Thad's Thoughts

2022 is flying by and summertime is fast approaching. Many of us are making plans for family vacations, sending kids to camp, and generally taking on a slower, more relaxed lifestyle during the warm summer months. It’s a time my family looks forward to every year! As you make your plans for the summer, I want to encourage you to include worshipping at St. Luke as a weekly priority. Whether it’s in person when you are in town, or watching on-line while you are at the beach, you are an important part of the body of Christ!

Why is worshipping together so important? The New Testament frequently mentions the importance of the Church and commands us to regularly gather in worship with other believers. Hebrews 10:25 tells us to “…consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another…”

With the onset of the pandemic, worshipping remotely from our homes became a necessary alternative to coming together each week. And for many people who are homebound or otherwise unable to attend church in person, it is a blessing to participate in worship via the TV and computer. But for those who are able, there is no substitute for worshipping in person together as Christ’s Church.

Worshipping together each week is a foretaste of the kind of worship we will experience as believers in heaven and allows us to joyfully anticipate being able to worship with all God’s people before the Lord. Corporate worship is critical for true fellowship and spiritual growth. When we worship together we communicate the importance of the Church to the community around us and become better equipped to offer salt and light to an unbelieving world. Regularly and frequently worshipping together is the best way to unite our spiritual family, encourage one another and experience the truth of God’s Word as one body.

If you are able, please join us in person at one of our three Sunday worship services. I pray you have a safe summer and look forward to seeing you at St. Luke!

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May 22, 2022

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

Prelude (The Handbell Choir)........... “March from Sonata No. 2”.........................Henry Purcell

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

*Hymn................................ “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” .................Number 103

***The Affirmation of Faith......... “The Apostles’ Creed” ..........
(8:30 a.m.)Mr. Chuck Bolton
(11:00 a.m.) 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..................... “Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord” ......................Joel Raney
(The Chancel Choir with Luis Mora, trumpet)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer............(8:30 a.m.) Mr. Bolton (11:00 a.m.) 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..................... “Danish Amen” ................................................anon.

The Children’s Sermon.................................................................Mrs. Jessica Culver

*Hymn.................................. “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” .........................Number 79

Offertory Prayer..............................................(8:30 a.m.) Mr. Bolton (11:00 a.m.) Rev. Maddocks
Offertory (The Handbell Choir)............. “Celebrate with Gladness” ..........................Susan Geschke

*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.............................................Colossians 1:9-14 (p. 188, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word............. "CHRIST, OUR LIGHT OF DISCERNMENT" ............Rev. Haygood

*Hymn..................................... “Shall We Gather at the River” ..........................Number 723

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

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

Postlude................................... “Immortal, Invisible”.................................arr. Don Wyrtzen

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

Sunday, May 22
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)
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

Monday, May 23
Posting Planning for SLS Teachers

Tuesday, May 24
7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (SD, MIN)
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, May 25
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
11:30 a.m. Respite Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (LD, MIN)
6:30 p.m. Girls' High School Bible Study (The Blair's 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, May 26
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)

Your help is needed as St. Luke hosts the South Georgia Annual Conference June 5-8
Help us welcome our fellow Methodists!
You may register at https://sgaumc-reg.brtapp.com/2022ACVolunteerRegistration, use the QR code or use the sign-up sheets available in SS folders and the parlor. Return sign-up sheets in SS folder or to the church office.
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 7:00pm on Wednesday evenings in the Choir Room. **Handbell Choir, Children’s Choir, and Orchestra resume in the Fall.**

Please consider a gift to the Music Ministry. You may mark your donation to the Music Fund, Music Scholarship Fund, or Orchestra Fund.

**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: “Alleluia, shout for joy loud and long, sing to God a glorious new song. Give thanks to the risen Lord, give praise to his name! Jesus is Lord of all the earth, He is the King of creation. Spread the good news over all the earth; Jesus has died and has risen. We have been crucified with Christ, now we shall live forever. Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to the Savior.”

