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St. Luke's Journey From Mother's Day to Pentecost

"I am one who has seen affliction...I have known bitterness and tribulation... I know what it is to be walled in by life and sit in darkness...My soul is bereft of peace and I have forgotten what happiness is. Gone is my glory and all I had hoped for from the Lord." (Lamentations 3 selected verses)

These are the words spoken by the prophet Jeremiah as he surveyed the ruins of Jerusalem. They may accurately describe the feeling of many St. Luke families who surveyed the ruins of their beloved sanctuary, destroyed by the Mother's Day fire of 1942, a time when the entire world was engaged in war. These are words of grief, fear, anger and disbelief. These words in their rawness reflect how profoundly painful life can be. The story would be an unending tragedy if it stopped there. But Jeremiah continues:

"But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lamentation 3:21-23)

Jeremiah learned: When life is at its worst God is at his best. Moments of despair can be turning points, turning to finding hope and life again. The early church learned this lesson even more profoundly in the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. St. Luke learned this lesson in a very personal way, emerging a stronger congregation from the ruins. This congregation found new life and vitality after the fire through the steadfast love of God and God's mercy.

I hope you realize we are a part of a larger story of who God is and what God is doing in the world. The biblical narrative and even our St. Luke Church story inform our own journeys with all their challenges, and we are reminded where our hope is grounded----in the steadfast love of God and in the inexhaustible mercies of God.

We are on a journey from Mother's Day remembrance, to Ascension Sunday exaltation, to Pentecost empowerment through which we have reason to live as a people of hope.

Welcome to the Haygoods

In these days of pastoral transition, let me encourage you to send a note to the Haygoods -- Thad, Laura, Gentry and Ruthie, assuring them of your love, prayers and joyful anticipation of their arrival at St. Luke: thadhaygood@gmail.com

Moving Day for South Georgia Clergy: June 16

Thad's first Sunday at St. Luke: June 20


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.

May 16, 2021

7th Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “Morning has Broken” arr. Diane Bish

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

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

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.**

The Sacrament of Baptism (*11:00 a.m.*).....Hunter Stevens Romeo

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Sarah) Romeo, Jr.

As Christ’s body, the church, we reaffirm both our rejection of sin and our commitment to Christ. With God’s help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Hunter Stevens with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust in God and be found faithful in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

**Anthem (*Chancel Choir*)..... “There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy”John Purifoy

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..... “Amazing Grace”Number 378

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.....Acts 9:1-19

The Spoken Word..... “EYES OF FAITH”Rev. Beckum

Hymn..... “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”Number 110

The Benediction.....Rev. Beckum

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

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 lifegate 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, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry 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 through Jesus the Son,
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **Refrain**

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same; and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours, through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever!

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.

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: "There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea. There's a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty. There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good. There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in His blood. But we make His love to narrow by false limits of our own. And we magnify His strictness with a zeal He will not own. For the love of God is broader than the measure of one's mind, and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more simple, we could take Him at His word, and our lives would be more loving in the likeness of our 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 loving memory of Mrs. Weezie Butler by Mr. and Mrs. Steve (Kent) Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Al (Betsy) Ramsay.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to the family of Mr. Jose Bove (St. Luke Director of Christen Education from 1980-1985) on his death on January 9, 2021, in Lakeland, FL.

IN MEMORIAM

Miss Sue A. Chambliss

May 8, 2021

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

In the month of May, Corner Kidz is hosting a Virtual 5k to give kids a tangible example about how practice takes commitment. Anyone can sign up! It's not just for kids! All money raised will go to Naomi's Village. Please visit www.cornerkidz.com to register today!

Save the date! Sunday School for children in grades K-5th will resume on Sunday, May 23rd. Additionally, Corner Kidz will reopen for children in K-3rd on Sunday, June 6th during the Nine and 11 o'clock services. Can't wait to welcome them all back!

Children's Ministry is elated to announce IN PERSON Preschool Camp and VBS the week of June 21st through 25th! **Registration is OPEN!** Space is limited so be sure to visit www.cornerkidz.com to reserve your spot today!

MILITARY MINISTRY

Men: Join us at Lakebottom Park at 5:15 a.m. Tu/Th and 6:00 a.m. Sat for F3: Fitness, Fellowship, and Faith. Contact Tony Mayne for details at tony@gallantfew.org and check out the F3 Nation website at www.f3nation.com.

A virtual weekly men's Bible study is available Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m. Contact Tony Mayne for more information

Summer Camp Scholarships: The Military Ministry is pleased to offer a limited number of partial scholarships to active duty military children to attend Saint Luke Church and School summer camps this June! Scholarships will be given first come first serve, with priority to need and rank. Please contact Nicole Mayne at nmayne@stlukeum.com for more information.

Reception for the Beckums

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is hosting a reception on Sunday, June 13, to honor Robert and Mary Pat Beckum for their 10 years of ministry at St. Luke. The come and go reception will be held from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the large dining room of the Ministry Center. Covid protocols will be followed. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

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.

Soullight Foundation: In memory of Mr. Larry Caddell by Mr. and Mrs. Jack G. Turner, Ms. Mary Mead, and the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

Music Fund: In memory of Lee Evelyn Pace Wilson and Bessie Howard Ward by Rosemarie Ward.

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

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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	
	CONTACT: JMOORE@STLUKEUM.COM PSTANLEY@STLUKEUM.COM MALLORYWOOD@STLUKEUM.COM	

Senior Sermons (featuring high school seniors from our Synthesis Leadership Team) continue **SUNDAY** with Claire Hidle!

Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers,
we will see you May 16 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.!



LIFE NIGHTS

The Corner **CROSSWALK**

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, MAY 23, 5PM-7PM.
FOOD, SENIOR SERMON, WORSHIP WITH SPECIAL GUEST: MIKE MARSHALL!

**OUR NEXT
LIFE NIGHT
WILL BE
MAY 23RD!!!!**

GUEST WORSHIP
LEADER:
MIKE MARSHALL
GUEST SPEAKER:
SCOTT SMITH

*You do not want
to miss it!!!*

WE CAN'T WAIT!