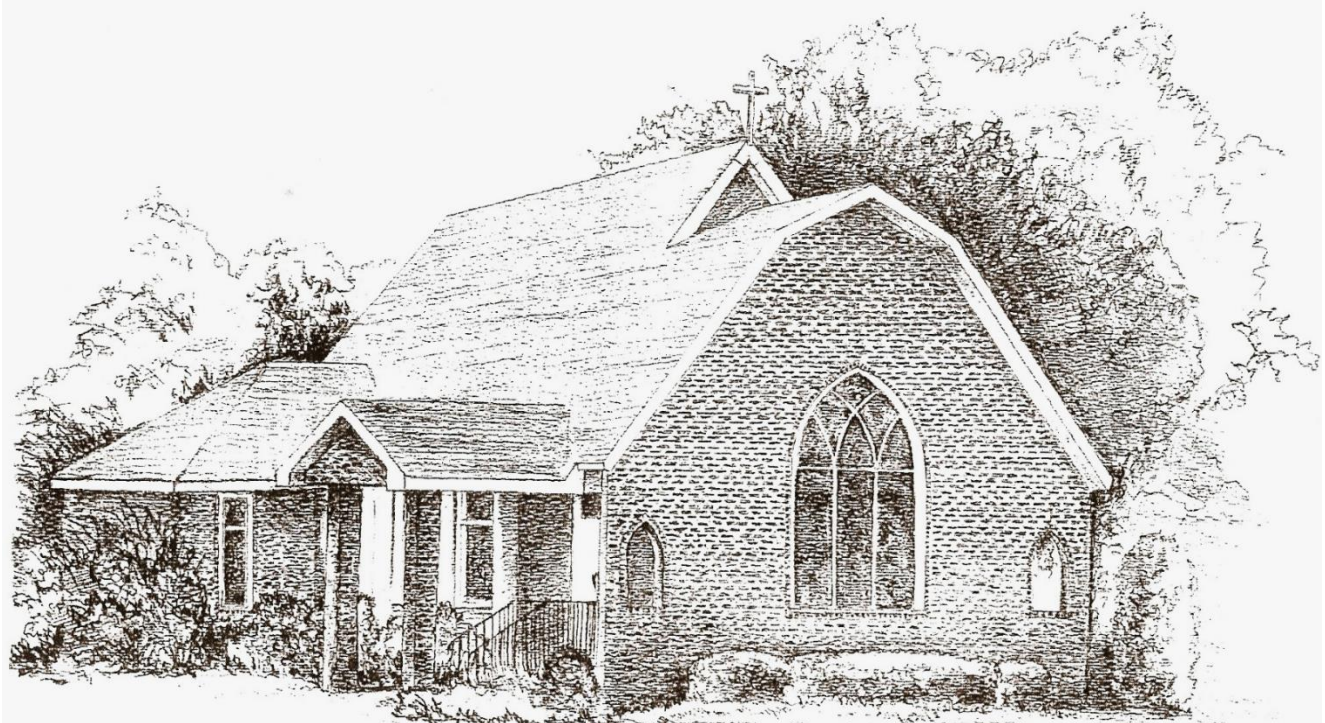


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Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost- Proper 16

August 22, 2021

PRELUDE

Processional Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #460

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our
Lord. ***Amen.***

Hymnal 1982 - S280 - Gloria (*service music is located in the front of the
1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter “s”*)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of
God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. ***Amen.***

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

A Reading from the First Book of Kings 8:1,6,10-11,22-30,41-43.

Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore,

O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, ‘There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

“Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where
she may lay her young; *
**by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my
God.**

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of
springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

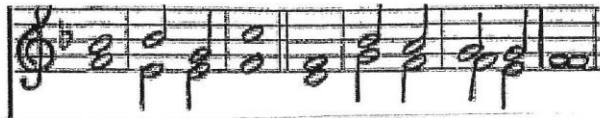
8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own
room, *
**and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to
dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!



Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,



*as it was in the beginning, is now, ever shall be, world without
end, Amen.*

The Epistle

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians (6:10-20)

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the

flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak. The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

Gradual Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #517

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (6:56-69)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and

who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #524

The Sermon

The Rev. Cn. Donald Woodrum

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:**

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Form IV

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who
are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence - The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn- 1982 Hymnal- #405

The Great Thanksgiving- Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Hymnal 1982 - S129 - Sanctus (*service music is located in the front of the 1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter "s"*)

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us

for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Hymnal 1982 – S164 - Fraction Anthem (*service music is located in the front of the 1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter “s”*)

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion of the People (*All Baptized Christians are invited and encouraged to receive the Holy Sacraments of Bread and Wine*)

Communion Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #324

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

***Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Blessing:

The Priest offers a blessing.

