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## THIS SUNDAY FROM ST. JOHN'S

### 8 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION (IN-PERSON WORSHIP)

By reservation only. Visit [StJohnsSav.org](http://StJohnsSav.org) or call 912-232-1251.

### 9:30 A.M. – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Will meet via Zoom with Fr. Dunbar.

Email [mnelson@stjohnssav.org](mailto:mnelson@stjohnssav.org) for connection information.

### 9:30 A.M. – YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Will meet via Zoom with David Svihel.

Email [dsvihel@stjohnssav.org](mailto:dsvihel@stjohnssav.org) for connection information.

### 9:30 A.M. – CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

A short video lesson will be posted to St. John's Children's Facebook group at [www.Facebook.com/groups/StJohnsSavChildren](http://www.Facebook.com/groups/StJohnsSavChildren).

### 10:30 A.M. SERMON (LIVE-STREAM ON FACEBOOK)

### 11 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

#### (IN-PERSON WORSHIP & LIVE-STREAM)

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Available on St. John's Facebook page at

[www.Facebook.com/StJohnsSav](http://www.Facebook.com/StJohnsSav) and [YouTube.com](http://YouTube.com) channel.

Have your Prayer Book ready.

Additional resources will be in Friday's email.

Holy Communion begins on page 67 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

**Opening Voluntary:** *Autumn*..... Edward F. Johnston

**Hymn:** #134 *Come, Pure Hearts*..... (Cobb)

**The Collects**..... pgs. 253, 215

**The Epistle:** 2 Timothy 4:5 *The completion of the Apostle's mission*..... 253

**The Gospel:** St. Luke 10:1 *The first mission of the Seventy*..... 254

**Offertory Voluntary:** *Interlude*..... Benedetto Marcello

**Communion Voluntary:** *Schönster Herr Jesu*..... Arr. James Richardson

*Bethany*..... Arr. D. Anthony

**Hymn:** #402 *O Word of God Incarnate*..... (Munich)

**Final Voluntary:** (11a.m. only) Chorale Prelude on "Lobe den Herrin"....Max Reger

## LUKE THE PHYSICIAN

Luke is named the *beloved physician*, (Col 4:14) by Saint Paul, and on the basis of vv10-11, he is said to be either a Gentile, or a Hellenized Jew (one who did not observe the ritual law of Moses), perhaps from Antioch, the great eastern city that was center for Christian mission to the Gentiles. Because in certain passages of Acts the account of Paul's missionary journeys changes from "they" to "we", it is inferred that Luke had become one of Paul's mission team. Luke is named as one of Paul's fellow-labourers (Philemon 24) during his imprisonment in Rome, and his presence with the Apostle near the end of Paul's life is attested by 2 Timothy 4:11: *Only Luke is with me*. He has been identified with *the brother, whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches* (2 Cor 8:18). It is said that Luke lived to age 84 in Boeotia, died (perhaps as a martyr), and was buried in the city of Thebes. In the 4<sup>th</sup> century his bones were moved to the church of the Holy Apostles in Constantinople; but when the Turks conquered that city in 1453, they were purchased by Despot George of Serbia, and eventually sold by his granddaughter to the Venetians, who deposited them in the church of S. Giustina in Padua. The skull was donated to St. Vitus in Prague, and when a rib was recently returned to Thebes, a scientific examination confirmed the age and Syrian provenance of the relics.

Since very early times Luke has been accepted as the author of the third gospel, and its second volume, the Acts of the Apostles. In the symbolism of Ezekiel's vision, the ox is assigned to St. Luke (as portrayed in the gilt plaque on the bottom left corner of the redos at St. John's); in ancient times the world's most powerful engine, the king of domestic beasts, a source of strength for pulling carts, carrying heavy loads, ploughing, and treading grain, a sign of wealth, and the pre-eminent animal to be offered in sacrifice. These ancient ideas of power and strength, work and wealth, sacrifice and the Temple, are evident in the portrait of Jesus he paints in the gospel – as the source of divine strength to the weak, as the

## WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S This Sunday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – Trinity 19

8 a.m. *Holy Communion*

(In-person worship by reservation only.)

9:30 a.m. *All Ages Sunday School*  
(Please note new time.)

10:30 a.m. *Sermon*  
Live-stream on St. John's Facebook

11 a.m. *Holy Communion*  
In-person worship by reservation only  
and on St. John's Facebook and YouTube.

