CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024, 10:15 a.m.

All page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Service music, marked with an 'S', may be found in the front portion of the hymnal.

PRELUDE: Come away to the skies

arr. Mark Sedio

Christ, mighty Savior

arr. Mark Sedio

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 375: Give praise and glory unto God

Du Lebensbrot, Herr Jesu Christ

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant 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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: Hymnal S 277

David Hurd

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

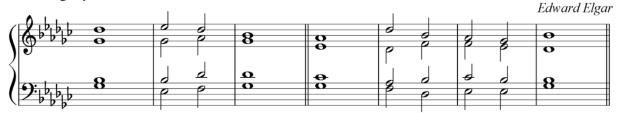
THE FIRST LESSON Proverbs 31:10-31

A husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to

the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People. People Thanks be to God.

PSALM I (sung by all)



- I. Happy are they who have not walked in the | counsel · of the | wicked * nor lingered in the way of sinners * nor | sat in · the | seats of · the | scornful!
- 2. Their delight is in the | law of · the | LORD * and they | meditate · on his | law · day and | night.
- 3. They are like trees planted by streams of water * bearing fruit in due season with leaves that | do · not | wither * | everything · they | do · shall | prosper.
- 4. It is not | so · with the | wicked * they are like | chaff · which the | wind · blows alway.
- 5. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment | comes * nor the sinner in the | coun·cil | of · the | righteous.
- 6. For the LORD knows the | way of · the | righteous * but the | way · of the | wicked · is | doomed.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 482: Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Slane

THE GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Noah Van Niel

THE NICENE CREED p. 358

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 V

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Susan our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Priest adds the concluding prayers and collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (please kneel)

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.

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

THE PEACE (please stand)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Behold, O God our defender

John Scott

Behold, O God our defender: and look upon the face of thine anointed.

For one day in thy courts: is better than a thousand.

-Psalm 84: 9-10

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship I

Celebrant 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 God thanks and praise.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

SANCTUS: Hymnal S 124

David Hurd

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The Celebrant continues...

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 364

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM: Hymnal S 154

David Hurd

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant Behold what you are.

People May we become what we receive. (please be seated)

COMMUNION ANTHEM: My eyes for beauty pine

Elizabeth & Thomas Coxhead

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddes grace:

No other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above

'Tis named when God's name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart, that burns with true desire,

Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

-Robert Bridges

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant Let us pray. (please stand or kneel)

People God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

People Amen.

HYMN 480: When Jesus left his Father's throne

Kingsfold

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Joel Raney

WE INVITE YOUR PRAYERS

If you would like to be added to the Prayer List, please contact a member of clergy or BJ Taylor, Facilitator for Pastoral and Congregational Care (taylorasc@aol.com).

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:. The Church of North India.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Hungars, Bridgetown and St. Mark's, Bracey.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Bonnie Biocchi, Jonathan Glaser, Sam Hedgecock, Sharon Hubbard, Robert Jones, Susan Pryor, Ken Reynolds, Krisnajanti Saffell, Barb Schafer, Grant Singleton, and Karen Stricker. We pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray also for peace in the Holy Land and for all those who are suffering there.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: Carter Bernert, David Black, Tom Bolt, Tulip Caro, David Durica, Marilyn Gindroz, Frank Kirchner, Wayne Lundie, Ceil McCoid, Leon Parham, Pat Rueppel, William Swan, and Irene Wenger.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Abbey Brassfield, Eleanora Woloy Brown, Bea Greenlaw, Patsy Hatem, James Kilavey, Wesley Lupo, Mike, Jason Primm, Tracy Simmons, Mavis Stapleford, Rodger Stokes, Auris Torres, and Autumn Vandehei.

This week's birthdays: Sept 23-29

Wayne Berry, Joseph Bobbitt, Tom Grant, Teresa Green, Henry Halbach, Dan Heflin, Barbara Laws, Nancy Minguez, Richard Savage, Charlotte White.

