

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 17, 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: Benedictus

Alec Rowley

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 571: All who love and serve your city

Charlestown

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 1:4-20

ON the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of

your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.” As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the LORD.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

People Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE OF HANNAH (I SAMUEL 2:1-4, 7-8)

Refrain *(sung by all)* John Weaver

My heart ex-ul-t-s in the Lord: my strength is ex-alt-ed in my God.

(choir) There is none holy like the Lord: There is none beside you, no rock like our God. For you O Lord are a God of knowledge: And by you our actions are weighted. **Refrain.**

The bows of the mighty are broken: But the feeble gird on strength. You Lord make poor and make rich, You bring low and you also exalt. **Refrain.**

You raise up the poor from the dust: And lift the needy from the ash heap. You make them sit with princes: And inherit a seat of honor. **Refrain.**

For yours, O Lord, are the pillars of the earth: And on them you have set the world. **Refrain.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

EVERY priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 655: O Jesus, I have promised

Nyland

THE GOSPEL

Mark 13:1-8

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

AS Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Right Reverend Susan B. Haynes

Mark Eugene Barrineau, Randall Charles Decker Buntin, Thomas Morris Clayton, Sean Michael Driggers, Charles Howard Ford, Stephen Marcus Hopkins, Barbara Leigh Kersey, Joseph Everett Klein, Alexandra Meghan Marlins, Jordan Lawrence Harper Marlins, Anders Journey Nolan, Thomas Shajil, Cheryl Ann Shrontz, Corey Arthur Shrontz, Gwendolyn Ferguson Sinclair, Alaina Marie Toulon, Brandon Matthew Windley, and Chelsea Brechtel Windley.

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters **I present these persons for Confirmation.**

I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

I present this person who desires to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Bishop then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS (*please stand*)

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People 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.

Bishop Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?
People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People I will, with God's help.

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Bishop then says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

Candidates for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation, as well as their Sponsors come forward. The Bishop lays hands upon each Candidate and says

For Confirmation

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him/her* for your service; and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life. **Amen.**

For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

For Reaffirmation

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *(please stand)*

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Draw us in the Spirit's tether

Harold Fridell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, For when humbly in Thy name,
Two or three are met together Thou are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem.
As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.
All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee,
That by caring, helping, giving we may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

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

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS

Land of Rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
5 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry: Ho - san - na in the high - est.
9 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Ho -
13 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Bishop continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Bishop continues.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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

Bishop Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Communion at Christ & St. Luke's:

- At the indication of the usher, please move to the center aisle and proceed up the altar rail. Move to the open spot filling in from the center of the rail to the wall.
 - Kneel as you are able and place one hand over the other, palms up, to receive the bread.
 - To sip from a chalice to receive the wine, consume the bread leaving your palms empty.
 - To intinct (dip) your wafer into the wine, hold it between your thumb and forefinger.
 - Once the chalices have passed, exit out the side and back down the side aisles to your pew.
- Gluten free wafers are available, simply let the priest know you require one. If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine but would like a blessing, gently cross your arms across your chest.

A standing station is also available in front of the pulpit.

COMMUNION ANTHEM:

Think of how God loves you

James MacMillan

Think of how God loves you! He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

You have put on Christ; In him you have been baptized. Alleluia!

O salutaris hostia

Ēriks Ešenvalds

O saving Victim, opening wide the gate of Heaven to man below;

Our foes press hard on every side; thine aid supply; thy strength bestow.

To thy great name be endless praise, immortal Godhead, One in Three.

Oh, grant us endless length of days, in our true native land with thee. Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Bishop Let us pray. *(please stand or kneel)*

People Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

People Amen.

HYMN 511: Holy Spirit, ever living

Abbot's Leigh

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: March Triomphale

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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 Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Danville and Epiphany, Danville.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Ron Baldrige, Ellen Coffman, Sam Hedgecock, Aubrey Hudgins, Elmer Morales-Torres, Susan Pryor, Grant Singleton, and Betty Thomas. We pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray also for peace in the Holy Land and for all those who are suffering there. We pray for our nation during this time of transition.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: Carter Bernert, David Black, Tom Bolt, Linda Coupland, Betty Davis, David Durica, Marilyn Gindroz, Frank Kirchner, Wayne Lundie, Ceil McCoid, Leon Parham, Bill Robbins, Phyllis Sayers, William Swan, and Irene Wenger.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Abbey Brassfield, Jonathan Glaser, Bea Greenlaw, Patsy Hatem, Sharon Hubbard, Dean Kershaw, James Kilavey, Wesley Lupo, Rusty and Debi Russillo, Mavis Stapleford, Karen Stricker, Auris Torres, Autumn Vandehei, Margaret Wynn and Mike.

This week's birthdays: Nov. 18-24

Otis Butler, Sarah Ford, Chip Land, Wendy McGrady, Peyton Murphy, Jack Poynter, Edmund Russell, Kevin Smith, Robyn Szeligowski, Saffron Tong, Shannon Turner.

