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IT IS CHRIST WHO LIVES IN ME

And now we begin to see what it is that the New Testament is always talking about. It talks about Christians “being born again”; it talks about them “putting on Christ”; about Christ “being formed in us”; about our coming to “have the mind of Christ.”

Put right out of your head the idea that these are only fancy ways to saying that Christians are to read what Christ said and try to carry it out—as a man may read what Plato or Marx said and try to carry it out. They mean something much more than that. They mean that a real Person, Christ, here and now, in that very room where you are saying your prayers, is doing things to you. It is not a question of a good man who died two thousand years ago. It is a living Man, still as much a man as you, and still as much God as He was when He created the world, really coming and interfering with your very self; killing the old natural self in you and replacing it with the kind of self He has. At first, only for moments. Then for longer periods. Finally, if all goes well, turning you permanently into a different sort of thing; into a new little Christ, a being which, in its own small way, has the same kind of life as God; which shares in His power, joy, knowledge and eternity.

From *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis

ST. LUKE DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

As you know March is severe weather alert month in Georgia. The St. Luke Disaster Response teams are looking for members that have experience in operating chainsaws, and interested in being a part of the St. Luke Response team. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 20, beginning at 9:00 a.m. for safety training day. If interested contact Mitch Watts at the church office, 706-327-4343 or mwatts@stlukeum.com.

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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.

March 14, 2021

4th Sunday in Lent

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

Prelude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “Processional Trumpet”David A. Wehr

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

Hymn..... “To God Be the Glory”Number 98

Scripture Lesson.....Psalm 25:1-10

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 (*Chancel Choir*)..... “Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed”John Purifoy

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.

Choral Prayer Response..... “Dresden Amen”Johann Naumann

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

Hymn..... “There Is a Balm in Gilead”Number 375

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.....Mark 8:31-38; Galatians 2:20-21

The Spoken Word..... “LIFE IN CHRIST”Rev. Beckum

Invitation to Discipleship and Congregational Prayer

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.

Hymn..... “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”Number 357

The Benediction.....Rev. Beckum

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

Postlude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “To God Be the Glory”Improvisation

** Music Box

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

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life
an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender
who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **Refrain**

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus, the Son; but purer and higher,
and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **Refrain**

THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD

Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain.
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. **Refrain**

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
and if you look for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend. **Refrain**

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
just tell the love of Jesus, and say, he died for all. **Refrain**

JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown hath broken every barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come

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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: "Alas, and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die? Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I? Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree? Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut His glories in, when Christ the mighty Maker died for man the creature's sin. But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe. Here, Lord, I give myself away. 'Tis all that I can do."

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 Mr. W. H. (Bill) Williams on his birthday by Ms. Judy Thomas.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Emory University Hospital: Patrick Graham, T-604.
Piedmont Midtown: Larry Caddell, 713.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Steve Hale
March 4, 2021

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mike and Susan McCollum in the death of Mike's father, Ben McCollum, March 6, in Macon, GA.

NEW MEMBER: We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Hugh (Rachel) McConnell who come by transfer of their memberships from other congregations.

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

Beginning March 14th, the Cry Room in the Ministry Center will be open during the 9 o'clock service for children 2 and under. The service will be live-streamed for your convenience.

Take home bags of Easter crafts will be available at all services during the month of March. Bags will also be available during the week in the church lobby for your convenience.

The first ever Corner Kidz Family Bake Off is only a week away! Be sure to pick up the mystery ingredient today at any of our church services. All entries will need to be brought to the church on Sunday, March 21st by 11 AM to be included in the contest. Our very own Rev. Maddocks and JJ Harrison will taste the entries LIVE on our 1 PM Zoom that same afternoon. Prizes will be awarded for the top three winners.

In lieu of our traditional Easter Egg Hunt this year, we are going to "EGG" our friends and family! In the cover of darkness, a dozen eggs will be hidden at the address provided on either March 19th or 20th. Visit www.cornerkidz.com to bless one another (or your own family) with a spontaneous egg hunt! Registration closes March 17th so register today! All donations will go to help emerging church community families in need.



Prayer Calendars

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

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.

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.

Respite Care: In memory of Mrs. Jeanette Jones by The Grogan Group, LLC.

Naomi's Village: In memory of Rev. Mike McAfee by Mr. and Mrs. Van Pugh.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Dr. James Venable by Mrs. Jeraldine Tinkler. In memory of Rev. Mike McAfee by Mr. and Mrs. Malon Wickham. In memory of Mr. Lee Redmond, Jr. by Mr. Whit Blackmon. In memory of Mr. Larry Neal by Mrs. Harry Lee Billington.

Tansen United Mission Hospital: In memory of Alice R. Wiley and Carter Wiley Bewick by Mrs. Susan Wiley.

Do you love working with children?

Join Our Ministry!

We Are Hiring @ St. Luke Early Learning Center!

Call 706-322-2703

Send resume to scarr@stlukeum.com



THE CORNER

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

HELP WANTED!	
WHO:	SMALL GROUP LEADERS & ADULT VOLUNTEERS
WHEN:	SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH SERVICES
WHERE:	ST. LUKE MINISTRY CENTER
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SOULED OUT SUMMER 2021!!!

Come spend one **LIFE-CHANGING** week at the beach with us!

Protocol will be in place to make sure this will be a safe and incredible opportunity to grow in your faith with your Corner Crosswalk family.

\$339 for the week. Mark June 7-11 on your calendars!! Sign-ups online **NOW!!!** www.thecornerstudents.com

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

Senior Sunday is around the corner and we can't wait to celebrate all of your accomplishments!

Be sure to turn in your information online by

Monday, April 5th and find the

Bill Turner Scholarship application

Senior Sermons (featuring high school seniors from our Synthesis Leadership Team) continue **THIS SUNDAY** with **Ansleigh Abell!** She will be speaking in the Crosswalk service for middle schoolers (5-6:30 p.m.) and in the Corner service for high schoolers (6-7:30 p.m.).

MARCH 21 – Middle School and High School Students!

COLOR WAR for

Middle Schoolers – 5-6:00 p.m.

High Schoolers, join us for the

BONFIRE at 6:00 p.m!

Special guest: **BIG LEE!!!**

Pick up for all ages

will be at 8:00 p.m!

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!