Thad’s Thoughts

“I give up!” These three simple words can be used in a variety of ways. If a puzzle is too perplexing, an impatient child might shout, “I give up!” If a riddle has been shared and the answer just won’t come, the eager person will say, “I give up,” hoping to get a quick answer. When a parent is earnestly trying to discipline a stubborn child and it appears that the child just isn’t going to give in, the mother might throw up her hands, look at the father and shout, “I give up!” This of course means, “the child is all yours to deal with now.”

We have entered into the Christian season of Lent. This is the time of year when we traditionally say, “I give up.” I give up chocolate. I give up carbs. I give up social media. The point, of course, is that we try to give up something so that every time we are tempted to have that particular thing we give thanks to God for all that He has given up for us. Ultimately, God said, “I give up my one and only son, so that you might live in eternity with me.” When we reflect on that deep reality, it puts everything else into perspective. When God said, “I give up” He didn’t walk away from humanity. Instead, He said, “I give up my everything to show my love to you.”

We all have human struggles that God calls us to give up. Some of the overarching struggles include pride, envy, fear, shame, and control. These things are not nearly as easy to give up as chocolate or social media. They take intentional effort, self-evaluation, struggle, and lots of prayer. As we move through the season of Lent in 2022, I invite you to look deeper than caffeine and sugar and seek to give up something far more substantial. After all, Jesus gave up his very life.

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March 6, 2022  First Sunday in Lent

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

*Prelude (SLO).............................. “Diademeta Fantasy” .........................arr. James Ployhar (Jim Evans, Conductor)

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

*Hymn.................................... “The God of Abraham Praise” .....................Number 116

***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)........... “On a Hill Far Away” .........................Joseph Martin

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..................... “Amen III” ........................................Marc Boensel

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

*Hymn................................. “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” .....................Number 117

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

Offertory (SLO).......................... “Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring” ......................J. S. Bach

*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 22:7-16 (p. 81, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word......................... “24 Hours: The Last Supper” ...............Rev. Haygood

*Hymn................................... “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” ............Number 269

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

Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.)...... “Lenten Amen” .........................Marc Boensel

Postlude (SLO)........................... “Fortuna from Carmina Burana” ..............Carl Orff

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

Sunday, March 6
8:30 a.m.  Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
9:00 a.m.  Contemporary Service (MIN) Live streamed at www.saintlukecolumbus.org
CornerKidz K-3rd Grade
9:45 a.m. Sunday School/ Children's Choir (Choir Room)
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.
11:00 a.m. CornerKidz K-3rd grade
12:30 p.m. Worship in Spanish (Turner Chapel, Main)
5-6:00 p.m. Corner/Crosswalk (LD, MIN)
11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, March 7
7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (SD, MIN)
College House Men's Small Group (College House)
9:30 a.m. Women in the Word (Youth Room)
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
10:30 a.m. Circle One Meeting (Meeting Room, MIN)
1:30 p.m. Soul Sisters Bible Study (College House)
7:00 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship (The Meeting Room)

Tuesday, March 8
10:30 a.m. New Beginnings Circle (Room 110, Main)

Wednesday, March 9
7:00 a.m. College Guys Group (College House)
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
3:30 p.m. Middle School Bible Study (After School)
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper (MIN)
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Handbell Room, Main)
6:30 p.m. Girls' High School Bible Study (The Corner, MIN)
Boys' High School Bible Study (The Amos' House)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room, Main)
7:30 p.m. College House Fellowship and Bible Study (College House)

Thursday, March 10
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
12 Noon Free College Lunch (College House)

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

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, honey baked ham, peas, macaroni and cheese, salad, rolls and assorted desserts.

Name: ____________________________________________

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

E-mail: ___________________________________________________________________________

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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 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Handbell Room.

**Children's Choir** rehearsals are during Sunday School 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, Choir Robe Fund, or Organ Fund.

