Thad's Thoughts

Although Easter Sunday has officially passed for 2022, we are still in the Christian season of Eastertide. Another name for this period of time is The Great Fifty Days. This is the fifty day period between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday. It is during this time that the scriptures tell us the resurrected Christ appeared to the disciples in many different times and places. He appeared first at the tomb, then he appeared in places like the beach, the upper room, and the road to Emmaus. The Great Fifty Days encompass the day of resurrection, the ascension into heaven, and the sending of the Holy Spirit. Thus, this is the time in which we celebrate our belief that, “On the third day he arose from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and he sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.” It is also during this time period that we remember Jesus saying to his disciples, “I will not leave you comfortless……the Father will send the Holy Spirit in my name.”

Jesus has not appeared to anyone on Earth in bodily form since he first ascended into heaven, at least not that we know of. However, Jesus appears to believers everyday through the power of the Holy Spirit. He appears in the form of a comforting friend who is a believer. He appears as a helper in time of trouble who is seeking to carry out God’s will. He appears to people who have near death experiences. He appears in nature, in worship, and in unlikely places.

Someone told me recently that they had a near death experience in the hospital. A particular nurse saved this person’s life that night. Several weeks later, this person was entering a local restaurant and their spouse fell in the parking lot. Two ladies came running out of the restaurant to help. One of the ladies who helped in the parking lot was the same nurse who had saved the person’s life a few weeks before. Yes, Jesus appears even today! Where have you seen Jesus lately?

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April 24, 2022
2nd Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude (The Handbell Choir) ............... “Easter Bells” ................................. Michael Ryan

Welcome and Opening Prayer.................................Rev. Brett Maddocks

*Hymn.................................. “Ye Servants of God” ............................................. Number 181

***The Affirmation of Faith........... “The Apostles’ Creed” ............................. Mr. Rob Ward
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).............. “Draw Me to the Cross” ........................... Lloyd Larson

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer.................................................................Mr. Ward
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.................................................................Mr. Chuck Bolton

*Hymn.................................. “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” ........................... Number 420

Offertory Prayer.................................................................Mr. Bolton

Offertory (The Handbell Choir)........ “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” ......................... Barbara Kinyon

*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........................................ 1 Corinthians 15:1-11(p. 165, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word... “DOES THE RESURRECTION REALLY MATTER?” ........................Rev. Maddocks

*Hymn........................................ “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” ........................... Number 139

*The Benediction........................ (8:30 a.m.) Mr. Marc Boensel (11:00 a.m.) Rev. Maddocks
Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.)...... “Sevenfold Amen” ................................. Peter Lutkin

Postlude....................... “Toccata on Christ the Lord is Risen Today” ...................... Diane Bish

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

Sunday, April 24
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.
Corner Kidz 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

Tuesday, April 26
7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (SD, MIN)
9:30 a.m. Women in the Word (Youth Room)
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
1:30 p.m. Soul Sisters Bible Study (College House)
7:00 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship (The Meeting Room)

Wednesday, April 27
8:30 a.m. SLS JrK Field Trip to Oxbow Meadows
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 Blairs' House)
Boys' High School Bible Study (The Amos' House)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room, Main)
College House Fellowship and Bible Study (College House)

Thursday, April 28
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
12 Noon Free College Lunch (College House)

Friday, April 29
ELC Field Day (Green Space)
7:00 p.m. SLS Play (LD, MIN)

Saturday, April 30
7:00 p.m. SLS Play (LD, MIN)
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, beef tips, baby carrots, rice, salad, rolls, and assorted desserts.

Name: _____________________________________________________________
Adults ($7.00) _______ Children ($3.00) ___________Daytime Phone: ___________________________
Email: _______________________________________________________________________

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2128 Project! The revitalization plan for our wonderful 1948 pipe organ. St. Luke will be 200 years old in 2028, and if we can refurbish our organ with the latest technology by then, we will be preserving this wonderful instrument for the next 100 years! Donations to the Organ Fund will go directly to this project.

Today’s Anthem: See Hymnal #419

**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE):** 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, Rev. Brett Maddocks 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 loving memory of Gabriel Max Denes by the Culbreth and Denes families.