This week's anniversaries: Sept 23-29

Carolyn & John Burnham and Kristin & Robert Jones.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Felicetti.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY & MUSIC

Singing Opportunities for Children

Do you know a child who likes to sing? Our children's choirs have resumed and we have ensembles for children ages 3-18. Contact Kevin Kwan (kevin.kwan@christandstlukes.org) for more information.

Norfolk Chamber Consort - Monday, September 30, 7:30 p.m.

The Norfolk Chamber Consort opens their 56th season with Father and Son: Music of Alessandro and Domenico Scarlatti. Tickets at ncconsort.org or at the door.

Blessing of the Animals - Saturday, October 5, 5:30 p.m.

Join us, Saturday, October 5, with your beloved pets for the annual Blessing on the Animals. This is a special service designed to celebrate the love and companionship found in our relationships with our pets. Bring your winged, furry, and crawling pets for a blessing and reminder of God's love for all of creation. All pets are welcome, but if your animal doesn't play well with others you are encouraged to bring a photo for us to bless. Stuffed animals are welcome too! The service will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the church driveway.

Choral Evensong – Sunday, October 6, 5:30 p.m.

In anticipation of the Choir's pilgrimage to Canterbury and St. Paul's, London, we present a series of Evensongs throughout this year. This first service will feature music of Norfolk composer John Dixon.

FORMATION

Make Me an Instrument of Peace: A Guide to Civil Discourse - begins TODAY, September 22, 9:15 a.m.

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"The Basement Kids" Formation & Fellowship for children ages 9-11 Fellowship & Outreach Event – Sunday, September 29, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Join us in Lower Lloyd Sunday, September 29, following the 10:15 a.m. service for pizza and outreach. We'll be making dog treats from scratch to be distributed during the Blessing of the Animals on October 5. This newly created group meets regularly during the 9:15 a.m. formation hour in Lower Lloyd. They also have the option to sit together during the 10:15 a.m. service, following along with the liturgy and completing a series of fun and engaging questions about the service. If you have a child in this age group who would like to participate, please reach out to Kathy Hanna (kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org).

Sunday Children's Formation, and Children's Chapel

- 9:00 a.m. Childcare: Children up to 3 years old gather in the blue room in the Parish House at the end of the hallway before the stairs for childcare if their parents are attending adult formation or sing in the choir.
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Formation: Children 3 years to 3rd grade (3-8 years old) gather in the meeting room (the gold room) for what was formerly known as "Sunday School." We will explore scripture and the traditions of the Episcopal church through stories, music, and art response.
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Formation: Children in 4th & 5th grade (9-11 years old) gather in Lower Lloyd for discussion of scripture, the Episcopal Church, and Christ & St. Luke's in a fun and relaxed setting. Participants are invited to join their families or sit together for the 10:15 a.m. service.
- 10:15 a.m. Children's Chapel: All children through 3rd grade participate in developmentally appropriate worship during Children's Chapel in their respective rooms. Older children will be brought into church to rejoin their families at the Peace. If you would like your child under 3 to join you at the Peace, please come to the Children's Room at that time to sign them out.

Important information for when you drop off your child:

Please escort your child to the Children's Room (under 3) or the Gold Room (3 and older). Sign them in so we have a record of who is here and please make sure there is an adult present. If your child is rejoining you for communion, please watch for them when they come down the ramp. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

CSL Youth, TODAY, Sunday, September 22, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Yes, it's the 4th Sunday of the month already! All middle and high school students are invited to gather in Lower Lloyd Hall for dinner, games, and discussion. Please contact Kathy Hanna for more information.

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In the Shelter Book Study – Tuesday, October 8, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

In preparation for Pádraig Ó Tuama's visit with us for the inaugural Jim Sell Community Conversation, we are inviting the congregation to read his memoir *In the Shelter*. Join Fr. Noah for a conversation about that book on October 8 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The link will be shared with those who RSVP to him (noah.vanniel@christandstlukes.org) by October 6.

