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Thad's Thoughts

Labor Day is upon us. A weekend set aside for rest and relaxation. Typically, this is the time of year when everyone does that “one last celebration of summer.” Either a quick getaway to the beach, or a cookout at the lake, or a trip to watch a favorite college football team kick-off the season. Whatever the case might be, the intent is to rest from our labors. As I get older, however, I am finding it harder and harder to truly rest. My brain is constantly in gear. I don't feel like I am fully present at any one time and place. Cell phones make this even harder for most of us. Even though we find ourselves in a group of people, five other people are texting, emailing, or calling and we want to know what they have to say. Thus, we feel scattered and stretched thin. When is the last time you truly felt rested?

In Matthew 11:28 Jesus says, “Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” This is such a beautiful and heartfelt invitation. Jesus genuinely wants us to come to him in order to find true rest from our labors. The problem, of course, is that we are often too busy to come to anybody for help finding rest. Who has time for that? Especially for coming to someone whom we can't even see! Yet, the quiet, sincere invitation is still there. “Come to me.” Isn't it comforting to know that we have an all wise, all knowing counselor at our disposal twenty four hours a day? Not only is Jesus all knowing, and all wise, he is the giver of peace and rest.

Next time you are feeling stressed and restless, try a simple breath prayer. Bishop James King, our resident Bishop, taught us a simple breath prayer several years ago that often gives me rest. Simply breathe in and as you do, pray, “God of life and love, fill me with your grace....” Then, as you exhale pray, “That I may do your will in Jesus name. Amen.” A simple exercise like this can give an instant vacation to the soul, and the peace of Christ has room to prevail. Happy Labor Day Weekend! May you truly experience rest from your labor.

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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.

September 5, 2021

15th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude..... “Amazing Grace”arr. J. Christopher Pardini

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

*Hymn..... “In Christ There Is No East or West”Number 548

***The Affirmation of Faith..... “The Apostles’ Creed”Rev. Dick Reese
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*)..... “Be Still”Mary McDonald

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s PrayerRev. Reese
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”anon.

The Children’s Sermon.....Rev. Haygood

*Hymn..... “Open My Eyes, That I May See”Number 454

Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Reese

Offertory..... “In Thee is Gladness”arr. Dale Wood

*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.....Luke 24:50-53 (p.85, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word.....“**HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN**”Rev. Haygood

The Invitation and Confession

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving.....Page 23-24; Hymnal

The Sharing of Bread and Cup

*Hymn..... “He Lives”Number 310

*The Benediction.....(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Reese (11:00 a.m.) Rev. Haygood

Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.)..... “Sevenfold Amen”Joahnn Naumann

Postlude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “He Lives”Improvisation

*Standing as able.

**See Music Box

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

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, September 5

- 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
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)/Broadcast over WLTC 103.7 Lite FM and at www.saintlukecolumbus.org beginning at 11:00 a.m.
- 11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, September 6 - Church, ELC, Ministry Center, School is Closed for Holiday

Tuesday, September 7

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (SD, MIN)
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship (Evening Women/Ministry Center Youth Room)

Wednesday, September 8

- 3:30 p.m. Middle School Bible Study (After School)
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper Kick-Off (MIN)
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir (Handbell Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
- 7-8:30 p.m. Synthesis High School Leadership Team Meeting (JMO and Lisa House)
- 7:30 p.m. College House Fellowship and Bible Study (College House)

Thursday, September 9

- 12 Noon Free College Lunch (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, ruthbrown yoga@gmail.com or text 706-570-8826.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Program: Wednesday Night Supper Kick-off

Doors open at **5:30 p.m.** The serving line is open until **6:30 p.m.** Please make or cancel reservations using the form below, by e-mailing jwidener@stlukeum.com, or by calling 706-256-1017 before noon on Monday.

Menu: Fried chicken, chicken marsala, baby carrots, roasted potatoes, salad, assorted desserts and rolls.

Name: _____

Adults (\$7.00) _____ Children (\$3.00) _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Email: _____

MUSIC BOX

Marc F. Boensel, Director of Music Ministries, mboensel@stlukeum.com

Children, Youth, and Adults are invited to find their place in the Music Ministry. New members are welcome throughout the year:

Chancel Choir rehearsals are at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Choir Room.

Handbell Choir rehearsals are at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Handbell Room.

Children's Choir begins on September 15 at 4:45 p.m. in the Choir Room.

St. Luke Orchestra rehearses for specific events throughout the year.