**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 honor of Mrs. Chris Bone for her birthday by her children.

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** To Mr. and Mrs. Jerry (Ruth) Brown in the death of his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, on May 7, 2022, in Clarksville, TN.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:** Drs. Graham and Catherine Mercier announce the birth of a son, Pierce Allen Mercier, on April 25, in Charleston, SC. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Orr and proud great-grandparent is Mrs. Carol Orr. A rose has been placed in the chancel area in his honor.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Mr. and Mrs. Ward (Jessica) Culver and their daughters, Savannah, Madison and Annabelle come by transfer from another denomination. Their son, Penn Haddon, will be added to our constituency roll. Jessica is our new Director of Children’s Ministries.

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Let’s celebrate Brett Maddocks’ ministry on Sunday, June 5 during the Sunday School hour (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

Stockwell Hall

All church members are invited!

(Children’s Sunday School will be cancelled to allow families to attend together.)
Children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade will be dismissed from the Nine and 11 o’clock services for Corner Kidz (Children's Church). Children can be picked up after Corner Kidz in Stockwell Hall. Sunday School for grades K-5th will meet in Stockwell Hall, from 10-10:50 a.m.

Nursery is offered from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the preschool hall next to Stockwell for infants through Pre-K.

**VBS registration is OPEN and spots are filling up quickly!**
Hope your child will join us July 18th through the 22nd as we Make Waves and explore how 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.

**RESPITE MINISTRY POSITION OPENING:** Program Assistant for Respite Care Ministry to assist with daily operations of the programs activities. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Email your resume to kpridgen@stlukeum.com.

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY** is looking for a nursery coordinator. The nursery coordinator supervises and coordinates staffing, volunteers, programming, and curriculum for all nursery services at St Luke UMC in partnership with the Children’s Ministry Director. If interested, please send your resume to Tracey Williams at twilliams@stlukeum.com.

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**College House**

Thank you for your continued support in helping us raise funds for the Fall retreat in Jackson Hole, WY.

Join us Wednesday nights at 7pm for a study on the Tabernacle.

Stay tuned to social media for other events.

IG @collegehouse_  
Facebook College House Ministries  
For more information email k davidson@stlukeum.com

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**Donate Your Athletic Shoes**

Shoes sit in landfills 30-40 years, releasing harmful chemicals into the soil. Let us recycle your shoes for you! Drop any athletic shoe (with an insole) into a donation box located in The Ministry Center, The Corner or The College House.

Please pray for Emmi Propst as she spends the summer interning in Kenya at Naomi’s Village.
**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 Jan Campbell Buracker by Mr. and Mrs. George Mize. In memory of Dr. Champ Baker, Dr. Bill Hortman, and Mr. Gene Harden by Mr. and Mrs. John Brantley. In memory of Dr. Champ Baker by Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett. In memory of Mr. Gene Harden by Mrs. Lynn Christenson.  

**Organ Fund:** In honor of Mr. Ken Bailey, Mrs. Rose Marie Ward, and Mrs. Karen Lewis by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wynn.  

**Samaritan Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Rose King by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Holton. In memory of Mrs. Rose King, Dr. Champ Baker, and Mr. Bill Whatley by Mr. and Mrs. John Brantley. In memory of Dr. Champ Baker by Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett. In memory of Mr. Gene Harden by Mrs. Lynn Christenson.  

**Ranger Outreach Center Fund:** In memory of Col. Warde P. (Skip) Chittenden by Mrs. Joyce Chittenden.  

**Food Pantry:** In memory of Mr. Mizell Alexander by Mr. Billy Cunningham.  

**Meals on Wheels Fund:** In memory of Mr. Mizell Alexander Mrs. Judith Hubbard.

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**Missions Moment**
Chuck Bolton, Director of Missions and Outreach, cbolton@stlukeum.com

**Missions Opportunity!**
Want to do something meaningful for the Kingdom of God this summer? Join us as we travel to Ensenada, Mexico to build a home and share the love of Jesus with a family in desperate need of a miracle.

No experience is necessary!  
See me regarding costs.  
Trip dates are July 24-30th.  
All ages are welcome!  
Come on St Luke, let's change the world together!

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**Military Ministry**
At all services on May 29th, we will be praying over CRU Military's spiritual fitness kits. They will be given to over 3000 basic trainees this summer.

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**The Corner**
No middle school weekly Bible study until June. Stay tuned for details.

HS Girls' Bible study is 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Blairs' House  

HS Boys' Bible study is 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Amos' House  

**No Sunday evening youth on Sunday, May 29th (Memorial Day)**