WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

In languages around the world, the message of Christ’s table is the same.

CHINESE

他的不至滅亡反得永生

GERMAN

Denn also hat Gott die Welt geliebt, daß er seinen eingeborenen Sohn gab, auf daß alle, die an ihn glauben, nicht verloren werden, sondern das ewige Leben haben.

ARABIC

له كلام يحب الله المصلحة

SPANISH

Porque de tal manera amó Dios al mundo, que ha dado á su Hijo unigénito, para que todo aquel que en él cree, no se pierda, mas tenga vida eterna.

RUSSIAN

Ибо так возлюбил Бог мир, что отдал Сына Своего единородного, дабы всякий, верующий в Него, не погиб, но имел жизнь вечную.
October 4, 2020
World Communion Sunday
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude (Ken Bailey)................................. “Fanfare” .........................................Percy Whitlock
Welcome and Opening Prayer..............................................................Rev. Robert Beckum
Hymn............................................................. “The Church’s One Foundation” ............Dr. Marc Boensel

John 3:16-21

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).................. “Come to the Table” .....................................Allen Pote
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.......................................................................................... “Jesus Call Us” ..................................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......................................................................................Matthew 21:33-36

The Spoken Word........ “To My People With Love” ..............................Rev. Beckum

The Invitation:
Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who repent of their sins and who seek to grow into His likeness. Let us draw near in faith, make our humble confession and prepare our hearts to receive this Holy Sacrament.

Confession:
We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies. We are not worthy that you should receive us, but give your word and we shall be healed, forgiven and free, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving........................................................................See insert

The Sharing of Bread and Cup

Solo.............................................................. “Deep River” ..................................arr. Mark Hayes

Hymn.......................................................................................... “How Great Thou Art” ..................Dr. Boensel

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

Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.)........ “Sevenfold Amen” ..................Peter Lutkin
Postlude (Ken Bailey).............. “The Church’s One Foundation” ..............................Improvisation

** Music Box
*** quick means “living”; catholic means “universal”
THE CHURCH’S ONE FOUNDATION

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word.

From heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be;
his living servant people, by his own death set free.

Called forth from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
our charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.

One holy name professing, and one at table fed,
to one hope always pressing, by Christ’s own Spirit led.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;
till, with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

We now on earth hath union with the God the Three in One,
and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

JESUS CALLS US

Jesus calls us o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless, sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, “Christian, follow Me!”

As of old the apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus’ sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more!”

In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these!”

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; Refrain

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die,
I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin; Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! Refrain

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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: “Come to the table and bring your joy, bring all your gladness and come to the table. Eat the bread, drink the wine, come rejoice in the Lord. Bring all your sorrow, bring all your pain, bring all the heartache you bear. Bring who you are and hope to become, come to the table to share. Come to the table, remember Christ, remember his love when you come to the table. Share in the bread, share in the wine, share in the risen Lord. Share as a family, one in community, one in the name of the Lord. Come to the table to follow Christ forgiven and free, you must come to the table. Come in faith, come in love, come rejoice in the Lord.”

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 and in honor of Bill and Anna Montgomery on their wedding anniversary (October 7) by the family.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES: November 22, 29. To place flowers on the altar in memory or honor of someone contact Maggie Roberson at 706-327-4343 or maggie@stlukeum.com.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mr. and Mrs. Pete (Angie) Hart in the death of her mother, Mrs. Annie Scott, September 24, 2020, in Columbus, GA.

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

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

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION OPTIONS
On October 4th we will observe World Wide Communion Sunday. If you do not attend one of our in-person services we would like to offer the following options for you to participate in communion on this day.

• Come by the church during the week of September 28-October 2 (9:00-5:00) to pick up pre-packaged communion elements. You can then take communion as you watch the broadcast.
• Drive-thru at the church from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, October 4th. You will be given communion at your car. Enter the church parking lot from 2nd Avenue.
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.

Palabra Escrita: Filipenses 3:4b-14
Palabra Hablada: “Prosigo al blanco”

En este pasaje el Apóstol Pablo hace una apología en ser un verdadero judío, y presenta todas sus credenciales de su linaje como judío. Y en su apología nos declara que el haber tenido la experiencia del encuentro con Cristo, le concientizó que el valor de la relación con Cristo no tenía precio. Señala que todo lo que tiene lo pone por perdida y por basura por ganar a Cristo y con tal de alcanzar la excelencia del conocimiento Cristo Jesús.

Continúa señalando que “No que lo haya alcanzado ya, ni que sea perfecto” Pablo está claro que aunque no lo haya alcanzado el total conocimiento de Cristo, ni la perfección, el prosigue para seguir creciendo y madurando para alcanzar mayor conocimiento de Cristo.

También declara que él ciertamente olvida su vida pasada y todo lo que queda atrás y se extiende a lo que está por delante de él. El pasado, pasado es, bien señalara él en 2 Corintios 5:17 “De modo que si alguno está en Cristo, nueva criatura es; las cosas viejas pasaron; he aquí todas son hechas nuevas.” La victoria de Pablo al igual que a nosotros y luchar por alcanzar el conocimiento de Cristo y proseguir a Cristo como el blanco seguir. Cristo es nuestro blanco y debemos luchar por alcanzarlo. Amen

Rev. Dr. Jose Resto
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. Sam Massey. In memory of Mrs. Betsey Hewitt by Mrs. Mary Bass. In memory of Mrs. Frances McCluskey by Mr. and Mrs. Greg Pridgen, Mr. and Mrs. Trey Hodges, and Ms. Teresa Sheffield.

UMCOR: In honor of Mrs. Mary Bass and Mrs. Mary Williams by Mrs. Annette Pollock.
Naomi's Village: In memory of Mrs. Frances McCluskey by Mrs. Mary Bass, Ms. Nancy Haines, and Rev. and Mrs. Mike McAfee.

Christie Garden Fund: In memory of Mrs. Frances McCluskey by Dr. and Mrs. Champ Baker.
Music Scholarship Fund: In memory of Mr. Jens Sturup by Mrs. Annette Pollock.
Samaritan Fund: In memory of Mr. Jens Sturup by Mr. and Mrs. Norris Randall.

S.A.W. Ministry: In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Myers by Drs. Clifton and Christine Ruehl.

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CrossWalk
"Life is a cross walk" Luke 9:23

The Corner

5:00 PM — 6:30 PM
Meet in Large Dining Room
Move to the gym for small groups

6:30 PM — 8:00 PM
Meet in Large Dining Room