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With a first ever virtual Annual Conference taking place on Saturday, I am reminded of the Bishop's historic questions: Do you know our General Rules (do no harm, do all the good you can, attend to the ordinances of God)? Will you uphold them? The strength of early Methodism was found in the standards by which they lived. Wesley had rules for his day, and we have rules for the safety and health of our congregation in our day. These are not for legalism but they are for a safe and healthy St. Luke environment. It takes all of us working toward the same goal, with the same standards to make it through these days. What are St. Luke's rules for safety? You will find them below:



BEFORE ENTRY PLEASE FOLLOW THESE PROCEDURES

1. **SANITIZE** YOUR HANDS USING THE PROVIDED SANITIZING SOLUTION.
2. PUT ON A PROVIDED **FACE MASK** (IF YOU ARE ALREADY WEARING A PERSONAL FACE MASK THAT WILL SUFFICE).
3. HAVE YOUR **TEMPERATURE TAKEN** BY THE RECEPTIONIST WITH A "TOUCHLESS" THERMOMETER.
 - A **TEMPERATURE OF 100.3 OR LOWER** IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY INTO THE BUILDING.
4. MAINTAIN **A PHYSICAL DISTANCE** OF AT LEAST 6 FEET OF ALL PERSONS NOT LIVING IN YOUR IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD.

These are challenging and exciting days at St. Luke. Pray for the ministry of St. Luke School, St. Luke Preschool and St. Luke Early Learning Center as we seek to serve the needs of our children and their families A. S. A. P.

As Safely As Possible

Robert Beckum, Senior Pastor
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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.

August 16, 2020
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “Blessed Assurance”arr. Dan Miller

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

Hymn..... “Great is Thy Faithfulness”Dr. Marc Boensel

Romans 8:28-30

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

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 Choir*)..... “Coming Home”arr. Mary McDonald

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

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. Amen.

The Children’s Sermon.....Mrs. Mary Pat Beckum

Hymn..... “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”Dr. Boensel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

The Written Word.....Genesis 45:1-15

The Spoken Word..... “BUT GOD...”Rev. Beckum

The Invitation to Discipleship - Prayer of the Congregation

**You gave your only son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior.
All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you.
And so, in gratitude for all your gifts,
we offer you ourselves, and all that we have,
in union with Christ’s offering for us.
By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Hymn..... “My Hope is Built”Dr. Boensel

The Benediction.....Rev. Beckum

Postlude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “My Hope is Built”Improvisation

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

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

MY HOPE IS BUILT

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

MUSIC BOX

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

The **Chancel Choir** will be part of the return to live worship in the safest way possible. There will not be a Wednesday evening rehearsal until further notice. Choir will meet 30 minutes before each service, in the sanctuary, socially distanced, and masked. Temperature checks will be taken when arriving. Only two anthems will be rehearsed, one of which will be for the service that morning. The choir will remain masked at all times and socially distanced. Choir has resumed at both 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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.

Please consider a gift to the Music Ministry. You may mark your donation to the Music Fund, Music Scholarship Fund, Orchestra Fund, or Organ Fund.

Today's Anthem: "I've wandered far away from God, now I'm coming home. The paths of sin too long I've trod, Lord I'm coming home. Coming home, nevermore to roam. Open wide the arms of thy true love, Lord, I'm coming home. My soul is sick, my heart is sore, now I'm coming home. My strength renew, my hope restore, Lord, I'm coming home."

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE): 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, The Rev. Brett Maddocks, preaching.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God by the Discovery Class.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Piedmont Northside: Carter Cain, 228. **Jack Hughston Memorial:** Ruth Hydrick, 401.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mr. and Mrs. Neal (Virginia) Pope in the death of her brother, Mr. Richard Louis Pitts, on June 15, 2020, in Phenix City, AL. To Ms. Cile Parish in the death of her uncle, Mr. John Martin, on August 7, 2020, in Eufaula, AL.

OUR PHONE NUMBERS

Church Office, 706-327-4343 • Preschool, 706-327-4343

St. Luke School, 706-256-1301 • Early Learning Center, 706-322-2703

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

HOW DO I JOIN THE CHURCH?

