Pride is known as one of the seven deadly sins. Some might even say that pride is the deadliest of all sins. The pride that the bible warns against is an arrogant pride. It is a selfish pride which says, “I can do this all on my own. I don’t need anyone’s help. I am the very best.” That type of pride leads only to failure. Yes, we might be able to do things on our own and do them very well for a period of time. However, eventually we will run out of steam and fall flat on our faces if we try to do everything under our own strength. Therefore, the bible tells us that in order to combat selfish pride we must repeatedly say, “I can do all things through CHRIST who strengthens me.” It is only through Christ that we truly become successful in life. Only Christ can give us true life. We must lay aside our selfish pride and humble ourselves before our savior. But the question remains, is there no room for pride at all?

If we are blessed to have children, there is the pride that we feel as parents. It is something that comes from deep within us as we feel pride over the accomplishments of our children and grandchildren. On another note, it can be a good thing when we take pride in our work. To take pride in our work means to take it seriously and to give our very best to it. There is the pride that we feel as a community. When a community feels collective pride things work better, people are generally happier, and there is a deep sense of connectedness.

I say all of this to say that there is a very healthy pride at St. Luke Church. From my experience so far, it is not an arrogant pride, but a pride in who we are in Christ. It is a pride that keeps us moving forward and continually seeking to be better for Him. The key is our humility. As long as we remember that it is all because of Jesus, it is all about him, and it is all FOR him, our hearts will remain on track. Tell someone this week that you are proud of them and remind them that they are God’s creation. Let’s keep Christ first in our hearts and in our church, and let’s take pride in moving onward and upward together.

Thad Haygood, Senior Pastor
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September 19, 2021
17th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude.............................................“God of Grace and God of Glory” ..........arr. Anna Laura Page

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

*Hymn...........................................“The Church’s One Foundation” .....................Number 545

***The Affirmation of Faith..............“The Apostles’ Creed” ..................Rev. Brett Maddocks
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)..............“Come Home” ..................................Craig Courtney

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer ..........................................................Rev. 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.................... “Dresden Amen” ...............................Johann Nauman

The Children’s Sermon....................................................................................Rev. Maddocks

*Hymn...........................................“Forward Through the Ages” .....................Number 555

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

Offertory ................................... “I Know Whom I Have Believed” ..........arr. Anna Laura Page

*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.......................................................Acts 2:42-47 (p. 112, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word...........“THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH” ............Rev. Haygood

*Hymn...........................................“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” ............................Number 540

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

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

Postlude (Ken Bailey)..............“The Church’s One Foundation” .....................Improvisation

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

**Sunday, September 19**
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (MIN) Live streamed at [www.saintlukecolumbus.org](http://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](http://www.saintlukecolumbus.org) beginning at 11:00 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m. CornerKidz K-3rd grade
- 5-7:00 p.m. Middle and High Schoolers starts “Big God”
- Sunday Night Study “A Journey thru Scripture” with Brett Maddocks
- 11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

**Monday, September 20**
- 6:00 p.m. College House Worship (College House)
- 7:30 p.m. New Testament Study (College House)

**Tuesday, September 21**
- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast (SD, MIN)/College House Men’s Small Group
- 9:30 a.m. Women in the Word (Youth Room)
- 1:30 p.m. Susanne McCluskey’s Bible Study (Respite Care)
- 7:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship (Evening Women/Ministry Center Youth Room)

**Wednesday, September 22**
- 3:30 p.m. Middle School Bible Study (After School)
- 4:45 p.m. Children's Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper (MIN)
- 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)

**Thursday, September 23**
- 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.

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**FAMILY CAMP**

2021 IS A GO!
- October 8-10, 2021
- REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
- [saintlukecolumbus.org](http://saintlukecolumbus.org)

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**WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**

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, lemon chicken, green beans, rice, rolls, salad and assorted desserts.

Name: _____________________________________________________________

Adults ($7.00) _______ Children ($3.00) _______ Daytime Phone: _____________________________

Email: _____________________________________________________________

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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** rehearsals are at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons 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:** “Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me. See on the portals He’s waiting and watching, watching for you and for me. Come home, you who are weary. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not His mercies, mercies for you and for me? O for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.”

**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE):** 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, 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 of Mrs. Jane Kendrick Blackmar by the family.

**OUR KNOWN SICK:** Piedmont Northside: Norma Little, ICU. Tom Hart, 337.

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** To Mr. and Mrs. Andy (Charlotte) Bowman in the death of his father, Mr. Don Bowman, September 4, 2021, Columbus, GA.

To Mr. and Mrs. Adam (Allison) Beatty and family in the death of her father, Mr. Timothy Smith, on September 13, 2021, in Gastonia, NC.

To Maj. (Ret.) and Mrs. Tony (Nicole) Mayne and family in the death of her aunt, Mildred Williams, on September 14, 2021, in Florence, SC.

