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KNOWING WHO WE ARE AND KNOWING WHAT TO DO!

In his book, *If You Know Who You Are, You Will Know What to Do*, Ronald Greer retells the story of Hendrik Kraemer, a remarkable lay missionary who spent much of his adult life serving God in Indonesia. He was in his native Holland when the Second World War broke out. The Gestapo dominated Holland, forcing Dutch Jews to places like Buchenwald and Dachau. Late one night a group of Dutch laypersons came to Hendrik Kraemer. They said to him, "Dr. Kraemer, what shall we do? Our neighbors are dying. We don't know what is going to become of us as a nation. Please, if you can, tell us what to do. We have got to do something, and we have got to do it now."

Hendrik Kraemer said to them, "I am not going to tell you what to do, but I will tell you who you are. And if you know who you are, then you will know what to do." Dr. Kraemer opened his Bible to I Peter and began to read:

"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, a people claimed by God as his own, to proclaim the triumphs of Him who has called you out of the darkness and into his marvelous light."
I Peter 2:9

Dr. Kraemer closed his Bible. "Do you know who you are?" he asked. "Then you will know what to do." Thanking him, the group left his home. That night, they formed the Dutch Resistance.

What Kraemer knew to be true for individuals in his time is also true for us as the church in our time. When faced with difficult decisions, a divided nation, racial conflict and mission uncertainty, we must remember who we are in order to know God's will for our actions. As we seek to live and serve with integrity with all the culture's confusion, shallowness, expediency and self-centeredness pulling us away from a witness of authenticity, we need to remember who we are. If you know who you are you will know what to do.

At St. Luke we are: **the Community of Jesus Christ, created by the Word, for the World.** We are not called to isolation but to community---a unique kind of community that finds its very definition in relationship to Jesus as Savior and Christ as Lord of our lives and of the community. We are not the result of our own self-construction. We are that community created by the transforming power of God's Word. And we are that community created not for ourselves but for the world that God loves and seeks to redeem.

If you know who you are, you will know what to do, even in the midst of a pandemic and a time of swirling change.

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.

November 8, 2020

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”Flor Peeters

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

Hymn..... “Be Still, My Soul”Dr. Marc Boensel

Psalms 46.....Rev. Brett Maddocks

The Affirmation of Faith..... “The Apostles’ Creed”Number 881

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.**

The Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen, Amen.**

**Anthem (*Chancel Choir*)..... “A Life of Thankfulness”Lloyd Larson

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer.....Major Tony Mayne

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..... “America the Beautiful”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 25:1-13

The Spoken Word..... “READY”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..... “Stand Up and Bless the Lord”Dr. Boensel

The Benediction.....Rev. Beckum

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

Postlude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “Stand Up and Bless the Lord”Improvisation

** Music Box

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

BE STILL, MY SOUL

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to your God to order and provide; in every change,
he faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best,
your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future,
as in ages past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the Christ
who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when
we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

STAND UP AND BLESS THE LORD

Stand up and bless the Lord, ye people of his choice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise, above all blessing high,
who would not fear his holy name, and laud and magnify?

O for the living flame from his own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire, and wing to heaven our thought!

God is our strength and song, and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord, the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless his glorious name, hence forth forever more.

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: "How wonderful and precious the gift our God bestows: to give us hearts to praise the One from whom each blessing flows. For by Him we were fashioned, and to Him we belong. And for Him now we offer this glad and grateful song! *We bless You, O God, with our lips. We thank You, O God, with our hearts. But that is not enough to show how grateful we are! So we make now this pledge; we bow before you and confess, that we shall offer our praise from a life of thankfulness.* When life on earth is over and saints from every shore are gathered in Your company to worship evermore; and then what pleasure we shall know, what joy we then shall find as with one voice we celebrate the God of humankind! May our lives be an alleluia, a grateful song to You. And beyond sounds of joyous praise, may our hearts be always true!"

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 loving memory of James L. Holman by Celia Evans and family.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Piedmont Northside: Billy Kemp, 319.

BULLETIN COMING LATE?

We have heard from many of you that the weekly bulletin is coming late. Unfortunately we are unable to control when the post office delivers the mailed bulletin. We know this is frustrating but please know we are doing all we can on our end to avoid these delays. If you have access to email or internet, we encourage you to sign up for the emailed bulletin. Or you can view it on our website each week. It is posted to the website and emailed on Thursday afternoons. If you do not receive the bulletin by email already, please contact Maggie at 706-327-4343 or maggie@stlukeum.com to make sure we have your correct email address.

