Thad's Thoughts

Memorial Day Weekend. For most of us, it is a four day weekend filled with family time, pool or lake time, grill time, and a time for making memories. However, for the families of those men and women who gave their all for our country, it represents much more. For those families it is a time of remembering all that their loved ones sacrificed so that the rest of us could enjoy family, pool, and grill time. Ideally, this weekend can be both things for all of us. It can be a time for fun and relaxation, but it can also be a time for using that down time to reflect and give thanks. Thank you to all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country so that we can continue to live in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

As Christians, this is our foundation. We have been given freedom to live, love and be joyful because of the selfless sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus gave up everything, including his very life, so that we could live lives free from bondage to sin and death. That is ultimate freedom! To know that we can walk in the light of Christ all of our days and not be bound by darkness is very freeing. In response, we are called to lay down our own lives in service and witness for Jesus. This is done through humility and gratitude.

As one military commander said, “We stand on holy ground! For this field was the altar of God. The Master said, 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.' Here, our comrades laid down their lives for love of country, for human right, for the love and service of man. We sorrow at their loss, but we rejoice at their glorious death and achievements. God grant that the fruits of their sacrifice be preserved to our country.”

As I seek to lay down my life for you, oh God, may the fruits of my labor be preserved for your glory! Thank you for all that you have done for me.

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

May 29, 2022 Ascension Sunday

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

Prelude (organ)................................. “Piece Heroique”.................................Cesar Frank
Welcome and Opening Prayer.........................................................Rev. Thad Haygood

**Hymn**........................................... “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” ..............Number 154

***The Affirmation of Faith............ “The Apostles’ Creed” ..............

Mr. Rob Ward (8:30 a.m.)
Rev. Brett Maddocks (11:00 a.m.)

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.

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:00 a.m.).................................Annaclaire Brooke Price
Daughter of Teddy and Mandy Price

As Christ’s body, the church, we reaffirm both our rejection of sin and our commitment to Christ. With God’s help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Annaclaire with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust in God and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

**Anthem................. “Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones”.....Hatch, Alexander and Nash
(The Chancel Choir)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer....................... (8:30 a.m.) Mr. Ward (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..................... “Dresden Amen”............................Johann Naumann

The Written Word.....................................................Exodus 13:17-22  (p. 58, OT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word..................

"DON'T TAKE THE SHORTCUT” ....................Rev. Haygood

*Hymn.............................................. “Victory in Jesus” .....................................Number 370

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

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

Postlude.......................  “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”....................Organ Improvisation

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

**Sunday, May 29**
- 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) CornerKidz K-3rd Grade
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 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](http://www.saintlukecolumbus.org) beginning at 11:00 a.m. Corner Kidz K-3rd grade
- 12:30 p.m. Worship in Spanish (Turner Chapel, Main)
- 11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

**Monday, May 30**
- **Campus Closed for Memorial Day Holiday**

**Tuesday, May 31**
- 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, June 1**
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 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, June 2**
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)

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

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**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](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.
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 through June.

**Handbell Choir, Children’s Choir,** and **St. Luke Orchestra** are all on their Summer Breaks, and will 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:** “Blades of grass and pure white stones shelter those who’ve come and gone. Just below the emerald sod are those who’ve reached the arms of God. Buried there with dignity, endless rows for all to see. Freedom’s seeds in sorrow sown, beneath blades of grass and pure white stones. Blades of grass and pure white stones cover those who left their homes, to rest in fields there side by side, lest we forget their sacrifice.”

**IN MEMORIAM**

Mr. Carter John Cain - May 18, 2022

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in loving memory Carl and Mark Porter by Mrs. Anne Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Porter, Mr. Chris Harman, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin McQuilken, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Porter, Mr. and Mrs. John Porter, Carl’s grandchildren and great grandchildren.

**RESPITE MINISTRY**

We are 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.

**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.

**HOW DO I JOIN THE CHURCH?**

You may become a part of the St. Luke family of God in one of the following ways:

1. If you have never joined a church before, you may become a member by profession of faith in Jesus Christ and by being baptized. If you have already been baptized (as a child or as an adult) in a Christian Church, your baptism is recognized by St. Luke United Methodist Church. You will be asked to uphold St. Luke church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

2. If you are a member of another United Methodist Church or another Christian denomination, indicate to one of the pastors that this is your desire. St. Luke will then transfer your membership.

3. If you have any questions about faith in Christ, about United Methodism in general or St. Luke in particular, please ask one of the pastors!
Corner Kidz Sunday School is combined for the summer. We can’t wait to see you!

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](http://www.cornerkidz.com) to register for both preschool and elementary VBS. It’s going to be AWESOME!

Women of St. Luke! Don’t miss our 6-week summer ladies Bible study starting Tuesday, June 14. Following our recent “Who’s on the Couch?” event, Amy Ward will lead this exciting study on Philippians called “Get Out of Your Head” by author Jennie Allen. There are TWO sessions to choose from! 10:30 a.m. - noon OR 5:30-7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays (June 14, 21, 28, July 12, 19, 26). The study will be located in The Corner Youth Room in the St. Luke Ministry Center. To register, email Kym Harden at kym@stlukeum.com by June 3 and make sure to specify between morning or evening options. To purchase your study workbook, simply use the QR code. See you in June!

**ST. LUKE FREE SPIRITS**

**Enjoy the Musical Stylings of “Sweet T”**

Featuring Jan Hyatt, Connie Ussery & Sue Ellen Williams

**Tuesday, June 21, 2022**

11:30 a.m. Cost $10

For reservations, contact Kym at 706-327-4343 or email kym@stlukeum.com

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

Join us Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. 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
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.

Organ Fund: In memory of Mr. Daniel Darrah and Mrs. Joan Yoe by the Bereavement Ministry.
Samaritan Fund: In memory of Mr. Gene Harden by the Bereavement Ministry and Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams.
Bible Study Fellowship International: In memory of Mrs. Rose King by the Bereavement Ministry.

Music Scholarship Fund: In memory of Dr. Bill Hortman by Dr. Sharon Vander Gheynst
Naomi’s Village: In honor of Miss Lauren Nickerson and Miss Kayla Nickerson by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Scott. In memory of Rev. Phillip Wiley by Susan and Anna Wiley.
U.M.C.O.R.: In memory of Mrs. Rose King by Mr. and Mrs. Rick Anthony.
Methodist Children’s Home: In memory of Alice Wiley by Susan and Anna Wiley.
Tansen Hospital Fund: In memory of Carter Wiley Bewick by Susan and Anna Wiley.

Missions Moment

Chuck Bolton, Director of Missions and Outreach, c Bolton@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 Chuck regarding costs. Trip dates are July 24-30th. All ages are welcome! Come on St Luke, let’s change the world together!

MILITARY MINISTRY

Please join us in prayer over CRU Military’s spiritual fitness kits. The kits will be given to over 3,000 basic trainees this summer at Ft. Benning.

No Sunday evening Youth on Sunday, May 29th (Memorial Day)
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.