Parker by Mr. and Mrs. Larry King.

**Kathy Randall Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Jane Downs Paul by Mr. Steve King.

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**THE CORNER**

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

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**Senior Sermons have begun!** Our first installment in our Senior Sermon Series is available now on The Corner Crosswalk TV on YouTube and streaming on Facebook! Visit my Facebook page and scroll down and you can view it there! Be sure to tune it at 5:30 on either platform and hear Markwan's Senior Sermon!

**Synthesis Leadership Worship Night** is July 15th in the large dining room! If you are on the Leadership team be sure and attend this Live Event! The Corner Worship will be leading worship...it's going to be an AWESOME NIGHT!

**BIG THINGS HAPPEN IN SMALL GROUPS!** We have 2 dozen small groups this summer and YOU ARE INVITED to be a part of one! Reach out if you wanna join one!

**Small Groups** are meeting in person now and it is a game changer! Being around our church family is a MUST! We love you and miss you!