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: "Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am with you. Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need. Be still and know that I am here for you and I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed. Come to Me, My child, be still, and know that I will give you rest. I am present in your pain and I always will remain your Comforter and Friend. My peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you."

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE): 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, The Rev. Thad Haygood, preaching.

WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:30 p.m. worship in Chapel.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in loving memory Mrs. Ellen Sargent by the family.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES: October 31, and November 21. For more information contact Maggie Roberson at 706-327-4343 or maggie@stlukeum.com.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Atrium Health Navicent Medical Center (Macon, GA): Drew Aspinwall, E-402.

MILITARY MINISTRY

The Military Ministry is pleased to sponsor CRU Military's Reboot course on Wednesday nights after supper. Open to all active duty and veterans, this class focuses on spiritual healing after deployment.



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

"We are in immediate need of handwritten notes of encouragement for our basic trainee soldiers. Notes of encouragement, scriptures, or kids drawings etc are most welcome. Cards must be no bigger than an index card or a card folded to index card size in order to fit in the packet. CRU is ministering to over 400 soldiers a week who would appreciate a card. Please drop off at the ROC or main church building."

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad to have you with us today! If you have any questions or need assistance with anything, please ask a church greeter or any member of the church staff. For more information about St. Luke, contact Brett Maddocks or any of the pastors at 706-327-4343 or bmaddocks@stlukeum.com. Thank you for blessing us with your presence.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

mhubbard@stlukeum.com www.cornerkidz.com

Corner Kidz is back! Children K through 3rd grade will be dismissed from the Nine and 11 o'clock services. Combined K-5th grade Sunday School will meet in Stockwell Hall this Sunday due to the holiday.

Children's choir resumes on Wednesday September 15 from 4:45-5:30 p.m. Please visit www.cornerkidz.com to register today!

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!

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 Hubbard@mhubbard@stlukeum.com for both an application and details.

New Beginnings Fall Luncheon

Tuesday, September 14

10:30 a.m.

Small Dining Room

Ministry Center

Reservations to Julie 706-256-1017

by September 7

\$10 each

Speaker: Susan Binns

"The Armour of God."

Do you love working with children?

Join Our Ministry!

We Are Hiring

@ St. Luke

Early Learning Center!

Part-time and Full-time

Positions Available

Call 706-322-2703

Send resume to jparker@stlukeum.com

College House

A ministry for 18-24 year olds.

IG @collegehouse_

FB - College House Ministries



Free Lunch for College Students

Every Thursday from 12:00 - 1:30

1030 2nd Avenue



Wednesday Night Small Group Study

Starts Wednesday
September 8th at 7:30 pm

MONDAY NIGHTS

Bible Study 7:30pm

Begins on 8/23



Join us on Monday nights as we work our way through the New Testament, discussing an overview of each book.

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.

UMCOR: In memory of Mr. Claude T. Bass, Jr. by Ms. Nancy Pedersen.

Meals on Wheels: In honor of Duke and Mary Lewis Walsh by Mrs. Annette Pollock.



**FAMILY CAMP
2021 IS A GO!**
October 8-10, 2021
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
saintlukecolumbus.org

Prayer Calendars

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

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.



THE CORNER

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

**THERE WILL BE NO YOUTH SERVICE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH.
ENJOY TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY!**

MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

starting September 8th!
Wednesdays,
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. at the
Ministry Center!

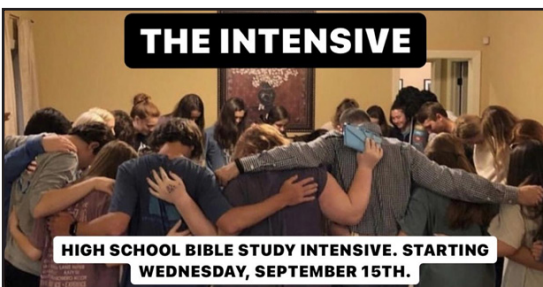
HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY is BACK!

9th-11th grade girls, contact Lisa Moore!
12th grade girls, contact Mallory Wood!
All high school boys, contact JMO!

COMING UP...

SYNTHESIS HIGH SCHOOL
LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING
WEDNESDAY, **SEPTEMBER 8TH**
AT JMO AND LISA'S HOUSE!
WE LOVE OUR HIGH SCHOOL
LEADERS!

SYNTHESIS LEADERSHIP



**SEPTEMBER 15TH -
HIGH SCHOOL
BIBLE STUDY
COED INTENSIVE
WE ARE SO EXCITED!**