This week's anniversaries: Nov. 18-24

Beckie Old-Osborne & Kendall Osborne, John & Sharon Powell, Bill & Joanne Robbins, and Cindy & Doug Wilson.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God,
and in thanksgiving for the candidates for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation.*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY & MUSIC

Welcome to The Right Reverend Susan B. Haynes

Today is our annual visit from the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia, The Right Reverend Susan B. Haynes. It's always special when the Bishop comes to visit, but it is especially exciting because today she will be confirming (or receiving or reaffirming) 18 members of our parish who have decided to officially claim The Episcopal Church as their denominational home. As a congregation, it is a great joy to celebrate their commitment and surround them with our love and prayers.

Stephen Coxe & Friends Concert – Friday, November 22, 7:30 p.m.

Composer and pianist Stephen Coxe gathers his friends for an evening of choral, vocal and chamber works. Music by Duruflé, Bruckner, Carroll, Coxe, Biebl, Corelli, Brahms, Messiaen, and Britten, with special performances by the Camerata Choristers, Kevin Kwan, the Governor's School for the Arts Baroque Orchestra and Treble Choirs, bass-baritone Hunter Enoch, and harpist Barbara Chapman in performance of Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*. Not to be missed! Free-will offering.

The Saint John's Bible is coming to Christ & St. Luke's!

In December, we will be receiving 2 volumes of the incredible work of devotional art known as *The Saint John's Bible*. These two volumes will be on display in our church for the enjoyment and enrichment of our parishioners, cross-denominational partners, and the community in general through the end of April 2025. If you would like to be trained as a docent to help introduce people to what has been called "the American Book of Kells" please let us know! You will need to attend a training session on the morning of Saturday, December 7. You can learn more about this masterpiece and sign up to be a docent at <https://christandstlukes.org/saint-johns-bible/>.

FORMATION

Sunday Childcare, Children's Formation, and Children's Chapel

- **The Registration Form for all children's programs may now be found online under announcements.**
- **9:00 a.m. Childcare:** *Children up to 3 years old* gather in the Children's Room in the Parish House at the end of the hallway before the stairs for childcare.
- **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 Hall 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!

Fellowship & Outreach Event for Children ages 9-11 – TODAY, November 17, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Kids ages 9-11 are invited for fellowship and holiday shopping to benefit the Tidewater Friends of Foster Care. We will gather in Lower Lloyd Hall immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service for a quick lunch before we depart for shopping. All participants are required to provide a completed permission slip. Please see Rachel Welch with questions.

The Road Ahead: A Scriptural Study – Final session, Sunday, November 24, 9:15 a.m.

Our scriptures are full of stories of how people respond and react in the aftermath of pivotal moments in their lives. In this adult formation series have been engaging in a study of some of those stories from scripture to glean what lessons there may be for us as we all strive to move forward in faith. This series concludes next Sunday, November 24, in Lloyd Hall.

ADMINISTRATION

Holy Listening - Schedule Your Session Today!

The Holy Listening Committee is nearing the end of the current phase of our listening campaign. If you have not had the opportunity to participate in a listening session, now is your chance to have your voice heard! Members of the Holy Listening Committee will be in the back of the church following both services for the next few weeks to help you get scheduled. If you have not had your session, please speak with a member of the committee so that we can schedule you with one of our trained Holy Listeners soon. You can also sign-up online, as well as find more information about the Holy Listening project, by visiting christandstlukes.org/holy-listening. Please speak with Fr. Jared if you have any questions.

OUTREACH

Tidewater Friends of Foster Care: Let's Spread Some Joy!

Thank you to all who have returned your gifts! Gifts will continue to be received until November 24th. They can be dropped off on Sunday or any time Monday-Friday during business hours. **Our first gift wrapping party will be TODAY, November 17 after the 10:15 service in Lower Lloyd Hall.** We will have sandwiches and chips for lunch. The last opportunity to help wrap is Sunday, November 24, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided. We're still looking for volunteers to help log gifts as well as drop them off at TFFC. This does not require a large time commitment—even 30 minutes is a big help. Please contact Kathy Hanna (kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org) for more information or if you would like to volunteer.

The Norfolk Winter Shelter

The Norfolk Winter Shelter is just around the corner. Each year, the NWS is a tangible expression of the love of Christ as we serve some of the most vulnerable in our community. Beginning in December, churches in the Norfolk area band together to offer overnight shelter to those experiencing homelessness, rotating from church to church. This year, we're teaming up with St. Andrew's Episcopal in West Ghent. For the week of Feb. 9-16, St. Andrew's will host the shelter physically, and Christ & St. Luke's will help staff the volunteer roles - including cooking, cleaning, and being an overnight presence. In the coming weeks, you will hear about volunteer opportunities for our week of the NWS. We need your help to make this important ministry a reality. Please respond to the call when asked! Reach out to Fr. Jared (jared.grant@christandstlukes.org) or Jamie Lewis (james.vb.lewis@me.com) with any questions.