Today’s Anthem: “On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame. And I love that old cross were the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain. So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down. I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown. Oh that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me. For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, it’s shame and reproach gladly bear. Then he’ll call me some day to my home far away, where his glory forever I’ll share.” -George Bennard

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

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in honor of Sally Adams on her 15th birthday by her grandmother, Mrs. Sally Adams.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Mr. Charles Walter Collins
March 1, 2022

**OUR KNOWN SICK:** St. Francis: Jed Harris, CVICU, 18.

**Upcoming Study and Fellowship Opportunity for St Luke Women**

June 3rd - 5th, 2022
The Cove (Billy Graham Center) in Asheville, NC

**Made to Crave**
Speaker: Lisa Harper

Join us as we learn how to have the active, redemptive, up-close and personal, REAL relationship with Jesus Christ our souls crave!

$75 deposit reserves your spot (only 20 spots available)

For more information contact Mary Pat Beckum @ 229-942-6099 or jrbeckum@aol.com

**RESPIRE CARE IS OPEN!**

**TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY**
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
St. Luke Respite Ministry is accepting new participants with early stages of Alzheimer’s on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For more information you may call Kathryn Fussell, 706.256.3117.
Children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade will be dismissed from the Nine and 11 o'clock services for Corner Kidz. Also, Kindergarten Sunday School meets in room 108, 1st and 2nd grade in room 106, 3rd grade upstairs in the Commons area, and 4th and 5th grade in Stockwell Hall.

St. Luke Summer Camp registration is OPEN!!! We're headed to Shocco Springs June 17th through the 20th. All children completed 3rd through completed 6th are welcome. Space is LIMITED so please visit www.cornerkidz.com to reserve your child's spot today!

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.

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN’S MINISTRY St. Luke Church is prayerfully seeking a new Director of Children’s Ministry. This person must be a committed disciple of Jesus Christ, who is compassionate and self-motivated, and will be a loving leader to guide our Children’s Ministry from birth through fifth grade. Qualifications for this full-time position are experience in Children's Ministry and at least a Bachelor's Degree. This person should have a calling from God to serve children, their families and the adults who will disciple these children. The ideal candidate should have strong leadership abilities and excellent interpersonal skills, be a team player, and have the ability to recruit, inspire, develop and empower a team of ministry volunteers. The right person must have the ability to create a vision for Children’s Ministry and be dedicated to leading children to become disciples for Jesus Christ. Responsibilities include managing and overseeing the entire Children’s Ministry, including church nurseries, children's Sunday School, children's church, Sunday night activities, Wednesday night activities, children’s choir, and seasonal events, such as Christmas programs, Easter programs, Vacation Bible School, and St. Luke Summer Camp. Interested persons should send resume and cover letter to: Kelly Pridgen at kpridgen@stlukeum.com.

UPPER ROOMS for March & April
Devotional books are now available in the Narthex and the Parlor. Regular print is $1.00. Large print is $2.00.
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.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mrs. Louie Crawford by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Scarborough.
Choir Robe Fund: In honor of Mrs. Beth Parsons by Mrs. Annette Pollock.
Music Scholarship Fund: In honor of Mrs. Joanne Cavis by Mr. and Mrs. David Snipes.
Open Door Walk Classic: In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Lee McCluskey by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Newman.

Military Ministry
Contact Nicole Mayne at nmayne@stlukeum.com to learn how to volunteer on Fort Benning with CRU Military.

New Beginnings Meeting & Lunch
Tuesday, March 9, 2022
10:30 a.m. (Room 110)
Speaker: Peggy Ledford
Join us for lunch and celebrate the green! All ladies invited

Phone Volunteers Needed
If you have 3-4 hours a month to volunteer and would like to be more involved at St. Luke, consider being a phone volunteer. Kym Harden (kym@stlukeum.com) will train you!

The Corner
MS Bible study immediately after school on Wednesday
HS Girls' Bible study is 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Corner
HS Boys' Bible study is 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Tripp and Jenifer Amos' house
Souled Out Summer information coming soon!