You may become a part of the St. Luke family of God in one of the following ways:

1. If you have never joined a church before, you may become a member by profession of faith in Jesus Christ and by being baptized. If you have already been baptized (as a child or as an adult) in a Christian Church, your baptism is recognized by St. Luke United Methodist Church. You will be asked to uphold St. Luke church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.
 2. If you are a member of another United Methodist Church or another Christian denomination, indicate to one of the pastors that this is your desire. St. Luke will then transfer your membership.
 3. If you have any questions about faith in Christ, about United Methodism in general or St. Luke in particular, please ask one of the pastors!
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

www.cornerkidz.com

CornerKidz video lessons and Sunday school lessons 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

Tithes and Offerings

Offering plates/boxes are placed at entrances and exits at all of our in-person worship services. Of course, you can continue to support St. Luke Church with your tithes and offerings by mail, bank draft, or 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 P.O. 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.

Ministerio Hispano "La Cosecha" Saint Luke U.M. Church Columbus, Georgia

Palabra Escrita: I Tesalonicenses 5:17

Palabra Hablada: La Oración tiene poder"

El Apóstol San Pablo nos exhorta en 1 Tesalonicenses 5,17 a "Orar sin cesar". Al leerlo me doy cuenta de que esto es una tarea difícil ¿Cómo podemos orar todo el tiempo estando en el mundo? ¿Cómo poder orar con la oración perseverante de manera que podamos ser escuchados.

¿Sientes que ya parece ser una lucha dura orar de vez en cuando como para tener que hacerlo todo el tiempo? ¡No estás solo! Pero, te tengo una noticia: No es tan difícil como parece. ¿Qué es la oración perseverante?

La perseverancia es aguantar y no rendirse nunca, incluso ante la oposición y el aparente fracaso. La perseverancia es una marca de fe de todos los cristianos. La oración perseverante es una comunicación contante con Dios, aún a pesar de las circunstancias difíciles en que nos encontremos y que sentimos que Dios no nos escucha. Seguimos insistiendo y perseverando en la oración

Jesús dijo a sus discípulos una parábola para mostrarles que deben orar siempre y no darse por vencido a pesar de que las circunstancias parezcan contrarias e imposibles. Él Les contó la historia de una viuda que pidió justicia a un juez y éste se negó. La mujer no se dio por vencida, sino que repitió continuamente su súplica hasta que el juez respondió. Jesús quiere que nosotros también lo hagamos en nuestras oraciones. Quiere que seamos persistentes.

La Biblia está llena de historias de hombres y mujeres que perseveraron en la oración y vieron a Dios responder manifestarse en sus vidas de una manera poderosa. Si no desmayamos veremos la poderosa mano de Dios manifestarse en nuestras vidas y en las vidas de nuestros seres querido.

Amen, Dios les continúe bendiciendo,

Rev. Dr. José D. Resto/Pastor

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 Care: In memory of Mrs. Virginia "Pud" Huff Parker by Mrs. Ruthie Curtis.

Respite Scholarship Fund: In memory of Mr. Bobby Shackelford by Mrs. Loraine Stewart.

Fellowship Class Fund: In memory of Mr. Sonny Clements and Mr. Dick Jones by Mr. Monty Thorne.

Music Scholarship Fund: In memory of Mrs. Anetha Nielson by Ms. Nancy Pedersen.

Music Fund: In memory of Mrs. Anetha Nieson by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sigmund. In memory of Mr. Tommy Mayton by Mr. and Mrs. John Wood. In memory of Mr. Jim Sigmund by Mr. and Mrs. Brad Turner.

Samaritan Fund: In memory of Rev. Gaston Pollock by Ms. Nancy Pedersen. In memory of Mr. Richard Lewis Pitts, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Norris Randall.

Food Pantry: In memory of Mr. Dick Jones by Mrs. Sylvia Powell.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mrs. Gladys Pitts by Mr. Kevin Harcourt.

S.A.W. Ministry: In memory of Mr. Erling Pedersen by Ms. Nancy Pedersen.



THE CORNER

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

SYNTHESIS

Replicating the DNA of discipleship

The Corner Crosswalk

presents

THE TRAILER TOUR

thecornerstudents.com

- Aug 19

The Corner Worship & Message

Drink stations ... 6 Feet Apart ... Hand sanitizer ...

Bring your own chair ... Bring your own food if you want ...

Dress cool!

THE TRAILER TOUR 2020! We will have a 50-foot flatbed complete with The Corner Worship leading worship, testimonies and the Gospel! Water and soft drink stations will be set up in all four corners of the ELC parking lot along with tons of hand sanitizer! Bring your own chair and let's get back to HAVING CHURCH!

Rising 9th Grade through Rising Seniors be sure to fill out the Leadership Team Application as soon as it goes online! Things look different these days and that is precisely why we need YOUR LEADERSHIP!

We love you Corner Crosswalk Fam!

Blessings,

Jonathan and Lisa and the Corner Crosswalk Team
