Becoming an Easter People

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at our services on Easter Sunday! Thank you to all the musicians who blessed us with their talents in proclaiming the good news of the resurrection. Thank you to those who served as acolytes, greeters, and temperature-takers. What a blessing you all are!

The call of scripture is not simply to have attended Easter services, but in these days, by the Spirit of God, to become an Easter People. As the words in William James’ hymn tell us:

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven’s choices; heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.
Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.

When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

During the Sundays of Eastertide (from Easter Sunday up to Pentecost Sunday), Brett and I will be preaching on the Sightings of the Resurrected Lord – A Series About What Was Seen. I look forward to these days together as we live out the truth of Easter: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

On Sunday, April 18th, Bob and Julie Mendonsa, co-founders of Naomi’s Village in Kenya, will update us on this ministry at 10:00 a.m. in the Ministry Center. Plan to stay after the 9:00 a.m. service or come early before the 11:00 a.m. service to hear them speak about their life-saving work with the children and families in Miau Miau, Kenya.
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.

April 11, 2021

2nd Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude (Ken Bailey)......... “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” .............arr. Diane Bish

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

Hymn................................................ “Christ Is Risen” ......................................Number 307

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).......................... “To God Be The Glory” ...............William Doane

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.................................... “Breathe On Me, Breath of God” ........................Number 420

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Living God, as the risen Christ came into the locked room of the first disciples, May your Word enter into us by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we who Have not seen may yet believe. Amen.

The Written Word..........................................................John 20:19-31

The Spoken Word..... “UNLOCKING DOORS OF FEAR AND GUILT” ......Rev. Beckum

Invitation to Discipleship

Hymn................................................ “Trust and Obey” ....................................Number 467

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

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

Postlude (Ken Bailey)............ “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” ......................arr. Diane Bish

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.
CHRIST IS Risen

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend;
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
til this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

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

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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!

Music Box
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 45 minutes 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 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Handbell Room. Rehearsals will be limited to 45 minutes and masked at all times. Temperature checks will be taken between 5:45 p.m. and 5:55 p.m. at the 3rd Avenue entrance to the Music Suite.

Today's anthem: "To God be the glory, great things He has 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. Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory great things He has done. Praise the Lord, to Him be glory! Glory to His holy name!"

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Prayer Calendars
If you would like a prayer calendar mailed to you please call the church office @ 706-327-4343.
Nursery services will reopen on Sunday, April 25th for our infant through PK4 children with limited capacity. Reservations are required and walk-ups will not be accepted at this time. Additionally, we are asking that if your family utilizes St. Luke nursery services, that parents consider volunteering to assist in your child’s classroom. Volunteer dates are available on the nursery reservation form which can be found at www.cornerkidz.com.

Save the Date!!! Children’s Ministry is elated to announce IN PERSON Preschool Camp and VBS the week of June 21st through 25th, Space is limited so registration will be required. Look for more info on cost, times, registration and volunteer opportunities in the next few weeks!

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

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

STOP
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.

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 ministry and mission 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.

**Soullight Foundation:** In memory of Mr. Larry Caddell by Mr. Donald Grant, Dr. Elizabeth B. Brown, and The Tuesday Bunch.

**Samaritan Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Jeannette Schorr by Mr. and Mrs. Norris Randall. In memory of Mr. John D. Cartledge by Mrs. Carolyn Cartledge.

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

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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

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**Middle School and High School Students – See You This Sunday, April 11th for our Souled Out Summer Sign-Up Party!!!!!**

This will be in the Corner youth room from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. Come ready to sign up for Soled Out to receive a $10 discount and to be entered to win prizes! There will be a Soled Out Summer interest meeting for the parents in the large dining room at 6:30PM. We hope to see you there!

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**High School Seniors:**

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

We look forward to seeing you May 2nd!!

Senior Sermons (featuring high school seniors from our Synthesis Leadership Team) continue THIS SUNDAY with CG Renner! She will be speaking at the Souled Out Sign-Up Party from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in the Corner!