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ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN

Where God’s Spirit is present people give! John Wesley, founder of Methodism, wrote:

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as you can.

As Methodism became a renewing and redeeming movement across England and America, Wesley taught extensively about the use of money, the danger of riches, and the importance of giving. For Wesley, all things belonged to God. This belief changes how we perceive the manner by which we earn money and save money, causing us to do so in appropriate ways. And it changes how we spend money, making us more responsible, and shapes how we give money. Wesley valued industrious and productive work, but he believed that acquiring money does not provide a profound enough life to sustain the human spirit.

Wesley wrote, “Earn all you can, save all you can and give all you can.” He drew an unbreakable link between acquisition and generosity, inviting us to use our material wealth to deepen our relationship with God and to increase our positive impact for God’s purposes.

No stories from Scripture tell of people living the God-related spiritual life while fostering a greedy, self-centered, self-serving attitude. Knowing God leads to generosity. The practice of generous giving aligns our lives with the purposes God wants to fulfill in the world. Helping people, relieving suffering, teaching and shaping children in discipleship, reaching young people are all ways we impact the world for God through providing the resources for ministry. We please God by making the difference God wants us to make. St. Luke is making that divine difference.

Thank God for the great spirit of generosity in St. Luke. I am continually amazed at the many people who honor God with their generous giving. By your giving (time and talent as well as money) you are inspiring hearts, changing lives and impacting the world for Christ even in these COVID days. Thank you and please know how I thank God for you.

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.

October 18, 2020
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “Great is Thy Faithfulness/To God be the Glory”Jack Schrader

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

Hymn..... “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”Dr. Marc Boensel

Isaiah 55: 6-11

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*)..... “Be Thou My Vision” Alice Parker

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer.....Rev. Beckum

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.

Choral Prayer Response “Danish Amen”anon.

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

Hymn..... “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”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..... Psalm 90: 1-4, 10 & 12

The Spoken Word..... “LONG LIFE VS ETERNAL LIFE”Rev. Beckum

Invitation to Discipleship - Prayer of Congregation

**Lord, you created us and we are yours. You have been our dwelling place in all generations. From everlasting to everlasting, you are God. In comparison to your eternity, our life on this earth is but a moment. Grant that we may so number our days that we get a heart of wisdom. Open our hearts to the wisdom of your saving grace in Jesus Christ that we may receive not only life everlasting but life worth lasting forever.
AMEN**

Hymn..... “O God, Our Help In Ages Past”Dr. Boensel

The Benediction.....Rev. Beckum

Choral Benediction Response (*11:00 a.m.*)..... “Sevenfold Amen”Peter Lutkin

Postlude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “Immortal, Invisible”Improvisation

** Music Box

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

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and ever more shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home!

Music Box

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

Chancel Choir rehearsals are at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals will be limited to 30 minutes, socially distanced and masked at all times. Temperature checks will be taken between 6:45 p.m. and 6:55 p.m. at the 3rd Avenue entrance to the Music Suite.

Handbell Choir rehearsals are at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals will be limited to 30 minutes, socially distanced and masked at all times. Temperature checks will be taken between 5:30 p.m. and 5:40 p.m. at the 3rd Avenue entrance to the Music Suite.

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: "Be thou my vision, O lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word. I ever with thee and thou with me Lord. Thou my great father, I thy true son, thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and thou only, first in my heart. High Kind of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won. May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all."

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

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATE: November 22. To place flowers on the altar in memory or honor of someone contact Maggie Roberson at 706-327-4343 or maggie@stlukeum.com.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Franke Roberts Adams
October 13, 2020

OUR KNOWN SICK: Piedmont, Atlanta: Bob Thomas, 8-B. **Orchard View:** Ann Ward, 127.

MILITARY MINISTRY

TONY AND NICOLE MAYNE

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We will be honoring our veterans on Sunday November 8. If you would like to share a picture of yourself in uniform or honor a loved one who has served or is currently serving in the military, please send a photo with name, rank, and branch of service to Nicole Mayne at nmayne@stlukeum.com.

