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Lent: A Journey into Life

For Such a Time as This

"Lent" is the forty-day (not counting Sundays) season before Easter marked by worship, prayer, fasting, and reflection---reflection on what it means to be "Come to Life in Christ" and what it means to be "Christ's Body in the World" *for such a time as this*. During these forty days, we ask God to deepen our individual journeys of faith and to guide St. Luke into even more faithful paths of discipleship, witness and service.

Worship

The reason for saying Lent is a season of forty days *not counting Sundays*, is that each Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection even in the midst of a season of penitence, prayer and preparation. Each Sunday is a resurrection celebration *in the midst of Lent*.

February 21---Matthew 4:1-11 and Deuteronomy 30:11-21 "Choose Life"

February 28---Proverbs 8:32-36 and John 14:1-6 "Find Life"

March 7---Romans 4:13-25 and John 3: 14-21 "Eternal Life"

March 14---Mark 8:31-38 and Galatians 2: 20-21 "Life in Christ"

March 21---Matthew 22:34-40 and I John 3:11-24 "Passing from Death to Life"

March 28 (Palm Sunday) Matthew 21:1-11 and I John 5:1-12 "Life in the Son"

April 4---(Easter Sunday) John 20:1-20 and I Corinthians 15:50-58

Prayer

Please join me in making this Lenten Season a focused time of prayer in our St. Luke family. So many are in need, COVID continues to threaten, and many difficult issues are before our United Methodist denomination. I pray that none of the challenges before us would take our eyes and attention away from Christ's mission for such a time as this. A Lenten prayer for St. Luke:

Almighty God, your mission is to redeem the world. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit with passion and courage so we can join you in that work. Open our eyes to see you moving in our community. Open our ears to hear your call. Open our hearts to love our neighbors. Open our minds to imagine new ways of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in the world. Amen.

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.

February 21, 2021

1st Sunday in Lent

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

Prelude (*Ken Bailey*)..... Prelude on Palestrina's "Adoramus Te"by Henry Kihlken

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

Hymn..... "This is My Father's World"Number 144

Scripture Lesson.....Matthew 4:1-11

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.**

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..... "He Loved Them to the End"Joseph Martin

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..... "Dresden Amen"Johann Nauman

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

Hymn..... "Be Still, My Soul"Number 534

Special Music: "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child"Harry Burleigh
(*Victoria Leggett-Adams, soprano*)

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 WordDeuteronomy 30:11-20

The Spoken Word..... "**CHOOSE LIFE**"Rev. Beckum

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Hymn..... "Trust and Obey"Number 467

The Benediction.....Rev. Beckum

Choral Benediction Response (*11:00 a.m.*)..... "Fivefold Amen"Marc Boensel

Postlude (*Ken Bailey*)..... "Be Still My Soul"Improvisation

** Music Box

*** quick means "living"; catholic means "universal"

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

This is my father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my father's world the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.

This is my father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my father's world. Oh, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems off so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

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.

TRUST AND OBEY

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
what a glory He sheds on our way!

While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil He doth richly repay;

not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
but is blessed if we trust and obey. **Refrain**

But we never can prove the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows,
for the joy He bestows, are for them who will trust and obey. **Refrain**

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey. **Refrain**

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Music Box

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Chancel Choir rehearsals are at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals will be limited to 45 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 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals will be limited to 45 minutes, socially distanced and masked at all times. Temperature checks will be taken between 5:15 p.m. and 5:25 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: *"When Jesus knew His hour was come, the hour had come for Him to die, He prayed the Father's will be done. In deepest grief His spirit cried. O what boundless love the Father showed when God His only Son He sent, and those He loved who took His life, He loved them to the end. When Jesus hung upon the cross, what perfect love He freely gave, and taking sin upon Himself, He chose to die, to face the grave. O Jesus came to share His life. He came our broken hearts to mend, and those He healed, they took His life, yet He loved them to the end. O Jesus, gentle savior, you endured a world of scorn. O Lamb of God, image of love, in you new hope is born. When Jesus rose to conquer death, the power of God was then displayed. He proved that love would always live in hearts of those who know the Way. This His covenant of peace, His promised comfort He would send, 'I will never leave you, you are not alone, I will love you to the end."*

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 Mrs. Erin Leanne Knight by Mr. Patrick Knight and family.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES: March 7, March 21, May 2, and May 30. For more open flower dates in 2021 please contact Maggie Roberson at 706-327-4343 or maggie@stlukeum.com.