Recessional Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #423

The Deacon, dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

The People respond ***Thanks be to God.***

POSTLUDE

PRAYER LIST The prayers of the parish are requested for: Linda Poplin, the family of Joan Downie, Alysia Pena, Marie Brian, Judy Bass, Jon Boggus, Rocco Cooler, Wyman Harvard, Robert Burns, Joe & Judy Paul, Opal Law, Doris McClain, Sue Mobley, Phyllis Taylor, Bill Taylor, Rachel Hingson, Meredith Mobley, Lila Poston, Reece Hopkins, Doug Helgeson, Rick Buxton, Sarah Giddens, Tanya Fulgham, Albert Sutton, Dennis and Marianne Roy.

Sustained Illness/Concern: Craig Jacobsen, Brad Green, and Brittany Smith, Sister Maria Ann, Brent Trost, Kris Cheatham, Vivian Bass, Bill Green, DeLaine Cribb, Susanne Walters, Bob Stross, Kristen Braddy, Russell Johnson, Glenn Miller, Mtr. Tulia, Herrington/Thomas families

Our soldiers deployed: Jonathan Richichi, James Smith, Casey Brewer, Sean Beegle, Cody Beegle, Edward Owen and stateside; Brent Trost, Matthew Beegle, Lincoln Queale, Dillon Ellis, Andy Chamberlain, and Robert Ice.

Pray for the Diocese of Cuba, our companion church: Fielés á Jesus, and their rector Mtr. Tulia. Pray for Dukatole and the children, and Shepherd's Hands of the Suwannee Valley Free Clinic

ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers are given in loving memory of Robert E. and Dorothy B. Thomas and in gratitude for the people of St Luke's by Thom and Steven.

DEACON'S CORNER: On the Cuba front we have some good news for a change. We have been able to get money to them and it is in their bank account. They were so excited they found a store where that had something to sell and bought a small package of chocolate cookies for the girls just to see if their card worked. It did!!!! We had to use Osmani's passport to be able to do this, so now he has money to renew his passport so we can continue to send them money.

Thank God!!!! We also hope to send them medicines from Canada. Fr. Ken is working on this. Thank God for him and his ability to help our sister church in Cuba. He will send them by Canadian Post. This first time is just a trial run, and if it works, we will send them more.

Tulia has had dengue fever and has been very sick. At the hospital they sent her home and told her to rest and drink a lot of water. They could do nothing else for her. But God had other plans and he sent them a friend, a retired cardiologist, who had access to antibiotics! He gave them to her and she has been on the mend ever since. Thank God!!! The food order from 3 weeks ago was finally delivered, so now I have sent them another order of food. We have much to be thankful for, but in general things in Cuba are still heart breaking, so please keep praying for them. Thank you for your faithfulness!

RECORDING HELP: The communications ministry has asked for back up help pressing the record button before service. This is easily trained, and you'd be doing a great service for St. Luke's. Please call or email Jasmine in the office to help.

Looking ahead at next Sunday, Aug 29

Altar Duty: Denice & Elizabeth

Acolyte: Andy@9am/Graeson @11am

Lectors(readers): 9am: John T, Ann T/11am:Bill B., Barbara C., Sue M.

Ushers: 9am: Maureen/11am:Mike & Denice

Coffee Hour: **Suspended**

A Message from your Vestry:

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ;

We had a very productive Vestry Meeting Monday night but here's the gist:

Janice Baucom from the Lake City Medical Center came by to give us an update on Covid & the Delta Variant. Basically, she scared me.

While we here at St. Luke's seem to be pretty healthy and most of us that wanted to be vaccinated have taken that step --- Less than 1/3 of Suwannee County has been vaccinated. We come in contact with those people six days out of the week.

In order to protect our physical and mental health we are forced to take a couple of steps back in order to protect ourselves and fellow congregants.

- * First off, if you haven't received a vaccination - Please Do So. Please!
- * If it makes you feel more comfortable, please continue to wear your mask.
- * We are going to go back to a form of social distancing by skipping every other pew.
- * We will have to halt coffee hour until we can get a grip on this new and deadly variant that is hitting North Florida especially hard.
- * The DOK and Men's Group can continue to meet but we will have to ask that you not share any food.
- * We will continue taking Communion with our Priest and Deacons taking every precaution to keep us safe and still protecting the sanctity of the Rite of Communion.

Only 4-5 people at a time at the altar rail

You may take Communion one of three ways:

Wafer only

Tincture

Wafer and Wine

If you do not feel comfortable with either of these, the officiant can come to you.

As Senior Warden, I do not like having to take these measures, but this new variant is killing our fellow citizens and filling up our hospitals at an alarming rate. Please continue to pray for our nurses and teachers who are amongst the general population. And please pray for the health of our members and Church at Large. I remain

Sincerely,

Brantly Helvenston, Sr. Warden.