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

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NO Zoom today. We will resume our weekly meetings to discuss the week's lesson next Sunday, October 25th.

Save the Date! Children's Ministry is hosting a **Trunk or Treat Drive-In** on Friday, **October 30th** from 6:30-8 pm. The evening will begin with a drive-thru Trunk or Treat and conclude with a showing of "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown". So bring the kids in costume and enjoy a classic from the comfort of your car. Registration is **required** and **space** is limited. Link to register can be found on www.cornerkidz.com. You don't want to miss it!

Ministerio Hispano "La Cosecha"

Domingo 18 Octubre 2020

Palabra Escrita: I Corintios 13:1-13

Palabra Hablada: "La Preeminencia del Amor "

Quisiera tomar este momento para alertar a los hermanos y hermanas que estamos en momentos críticos y que solo la Fe y el Amor nos podrá ayudar a mantenernos fiel a Dios. Como seres humanos continuamos mirando a nuestros hermanos(as) con coraje, con desprecio y en muchos casos con oído. Tal vez porque no piensa como yo, su equipo de béisbol no es el mío, e; tiene un partido político que no es el mío.

Las Biblia nos invita a amar como dice 1Juan 4:20 "20 Si alguno dice: Yo amo a Dios, y aborrece a su hermano, es mentiroso. Pues el que no ama a su hermano a quien ha visto, ¿cómo puede amar a Dios a quien no ha visto?" Podemos encontrar un gran numero de citas donde Dios nos invita por medio de su Palabra "amar". Lucha por siempre tener amor que es la expression mayor que la Fe y la Esperanza, es el Amor.

Siempre acuérdate que El nos amo a nosotros primero y que dio la vida de su hijo amado Jesucristo para tener salvación y vida eterna.

Amen

Rev. Dr. Jose Resto /Pastor

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.

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.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mr. George Adams and Mrs. Frances McCluskey by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kenimer. In memory of Mrs. Frances McCluskey by Mr. Phillip Marion and children. In memory of Mr. Dick Jones by Ms. Carolyn Layfield. In memory of Mr. David Cartledge and Mrs. Jane Loflin by Mr. Andy T. Robinson.

Organ Fund: In memory of Mr. Jens Sturup and Mr. Bill Moorer by Mr. and Mrs. William Montgomery.

S.A.W. Fund: In honor of the S.A.W. volunteers by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Elmore.

Food Pantry: In honor of Mr. Richard Jarboe by Dr. and Mrs. Rob Cartwright.

Samaritan Fund: In honor of Mr. Richard Jarboe by Dr. and Mrs. Rob Cartwright. In memory of Mr. Larry Neal, Mr. Sonny Clements, and Fred and Judy Mitchell by Mr. Andy T. Robinson.

Meals on Wheels: In memory of Mrs. Martha Cunningham by Mr. Andy T. Robinson.

Naomi's Village: In memory of George and Frances McCluskey and Mrs. Jean Amos by Mr. Andy T. Robinson.



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.
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Prayer Calendars

If you would like a prayer calendar mailed to you please call the church office @ 706-327-4343.



THE CORNER

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

SAVE THE DATE! - October 18th Parents as Spiritual Heroes

We have Dave Paxton, Life Long Youth Pastor and Student Ministry Communicator speaking at The 9! His message will be on Parents becoming the Spiritual Heroes in the home! He is an anointed student ministry leader who has been a mentor of ours for a long time!

This is a great Sunday to come back to church! If you are not able to attend we will be videoing and posting all sessions on our YouTube Page! Helping you create disciples in your home is our passion! Looking forward to seeing you there!

There will be a short, interactive parent/student session directly after the 9. Please plan on staying in the seat you sit in at The 9 to ensure safety protocols during this time of precaution due to COVID 19. We will provide individual snack bags and Dave has informed me "there will be some homework for the students!" We've only got one shot at raising these blessings! Let's make it a good one!
Joshua 24:15

But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."
