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SERVING TODAY

Chapel Guild: Bill & Ellen Womack
Open/ Close: Roby Price

LEADERSHIP

ELDERS

Class of 2020:

Carol Ciepluch, Leslie Hamlin, Kay Loerch (*Clerk of Session*), Florence Luranc, J J Singley, Kelly Sloan, Steve Thornton, Brad Troha, Casey Singley (*Youth Elder*)

Class of 2021:

Bob Burroughs, Steve Cashwell, Tracy Coffie, Val DeFriece, Matt Fogarty, Nael McCarty, Todd Parker, Kristen Wescott

Class of 2022:

Rosemary Armstrong-Burton, Sylvia Jackson, Julie Lee (*Asst. Clerk of Session*), Tom Mangum, Nancy Moore, Cathie Rogers, Dustin Waller, Justin Wilkes

DEACONS

Class of 2020:

Thomas Brown, Karleen Buchholz, Jenny Cumiskey, Ron Davis, Mark Douglass, Kris Hull (*Moderator*), Daryl Moore, Emily Ritzler, Suzanne Thatcher, Carol Waller, Nelson Cumiskey (*Youth Deacon*)

Class of 2021:

Marylyn Brown, Carol Hickey, Janis Jones, Alan Keel, Christy Keohane, Betsy King, Molly Naugher (*Vice Moderator*), Gena Spears, Steve Wassell

Class of 2022:

Tricia Bridges, Donna Crutchfield, Chas Davis, Lindy Farley, Janis Kilgore, David Strickland, Angela Thayer, Miles Young



BASE CAMP
exploring faith foundations
summer sermon series

July 28, 2019 8:15 am

July 28, 2019

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Liturgical colors can orient us to the season of the church year and help to engage the sense of sight in worship. Green is used for all other time periods (called Ordinary Time) not marked by a specific festival or season.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15am Chapel Communion Service
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Sanctuary Worship Service
Nursery available at all services and Sunday School.

MISSION

Responding to God's
astonishing grace,
we love God,
love each other,
and love our neighbors
near and far.

VISION

Boldly following Jesus,
we will love all people
and work to build a compassionate,
just, and peaceful world.

WELCOME, GUESTS!

DURING the Welcome, please print the requested information on the Friendship Pad and pass the Friendship Pad down the pew.

AFTER the worship service, please join us outside the Chapel where our Pastors will be available to answer questions and provide you with a loaf of freshly-baked bread.

FOR MORE information about our programs, ministries or membership, please contact one of our Pastors at 770.393.1424, or visit our website: slpres.org.

THAT ALL MAY WORSHIP

ASSISTIVE hearing devices, large print hymnals, large print bulletins and back cushions are available. Please contact an usher for further assistance.



CHILDREN are a precious part of our church family, and we welcome them in worship. Worship activity sheets and tactile activities are available on the table just outside the Chapel doors. For your convenience, there is a Family Restroom located in the administrative office's hallway, on the first floor, near the main lobby.



SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:

For information on all activities and events at Saint Luke's, please go to slpres.org.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS, AUG. 4—

Bring your school backpack for a special blessing at both services. We'll also collect extra school supplies for Family Promise and Hightower Elementary.

AUG. 4: DAVID LOWER TO PREACH AT DODD-

STERLING UMC— Join Senior Pastor David Lower on Aug. 4 for a joint sermon with Rev. Eric Powell at 10:30 am at Dodd-Sterling UMC..

CHURCH-WIDE BREAKFAST ON AUG. 10th—

Join us on August 10 at 8 am for a church-wide breakfast featuring Mr. College Football, Tony Barnhart, who will give his prognostications on just what we might expect from our favorite and not-so-favorite teams. Put on your college colors and come enjoy a delicious breakfast! ALL are welcome! RSVP by Aug. 7 to bobschultz1@gmail.com.

CALL FOR ART—

In honor of Saint Luke's upcoming 50th anniversary, we're calling artists of all ages to create a visual representation of Saint Luke's. All submissions will be displayed during the anniversary celebration on September 15 and included, if desired, in a silent auction. Deadline is Sept. 1. Questions? Contact lindsaymoss@slpres.org.

AUGUST KIDS' SUNDAY SCHEDULE — (9:15-10:15 am)

August 4 - Preschool Kids - Bible & Bubbles; Elementary Kids - Bible Baseball

August 11 - Preschool Kids - Bibles & Bubbles; Elementary Kids Are You Smarter than a Saint Luke's Kid? (annual showdown with parents and kids in The Dock)

August 18 - Children's Wax Museum - epic Bible stories portrayed by our kids*; epic donuts for all!

August 25— Kickoff and Pancake Breakfast

CHILDREN'S WAX MUSEUM ON AUG. 18—

This year's children's Wax Museum at Saint Luke's is "Shareable Parables." Through costumes, props and simple spoken words, our kids will share with museum visitors some important stories Jesus told as he taught about grace and compassion. Our museum is scheduled for Sunday, August 18 from 9:15 until 10:15 am. Characters should arrive at 8:45 am. For more information or to sign up, visit slpres.org.

AUG. 11 MEMORIAL SERVICE PLANNING—

A gift for your loved ones! Join Shannon Dill in the Chapel at 9:15 am on August 11, to begin a discussion on how to plan a memorial service. Whether planning ahead for you or a loved one, the service is intended to be personal, while praising and thanking God that in life as in death, we are held securely in God's hands.

Holy Communion

Communion will be served by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). Everyone is invited to participate in the sacrament. The cup holds grape juice, not wine, during this service. A server with gluten-free wafers will be standing directly in front of the communion table for those who prefer this option. If you would prefer to be served where you are sitting, please raise your hand.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Closing Hymn #539*

We Will Go Out with Joy

Benediction*

Postlude*

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Worship note: Paul Campbell is playing for our services this morning.

In Preparation for Worship

“Never forget what you are. The rest of the world will not. Wear it like armor...”

–Tyrion, Game of Thrones

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: By faith, we trust that we were created in the image of God.

People: **By faith, we hope and dream and make plans.**

Leader: By faith, we face our fears and insecurities.

People: **By faith, we follow where God leads.**

Leader: By faith, we trust that God is present in our midst.

People: **By faith, we gather in this place to worship God together.**

Opening Hymn #310*

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

O holy God, your Kingdom seems like a distant past or far flung future. The World does not feel in order, there is destruction, anger, back-stabbing, and hatred. We are broken. And so God, heal us, make us to be your people. Show us what it means to live in your kingdom. Forgive us our own separation from you, and teach us to forgive others. In doing so we pray for your kingdom to come and your will to be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

(silence is kept for personal reflection...)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise #598*

Amen, we praise your name, O God! (Sing praises!)
Amen, we praise your name, O God! (Sing praises!)
Amen, amen. Amen, amen.
Amen, we praise your name, O God! (Sing praises!)

Passing the Peace of Christ*

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Romans 14:13-19

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

Children are always welcome to stay in worship. If preferred, parents may take their child(ren) to child care in Room 114.

Sermon

"Exploring Faith Foundations: Kingdom of God" Phil Brown

Affirmation of Faith*

adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)

ALL: In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

Leader: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

People: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Leader: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

ALL: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering

Giving is a tangible sign of worship. If you give electronically, there is a blue, laminated, electronic giving card in the pew rack to place in the offering plate as it is passed.

Offertory

Song of Thanksgiving #607* Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.**