Jim Sell Community Conversation – Dinner Tickets Available – Saturday, October 26, 5:00 p.m.

The inaugural Jim Sell Community Conversation will take place on October 26 at 5:00 p.m. Join writer, poet, and theologian Pádraig Ó Tuama for a conversation on fostering unity in times of division. More

info can be found at christandstlukes.org/jimsellcc. The keynote is free and open to the public. There are limited tickets left for the small group dinner with Pádraig following the keynote. Tickets are \$50/person, and are first-come/first-serve.

Baptism and Confirmation Dates

Baptisms will be held on November 3, January 12, and April 19. Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation will be held on November 17 during the Bishop's annual visitation. Those seeking to participate in these rites must have completed their preparation process prior to participation. Newly updated Baptism and Confirmation procedures are available in a brochure in the back of the church, as well as online at: christandstlukes.org/worship/baptisms-confirmations. Reach out to Fr. Jared questions and inquiries.

Take A Dip Into Baptism - October 3, 10, and 17

This is our standard baptismal prep course, and is designed for adults seeking baptism and for the families of infants and children seeking baptism, especially those participating in the November or January dates. Candidates and families will spend 3 weeks learning about the beauty and wonder of baptism. Childcare is provided for children 3 and under. The curriculum is appropriate for ages 4 through adults. Reach out to Kathy with any questions or to register.

Episcopal 101 - Begins October 6

The Episcopal 101 course is our standard preparation for adults seeking confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation. Facilitated by clergy and staff members, participants spend time learning about the essentials of life in the Episcopal Church. Since those who will be confirmed or received will become official members of the Episcopal Church, this course is designed to highlight some of the specifics of the denomination's beliefs and practices. This course is open to all and is a wonderful chance for anyone wanting to learn more about the Episcopal Church to deepen their knowledge and faith. The course meets after the 10:15 a.m. service starting on October 6. Reach out to Fr. Jared with questions.

FELLOWSHIP

Newcomer's Brunch - Sunday, September 29, 2024, following the 10:15 a.m. service

Are you new to Christ & St. Luke's? Please join us for a welcoming brunch to meet fellow newcomers and learn more about parish life. The brunch is being held at the home of Bobby Smith, who lives within walking distance of the church. The exact address will be provided when you RSVP on the church website.

October First Thursday Supper - Thursday, October 3, 6:00 p.m.

We hope you'll mark your calendar for our October First Thursday Supper on Thursday, October 3, at the home of Jeanne and Peter Williams at 1121 N. Shore Road, Norfolk, VA 23505. Please consider car pooling if you can. Parking on the lawn is acceptable. If you're new or haven't been in a while, we hope you'll consider this relaxed "no agenda" evening with friends old and new, a pot luck meal and plenty of fellowship. No sign up is necessary and all are welcome. Bring one of your favorite foods to share and we'll look forward to seeing you! For questions, please see a member of the committee - Ellen Sell 757-739-7735, LeeAnn Avery, B.J. Taylor (taylorasc@aol.com) or Betty Denniston at 757-472-7051.

OUTREACH

Thank you to Caring for Creation

Thank you to everyone with Caring for Creation who helped reset the Community Garden last week and get it ready for another bountiful year of produce and learning!



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WORSHIP SERVICES AND FORMATION Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel) Sunday, 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum & Children's Formation Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church) Thursday, 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)

The Reverend Noah Van Niel, Rector
The Reverend Jared Grant, Associate Rector
The Reverend Katie Beth Miksa, Assistant Rector & Chaplain to ODU
The Reverend Vince Connery, Assisting Priest
The Reverend Jess Stribling, Assisting Priest
Kevin Kwan, Organist & Director of Music
Marjorie Setnicky, Assistant Organist
Kathy Hanna, Director of Family, Youth and Children's Ministry
Judie Belka, Director of Parish Operations
Michelle Sturges, Business Administrator
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