**OUR KNOWN SICK:** Piedmont Midtown: Cecil “Gene” Harden, ICU 10 Bed 24.

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** To Dr. and Mrs. Tommy (Jennifer) Parker in the death of his mother, Mrs. Sandra Parker, on April 12, 2022, in Americus, GA.

**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.

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**“Who’s on the Couch?”**

**From Anxiety to Trust**

**SUNDAY, MAY 1**

**5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

St. Luke Ministry Center (Nursery available upon request)

Cost: $10

(Dinner included)

Call Kym in the church office to make your reservation @706-327-4343 or register on our website @www.saintlukecolumbus.org

**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.

**OUR CLERGY STAFF**

Rev. Thad Haygood, Senior Minister
Rev. Brett Maddocks, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dick Reese, Minister of Pastoral Care
Bishop James King, Bishop in Residence
Please join us outside on the playground today during the Sunday School hour for an “Aloha” celebration as we welcome our new Children’s Ministry Director. There will be games, music and a visit from the Icey Girl. You don’t want to miss it!

VBS registration is OPEN! Hope your child will join us July 18th through the 22nd as we Make Waves and explore what we do today can change the world around us. Be sure to visit www.cornerkidz.com to register for both preschool and elementary VBS. It’s going to be AWESOME!

RESPITE MINISTRY is in need of additional volunteers on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. If you are interested reach out to Kathryn Fussell, Director 706.256.3117 or kfussell@stlukeum.com.

ST. LUKE FREE SPIRITS
Let Us Entertain Ya’ll!!
The Golden Divas Performing Group of the Southwest Georgia Classic Club

Please join us for the Free Spirits luncheon on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.
Cost: $10
St. Luke Ministry Center
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Prayer Calendars
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Free Lunch Thursdays:
12 Noon-1:30 p.m.
Stay and eat or take a plate to go!
The BIBLE PROJECT: Monday at 7 p.m.
Mid-Week Service
Wednesday - 7 p.m.
Contact kdavidson@stlukeum.com for more information

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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.

Women’s Ministry: In honor of Mrs. Suzanne McCluskey, Mrs. Susan Graham, and Mrs. Kent Butler by Dr. and Mrs. Rob Cartwright.

St. Luke Preschool: In honor of Mrs. Allison Beatty by Dr. and Mrs. Rob Cartwright.

Youth Ministry: In honor of Tripp and Jennifer Amos by Dr. and Mrs. Rob Cartwright.

UMCOR/Ukraine: In honor of Ken and Glenda Crew by Mrs. Barbara Collins. In honor of Mrs. Mary Bass by Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams. In memory of Mr. John Ilges by Mrs. Alice Gentry Douglas.

Crossroads Class Fund: In honor of Mr. Jerry Elmore, Mr. Bob Hydrick, and Mr. Tom Scott by Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Culbreth.

Christie Garden Fund: In memory of Dr. Champ Baker by Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Riley.

Respite Scholarship Fund: In memory of Dr. Champ Baker and Dr. Bill Hortman by Mr. and Mrs. Larry King, Miss Meredith King and Miss Julie King.

Music Fund: In memory of Mrs. Mary Hermann by the Bereavement Committee. In memory of Mr. David Land by Mr. and Mrs. Win Fowler.

2128 Organ Fund: In honor of Mrs. Annette Pollock by Claire and Caroline Childs. In memory of Mrs. Mary Hermann by Mrs. Joan Dickson. In honor of Mr. Ken Bailey by Judge and Mrs. Art Smith.

Choir Robe Fund: In honor of Mrs. Joan Dickson by Mr. and Mrs. Rick Anthony. In honor of the Chancel Choir, Dr. Marc Boensel, Mr. Ken Bailey, and Mrs. Karen Lewis by Ms. Nancy Pedersen.

Soul Light Foundation: In memory of Mr. Larry Caddell by Drs. Cliff and Christy Ruehl.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mr. David Land by Ms. Jennifer Fowler. In honor of Rev. Thad Haygood by Mr. and Mrs. J. John Douglas.

Ranger Outreach Center (ROC): In memory of Col. Scott McGurk by Mrs. Marsha Mason.

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!

THE CORNER

Absolute deadline to register is this Sunday, April 24th

Chaperones NEEDED!

Contact Peggy at pstanley@stlukeum.com

Let’s go!!

SOUL EQ

June 6-10
to register
scan the QR code
or go to TheCornerStudents.com