Thad's Thoughts

I don't know if you have noticed or not, but it's HOT! No matter how weather forecasters try to spin it by saying, “it’s a dry heat,” or, “the rain will cool it off some,” it is just plain hot. Some pastors will probably take this as an opportunity to say something cliché like, “this heat is nothing compared to the heat that you will feel if you don’t know Jesus.” However, I don’t plan to say anything like that. I’ll just stick with the present and say that it is hot….period.

I can, however, find other metaphors to use out of our current situation. First of all, I can draw a metaphor to say that just like our bodies need plenty of water during this extreme heat, our souls need the living water of Jesus Christ. Without the replenishing water of Jesus, our souls become dry and sick, and we wither away. Second, we know that extreme heat brings storms. This correlates that there is no way to avoid the storms of life. A few years ago, I was conducting two staff interviews when a bad storm swept through town. I had tried so hard to make sure that everything was set just right for the interviews. I had the air turned down to keep it cool, I had the chairs placed in a nice even circle, I had plenty of lights on to give a feeling of warm hospitality. No matter how hard I tried to make the setting comfortable, however, that summer storm came and messed everything up. The power went out in the middle of the interview. It got hot, it was dark, and it was quite a distraction from what we were trying to do. Storms are going to come, and we can’t avoid them. Finally, I can say that Jesus still has the power to calm the storms and to tame the heat. Churches and communities who have experienced the heat and storms of violence have been a great example of this. In the midst of horrible and unthinkable situations, believers have continued to lift up the name of Jesus and allow him to speak louder than the raging storm. We have seen people come together in the spirit of Christ, and his presence always brings peace and comfort.

As summer rolls on, grab a cool glass of lemonade, find some shade, and give God thanks that He is there to protect, to provide, and to comfort. And while you are at it, say a prayer that cooler air will come soon!

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June 26, 2022 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude... “Stand Up for Jesus and Onward Christian Soldiers” .......arr. Paul Mickelson

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

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

***The Affirmation of Faith............ “The Apostles’ Creed” ...........................Mr. Chuck Bolton

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)............. “Devotion” ..................................John Ness Beck

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

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.................................. “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” ......................Number 206

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

Offertory (piano/organ duet).............. “I am Thine, O Lord” ..................arr. Albin C. Whitworth

*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....................................................Matthew 9:35-38 (p. 9, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word ...................... “LORD OF THE HARVEST” .....................Rev. Haygood

*Hymn.................................. “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” .........................Number 402

*The Benediction..............................................(8:30 a.m.) Mr. Bolton (11:00 a.m.) Rev. Haygood

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

Postlude.............................. “O God Our Help in Ages Past” .................Organ Improvisation

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

Sunday, June 26
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
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, June 27
12:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Community Support group (1021 Third Ave.)

Tuesday, June 28
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
10:30 a.m. Get Out of Your Head Bible Study (The Corner)
5:30 p.m. Get Out of Your Head Bible Study (The Corner)

Wednesday, June 29
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 30
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)

Friday, July 1
Saturday, July 2
Sunday July 3
10:30 a.m. God Bless America Worship Service (Ministry Center)

Monday, July 4
*The church and the ELC will be closed in observance of Independence Day*

BEREAVEMENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
The Bereavement Ministry is in need of male and female volunteers to help serve as hosts at funerals and to minister to those who have recently lost a loved one. If you are interested in ministering in this way contact Donna Kemp at magnoliachef@gmail.com or Nancy Pedersen at nancykdg@bellsouth.net. We will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

GOD BLESS AMERICA
JULY 3, 2022
ONE GREAT SERVICE OF WORSHIP
10:30 A.M. IN THE ST. LUKE MINISTRY CENTER
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Lunch will be provided by the church!
Preschool Nursery provided.
Ministry Center is wheelchair-accessible.
Youth Troupe! Beginning in the fall of 2022, our youth, both middle and high school, will have the opportunity to use their talents directly in service to the church. Singers, dancers, artists, instrumentalists, and actors will all be able to join the new Youth Troupe. Contact Marc Boensel at the church for more information.

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: “I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me. But I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to Thee. Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, By the power of grace divine. Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope and my will be lost in Thine. Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer to Thy precious bleeding side. Lord I want to be a Christian in my heart.”

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 loving memory of Molly, Ed, and Joe Gates by Tom and Wynema Gates and Jim and Sally Gates.

NARTHEX FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God on the occasion of the marriage of Laura Faye Mitchell and William Chancellor Knight and in loving memory of her grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. William Hickey and Mr. Floyd Mitchell, Jr. and in honor of Mrs. Floyd Mitchell, Jr.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Shepherd Center: Robert McCullohs Jr., M221.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Ms. Michelle Schiavone in the death of her father, Mr. Dale Schiavone, on June 18, 2022, in Columbus, GA.

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 kdavidson@stlukeum.com

How to pray
a simple guide
for normal people
pete greig
The S.A.W. Ministry is in need of mattresses and beds (twin, double, queen), chairs, tables, etc. If you can help please contact Lee Myers at leemyers.co@gmail.com or call the church office at 706-327-4343.

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!

If you would like to make your own waves in the hearts of our young people by sharing your gift of time, please consider volunteering for VBS by visiting www.cornerkidz.com!

SLSC 2022 was AMAZING! The activities were FUN, fears were met head on and OVERCOME with determination, worship was on FIRE and LOVE was poured out into each and every camper, counselor in training, counselor and adult! None of this would have been possible without the support and encouragement from all of our adults and senior counselors: Sam Creswell, Elizabeth White, John Howard White, Nolan & Kelly Pendleton, Robert & Jennifer Flourney, Tony & Nicole Mayne, Gavin Hart, Lillie Buffington, Madison Culver, Savannah Culver, Addie Ellerbee, Belle Sessions, Kaley Chapman, Lydia Cameron, Ned Jones, Maxwell Jones, Jake Albright, Garrett McNeil & Garrett Cameron. Thank you to all of those who made SLSC 2022 a trip to remember and moments that will stay with us all for a lifetime!
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 Mr. Jerry Elmore and Mr. Bob Hydrick by Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Griner. In memory of Mrs. Mary Reed and Mr. Bill Whatley by Ms. Beth Kirven. In memory of Mr. Jerry Elmore by Mr. Bryan Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kilpatrick, Jr., Ms. Wendy Northington, and Mr. Kevin Harcourt. In memory of Dr. Champ Baker, Mr. Jerry Elmore, and Mr. Bob Hydrick by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Butler.

U.M.C.O.R.: In memory of Jerry Elmore by Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams.

Organ Fund: In memory of Mr. Bob Hydrick and Mr. Jerry Elmore by Mr. and Mrs. Trey Hodges.

Samaritan Fund: In memory of Mr. Jerry Elmore and Mr. Bob Hydrick by Mrs. Judy Hubbard.

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!

The military ministry is pleased to offer an active duty discount for VBS. Please contact Nicole Mayne for more information at nmayne@stlukeum.com.

Respite Ministry

The Alzheimer’s Community Support group will meet on Monday, June 27 at noon in the Respite Building, 1021 Third Avenue. This group is for caregivers who have loved ones with Alzheimer’s or dementia. For more information, call Kathryn Fussell 706.256.3117 or kfussell@stlukeum.com.

The Corner

www.thecornerstudents.com

Uptown Tour will resume on Monday, June 27th. The restaurant will be announced this Sunday.