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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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Looking for a way to get your 4th or 5th grader involved in worship? Children's handbell choir will begin practicing on Wednesday, March 3rd from 3:45-4:15 p.m. in the church Sanctuary. Rehearsal will be socially distanced and masked at all times. SLS students will be walked over after school. Those arriving from other schools will need to be dropped off under the church portico where temperatures will be checked prior to entry. Please email me prior to March 1 to sign up.

Calling all 4th and 5th graders! Join me March 14th for an Empty Tomb Escape Room! We'll meet in Stockwell Hall from 5-7:00 p.m. Due to the nature of the activities planned, as I do need an accurate head count. Be sure to RSVP by March 7th!

Our nursery is hiring! We are prayerfully seeking compassionate and reliable caregivers to provide childcare for our church families on Sunday mornings (when it is safe to do so). Interested applicants should contact Nicole Mayne at nmayne@stlukeum.com for both an application and details.

FUNDRAISER FOR CUB SCOUT PACK 35

Two Opportunities:

1. Camp Cards Sales. Discount cards to various area businesses/\$10.00 each. Selling through March 1st. Contact mendycason@yahoo.com for details. Monies will provide for Pack 35 activities for Scouts to progress in their ranks.
 2. Friends of Scouts Donations. Tax deductible. Give by texting 'BSAGIVE6' to 71-777. Include the Pack 35 keyword 'BSAGIVE6', and Pack 35 will receive credit for donation and counts 100% towards the assessment being placed on Pack 35 by the Chattahoochee Council. This enables the Council to continue offering awesome camping facilities and Scouting programs.
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MILITARY MINISTRY



JOIN THE PATRIOT CHALLENGE Saint Luke Columbus team. Our Saint Luke Patriots are recruiting team members for this February's event and raising funds for active-duty tuition assistance to St Luke School and to support the military ministry's Ranger Outreach Center plus sponsorship costs for military families to attend church annual events. Enlist in the team at <https://give.gallantfew.org/stlukecolumbus>.

Contact Tony tony@gallantfew.org or Nicole Mayne nmayne@stlukeum.com for more information.

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.

Music Fund: In memory of David and Barbara Smart by Mrs. Annette Pollock. In memory of Rev. Mike McAfee and David and Barbara Smart by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Holton.

Music Scholarship Fund: In honor of The Chancel Choir, Mrs. Karen Lewis, Mr. Ken Bailey, and Dr. Marc Boensel by Ms. Nancy Pedersen.

Bridge of Columbus: In memory of David and Barbara Smart by Mr. James Tjoflat.

Samaritan Fund: In memory of Ms. Amelia Davis by Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams. In memory of Mrs. Martha Ann Smith by Ms. Nancy Pedersen.

Respite Care: In memory of Mrs. Jeanette Jones by Mrs. Joan Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. Roderick C. Hunter, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tucker. In memory of Mr. Chuck Auer by Mr. Bertrand H. Weidberg.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of David and Barbara Smart by Ms. Paula Bissell. In memory of Mr. David Smart by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Harper.

S.A.W. Ministry: In memory of David and Barbara Smart, Rev. Mike McAfee, and Mr. Bill Montgomery by Mrs. Mary Bass.

Naomi's Village: In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Leland McCluskey and in memory of Rev. Mike McAfee by Mrs. Jane Jones.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

Looking for a ministry opportunity where you can safely serve in a much needed area? Our Meals on Wheels program is in need of volunteers to deliver meals. You will have minimal contact picking up the meals at St. Luke and can leave the meal at the door of the homes where you deliver meals. If interested contact Julie Widener at 706-256-1017 or by email at jwidener@stlukeum.com.



THE CORNER

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

THE CORNER CROSSWALK UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 21, February 28, March 7, and March 14

NORMAL SCHEDULE!



MIDDLE SCHOOL!
5pm-6:30pm
Large Dining Room



HIGH SCHOOL!
6pm-7:30pm
Youth Room



Synthesis High School
Leadership Team Meeting
February 28 – 4:30pm!

SAVE THE DATE!

MARCH 21 – Middle School and High School Students!

COLOR WAR for Middle Schoolers – 5pm-6pm
High Schoolers, join us for the **BONFIRE** at 6pm!

Pick up for all ages will be at 8pm!

Location will be sent out by email. **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!**

NO YOUTH – March 28 and April 4.

Have a safe Spring Break and a blessed Easter!