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

mhubbard@stlukeum.com www.cornerkidz.com

Randall Goodgame presents... Slugs and Bugs Live! The outdoor concert will take place on Sunday, November 15th from 4-5 pm on St. Luke's green space and surrounding parking lot. St. Luke, together with Clement Arts, is pleased to provide this fun event for FREE; however you are invited to bring a new toy to help provide Christmas for local children in foster care. For more info or to reserve your spot, please visit www.clement-arts.org.

Save the date! On Saturday, December 5th, Children's Ministry, together with The Darby Project, is pleased to bring you two drive-in showings of "The Polar Express." More info coming soon! You don't want to miss it!

S.A.W. MINISTRY NEEDS

The S.A.W. Ministry is in need of mattresses and beds (twin, double, queen), chairs, tables, etc. If you can help please contact Lee Myers at leemyers.co@gmail.com or call the church office at 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

Ministerio Hispano "La Cosecha"

Palabra Escrita: Mateo 5:1-13

Palabra Hablada: "Las bienaventuranzas"

El Sermón del monte empieza con las bienaventuranzas, Jesús señala un total de ocho declaraciones que comienzan con la palabra bienaventurados. El significado de la palabra bienaventurado; es bendecido o bendito. Esta palabra declara un estado de bendición que ya existe. Cada bienaventuranza declara que un grupo de personas que por lo general son considerados como afligidos, en realidad son bendecidos. Los bendecidos no tienen que hacer nada para obtener esta bendición, Jesús simplemente declara que ellos ya han sido bendecidos. Por tanto, las bienaventuranzas son primero que todo declaraciones de la gracia de Dios, no son condiciones de la salvación o planes de acción para ganarse la entrada al reino de Dios.

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 Mrs. Frances McCluskey by Mr. and Mrs. James H. Blanchard. In memory of Mrs. Franke Adams by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen T. Butler, Ms. Allison Biggers Gardner, and Mr. and Mrs. John Brantley. In memory of George and Franke Adams by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rickman, Jr. In memory of Mr. Jim Sigmund, Mr. George Adams, Mrs. Franke Adams, Mrs. Frances McCluskey, Mrs. Martha Dedwylder, Mr. Roy Greene, Mrs. Annie Scott, and Mr. Jack Blalock by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ogie. In memory of Mrs. Betsey Hewitt by Mr. Pete Robinson.

Food Pantry: In memory of George and Franke Adams by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gravlee and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woolfolk.

Meals on Wheels: In memory of Ms. Carol Leach by Mrs. Annette Pollock.

Naomi's Village: In memory of Mrs. Frances McCluskey by Mr. and Mrs. Powell Brewton and Mr. Pete Robinson. In honor of Marsh Douglass, Alli Funkhouser, and Alyse Vaillant by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Scott.

Samaritan Fund: In memory of George and Franke Adams and Mrs. Virginia Whisnant by Mr. and Mrs. Norris Randall.

Music Fund: In memory of Mr. Sonny Ward, Mr. Jim Sigmund, Mr. Dick Jones, and Mrs. Frances McCluskey by Mrs. Rose Marie Ward.



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.

OUR CLERGY STAFF

Rev. Robert Beckum
Senior Minister

Rev. Brett Maddocks
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dick Reese
Minister of Pastoral Care

Rev. Dr. José Resto
Hispanic Ministries

Bishop James King
Bishop in Residence

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



5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Meet in Large Dining Room
Move to the gym for small groups



6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Meet in Large Dining Room

We have really exciting things happening here at the Corner/Crosswalk! We just launched our NEW MERCH and we have T-shirts and sweatshirts for sale! Get yours NOW - they are selling fast!!!

We have incredible and life-giving small groups happening all throughout the week and Sunday nights have been GREAT! We had Big Lee to speak last Sunday night and we are looking forward to some awesome things coming up!

There will be no youth on Nov. 22 – have fun loving on your families! On Nov. 29, we will be having a huge BONFIRE for middle school and high school students!! The address will be mailed on a postcard. It is going to be a blast, so make sure you bring your blanket and chair and come join us!!