## Mid-week Live-stream Services

**Wednesday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:50 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Ante-Communion*

**Next Sunday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Dedication Sunday (Trinity 20)**

*Service schedule to be announced  
Monday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, by email.*

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STANDING NOTICES

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary. Please call the Church Office to notify the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital or hospice.

Services may be limited for now,  
but your Church ministry is not on hold.  
Please continue to support St. John's  
financially.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIR

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed

11 a.m. Mr. Benjamin W. Baxter

USHER CHAIR

Mr. R. Bartley Turner

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Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr.

Mrs. Jayne G. Holland

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Mrs. Roland S. Summers

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Hass Philbrick by Mr. and Mrs. Brian D. Harlander and family.

And in loving memory of Thomas Charlie McCay, Sr., Lillian Helms McCay and Dr. Leslie Wilkes by Mick and Connie McCay.

And on the occasion of the wedding of Rachel Alexander and Michael Neal Thompson, Jr. on October 17, 2020.

PARK OR GARDEN  
GET-TOGETHERS

Cooler temperatures offer us an opportunity to re-connect safely outdoors, in low-key, socially-distanced, lawn-chairs-in-a-circle, 40-minute gatherings of 8-16 parishioners in a garden or park. This is an opportunity to re-connect, catch up, share experiences with other parishioners and your priest. If you are interested in helping to host and/or convene such a gathering in your neighborhood, please email Fr. Dunbar at [gdunbar@stjohnssav.org](mailto:gdunbar@stjohnssav.org) or call the Church Office.

bearer of heavy loads, as sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Among the four evangelists, Luke pays most attention to the work of the Spirit, and to the mission to the Gentiles; to the role of outcasts, the poor, and women; he is most gentle to human weakness and failure, and delights in showing us repentance and remission of sin.

In the Middle Ages, Luke was said to have been a painter of wonder-working images of the Madonna and child. But the *beloved physician* is perhaps best known as patron of physicians, and of all those engaged in healing ministries. The care of the sick has been an aspect of Christian service since very early times, and latterly, great hospitals were founded, closely associated with monasteries and great churches, and marked by an integration of care for body and soul. It is in light of that Christian foundation that we may see clearly what we as Christians are about in the healing arts: we seek to relieve suffering, not as if earthly health and longevity were absolute goods, ends in themselves, but rather because they provide more opportunity for us to serve God in our neighbour, and to train our souls for heaven. Still, no one escapes sickness and death in the end; yet "sickness if we bear it with faith and fortitude may be the occasion of great spiritual good, and death may be the gate of everlasting life" (Crouse). We pray that in our final sickness we may accept our death with faith and hope – with something of the disposition set forth in these lines of Richard Baxter:

Lord, it belongs not to my care  
Whether I die or live;  
To love and serve Thee is my share,  
And this Thy grace must give.

If life be long, I will be glad,  
That I may long obey;  
If short, yet why should I be sad  
To welcome endless day?

Christ leads me through no darker  
rooms  
Than He went through before;  
He that unto God's kingdom comes  
Must enter by this door.

Come, Lord, when grace hath made  
me meet  
Thy blessed face to see;  
For if Thy work on earth be sweet  
What will Thy glory be!

Then I shall end my sad complaints  
And weary sinful days,  
And join with the triumphant saints  
That sing my Savior's praise.

My knowledge of that life is small,  
The eye of faith is dim;  
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all,  
And I shall be with Him.

– GGD

VESTRY NOMINATIONS DUE

The Annual General Congregational Meeting will be **Tuesday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.** At this meeting, four new members will be elected to the Vestry for a three-year term. Members are encouraged to submit nominations by **Sunday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>** to the Vestry's Nomination Committee: Chip Compton, Connie McCay, Sean Finnegan, Jon Sprague and Holly McClellan. Nominees must be communicants in good standing (for at least five years).

HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR

Nov. 11–12, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. daily.  
This year's bazaar will feature:

- **Pre-ordered Picnic Lunches** for \$12/\$10 and **chili and soup** for \$15 Email orders by Nov. 1 to [hollydayspreorder@gmail.com](mailto:hollydayspreorder@gmail.com).
- **Silent auction** with online bidding. Details to follow.
- **Art Show and holiday music**
- Please remember to return your completed **Candlelight Dinner** raffle tickets to the office.

For changes and updates, sign up for our weekly emails at [StJohnsSav.org](http://StJohnsSav.org).