We were watching the news the other night and our 11th grade daughter Ruthie said, “The world just seems so out of control right now.” Boy was she right! Her observation clearly expresses what we are all feeling. What is this world coming to? Of course, those of us who have a few more years on Ruthie realize that this is nothing new. There are seasons in life when it feels like everything is under control and then there are seasons when it feels like Jesus can’t return fast enough. This is most definitely a season in which it feels as though calamity rules the day. Therefore, we need certainty. We need solid ground on which to stand. As we said in worship last week, The Apostles’ Creed provides us that firm foundation. Line after line of that historic creed give us biblical truths that will never be disrupted. No matter how chaotic and out of control the world might seem, God, the Father Almighty, will always be the maker of heaven and earth. Our almighty, creator God, stands outside of space and time and when it is all over, there will still be God. As the beautiful hymn says, “This is my Father’s world. Let me never forget, that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.” God was and is and will forever be in control, and we can take comfort in that.

Even though this gives us a great level of comfort, we are still faced with the current reality. Afghanistan is in upheaval with September 11th on the horizon and that scares us. Haiti has yet again been rocked by a one-two punch of earthquakes and a hurricane, and this causes us to feel helpless. Crime is on the rise in our towns and cities, and this makes us feel like we are on the verge of anarchy. The world most definitely seems out of control! As we will talk about this Sunday, however, we believe in “Jesus Christ our Lord.” Jesus himself said, “There will be wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. These things must happen…..but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.”

In the face of uncertainty, let us heed the words of Jesus to stand firm in our faith. Hold tightly to the word of life, be in fervent prayer, and may the God of peace reassure us all.

Thad Haygood, 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.

August 22, 2021                                          13th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude............................................ “Fanfare for an Occasion” ................David Lawrence Wood

Welcome and Opening Prayer.........................................................Rev. Thad Haygood

*Hymn............................................ “Come, Thou Almighty King” ..................Number 61

***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 (The Chancel Choir).............. “I Am No Longer My Own” ...............Mary McDonald

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer ..................................................Rev. Brett Maddocks

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........................................................................Rev. Maddocks

*Hymn............................................... “Blessed Assurance” ............................Number 369

Offertory Prayer....................................................................................Rev. Maddocks

Offertory.......................... “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” .....................arr. Diane Bish

*The Dedication of Offerings.................. “The Doxology”....................................Number 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Written Word..................................................................................John 3:16 (p. 88, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word..................................“HIS ONLY SON” ...............................Rev. Haygood

*Hymn............................................. “Standing on the Promises” ........................Number 374

*The Benediction....................................................................................Rev. Haygood

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

Postlude (Ken Bailey).......................... “And Can It Be” ...............................Improvisation

* Standing as able. **See Music Box *** quick means “living”; catholic means “universal”
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, August 22
8:30 a.m.  Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
9:00 a.m.  Contemporary Service (MIN) Live streamed at www.saintlukecolumbus.org
9:00 a.m.  CornerKidz K-3rd grade
9:45 a.m.  Sunday School
10:00 a.m.  Youth Sunday School (The Corner, MIN)
            College House Worship Service (College House)
            Pre-recorded broadcast of worship service on WTVM Channel 9
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            and at www.saintlukecolumbus.org beginning at 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.  CornerKidz K-3rd grade
2:00 p.m.  Mary Reed’s 100th Birthday Reception (LD, MIN)
5:00 p.m.  Crosswalk/High School (LD, MIN)
11:30 p.m.  Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, August 23
12 - 1:30 p.m.  Alzheimer’s Community Support Group (1021 Third Ave.)
7:30 p.m.  New Testament College Bible Study (College House)

Tuesday, August 24
7:00 a.m.  Men’s Prayer Breakfast (SD, MIN)

Wednesday, August 25
12 noon  Free College Lunch (College House)
6:00 p.m.  Handbell Choir (Handbell Room)
7:00 p.m.  Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
7:30 p.m.  College House Fellowship and Bible Study (College House)

Main (main building, where Sanctuary is), MIN (Ministry Center). Contact the Ministry Center for information about renting or reserving rooms, 706-256-1017.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ON ZOOM
St. Luke offers several Adult Sunday School classes for in-person times of study and fellowship. If you are unable to attend in person, the Discovery Class offers its 10:00 AM in person class each Sunday on Zoom. You do not have to be a member of the Discovery Class or St. Luke to attend. All are welcome! Those wanting the Zoom Link for the Discovery SS class, can also contact Ruth Brown by email or text. Use the subject line “Please send me the Link” or use those words in your text, ruthbrownyoga@gmail.com or text 706-570-8826.
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Children’s choir resumes on Wednesday September 15 from 4:45-5:30 p.m. Please visit www.cornerkidz.com to register today!

Calling all rising Kindergarteners! Bounce into Children’s Ministry with a welcome play-date at Launch on Sunday, August 29th from 3-4:00 p.m. RSVP to mhubbard@stlukeum.com to reserve your spot today! Parents, this is not a drop off event. Please plan to stay.

Our nursery is hiring! We are prayerfully seeking compassionate and reliable caregivers 16 years and older to provide childcare for our church families on Sunday mornings. Interested applicants should contact Michelle mhubbard@stlukeum.com for both an application and details.

Wednesday Night Supper returns on September 8th. Come to eat but stay to play. This first week only, send your children in their swimsuit under their clothes for they will get WET!

Military Ministry
For information about volunteering with St Luke’s CRU Military team to serve basic trainees on post, please contact Nicole nmayne@stlukeum.com.

Men: A weekly bible study is available 6:00 a.m. Wednesday at the ROC (or virtually) with breakfast following at 7:00 a.m. @RuthAnns. Fitness, Faith, and Fellowship: F3 workouts at Lakebottom Park occur at 5:15 a.m. Tu/Th and 6:00 a.m. Sat. Contact Tony Mayne for details at tony@gallantfew.org

Our New Testament study returns on Monday, August 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for our small group study on Identity in Christ, It will start Wednesday, September 8th at 7:30 p.m.

Check our instagram @collegehouse or facebook at College House Ministries for more information to get involved in August.
**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 honor of Mrs. Ingrid Griffin by Mrs. Annette Pollock.

**Music Scholarship Fund:** In honor of Mrs. Mary Reed’s 100th birthday by Mrs. Jeanne P. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Register.

**Memorial Maintenance Fund:** In honor of Mrs. Mary Reed’s 100th birthday by Rev. and Mrs. Don Kea.

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**FAMILY CAMP 2021 IS A GO!**

October 8-10, 2021

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**NEW BEGINNINGS FALL LUNCHEON**

Tuesday, September 14, 10:30 a.m.

Small Dining, Ministry Center

Reservations to Julie, 706-256-1017 by September 7, $10 each

Speaker: Susan Binns

“The Armour of God.”

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**MIDDLE SCHOOLERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS!**

We will have youth THIS SUNDAY, August 22, 5-7:00 p.m.!

We can’t wait to see YOU!

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**HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY is BACK!**

9th-11th grade girls, contact Lisa Moore! 12th grade girls, contact Mallory Wood!

All high school boys, contact JMO!