**CRADLE ROLL:** Mr. and Mrs. Trey (Caroline) Wilkinson announce the birth of a daughter, Elise Corinne Wilkinson, September 12, 2021, Columbus, GA. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carlton (Renee) Wilkinson. A rose has been placed in the chancel area in her honor.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Mrs. Mary Belle Williams

September 8, 2021

Wanting to join St. Luke?

Have just recently become a member?

Been a member for a while but want to know how to dig deeper?

Rev. Brett Maddocks will be teaching a membership class called “Life @ St. Luke” during Wednesday Night Supper (5:30 – 7 PM).

Contact Rev. Maddocks, bmaddocks@stlukeum.com if you have any questions or want to sign up.
Corner Kidz is back! Corner Kidz is back! Children K through 3rd grade will be dismissed from the Nine and 11 o’clock services. Beginning today, Kindergarten Sunday School will meet in room 106, 1st and 2nd grade in room 108, 3rd grade upstairs in the Commons area, and 4th and 5th grade in Stockwell Hall.

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

New Sunday Night Study
The Bible: A Journey Thru Scripture
Sunday nights starting today
September 19 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Contact Brett Maddocks (bmaddocks@stlukeum.com) for information or to sign up.

Military Ministry
We are collecting snacks monthly for soldier care packages in the basic training areas and chaplains’ office. In September, please donate individually wrapped beef jerky or slim Jims. Please drop off donations at the ROC or in the box by Kym Harden’s desk in the main church building.

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 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 training soldiers. Notes of encouragement, scriptures, or kids drawings are most welcome. Cards must be no larger than an index card or card folded to index card size. CRU is ministering to over 400 soldiers a week who would appreciate a card. Please drop off cards at the ROC or the main church building.”

College House
A ministry for 18-24 year olds.
IG@collegehouse_
FB - College House Ministries

Wednesday Night Small Groups
Identity In Christ
7:30 P.M.

Monday Night New Testament Study
7:30 P.M.
Free College Lunch Every Thursday
Noon 1:30 P.M.
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 Dr. Luther Smith by the Bereavement Ministry and Mr. Bryan Sargent. In memory of Mr. Claude T. Bass, Jr. by Mrs. Annette Pollock, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Harvey, and Mrs. Sylvia Powell.

Meals on Wheels: In memory of Mr. Claude T. Bass, J r. by Cindy and Jack Cox.

Music Fund: In memory of Mrs. Mollie Brinson by Mrs. Mildred McAfee.

Music Scholarship Fund: In memory of Mrs. Eleanor Wooten by Mrs. Jeanne P. Robinson.

U.M.C.O.R.: In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Denes, Mr. Claude T. Bass, Jr. and Mrs. Mary Eleanor Wooten by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Holton. In memory of Mr. Claude T. Bass, J r. by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boers and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Register. In memory of Dr. Luther Smith by Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams.

Samaritan Fund: In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Randall by Mrs. Annette Pollock. In memory of Mr. Gabriel Denes by Mr. and Mrs. Doug Harvey. In memory of Mrs. Eleanor Wooten by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boers. In memory of Mr. Claude T. Bass, J r., Mrs. Eleanor Wooten, and Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel (Pat) Denes by Mrs. Anna Montgomery. In memory of Dr. Luther Smith by Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Register. In memory of Mrs. Crista Reese by Mr. and Mrs. Norris Randall.

Bereavement Ministry: In memory of Gabriel and Patricia Denes by Mrs. Annette Pollock.

Food Pantry: In memory of Mrs. Eleanor Wooten by Mr. and Mrs. Doug Harvey.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mrs. Mary Eleanor Wooten by Mrs. Annette Pollock. In memory of Mr. Claude T. Bass, Jr. by Mrs. Lib Greer. In memory of Dr. Luther Smith by Mr. and Mrs. Lowry Reid, Jr., Mr. William Hardegree, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Theus, and Dr. and Mrs. Hollis Daniel Sigman.

Telephone Class Fund: In memory of Mr. Claude T. Bass, J r. by Ms. Beth McGee.

Naomi’s Village: In memory of Mr. Stephen Shaw Lokey by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kilpatrick, Jr.

St. Luke School: In honor of Charlene Pearson by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wynn.

THE CORNER

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY, Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. (MIN)

BIG GOD

ATTENTION ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS!

OUR FALL SERIES, BIG GOD, CONTINUES THIS SUNDAY NIGHT!

September 19th – 5-7PM

(Large Dining Room)

Amazing small groups led by

High School Synthesis Leaders!

Fun games, great worship, and a powerful message!

We can’t wait to see you there!

THE INTENSIVE

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY COED INTENSIVE STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND!

JOIN US WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM AT THE CORNER!

Check out our NEW MERCH!

Make sure to grab one of our new 3rd & 11th hats before they run out!

Get excited for more new merch that will hit our Corner Store SOON!