

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 5, 2025 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: Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223 *Dietrich Buxtehude*

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 124: What star is this, with beams so bright *Puer Nobis*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY p. 355

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

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

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 278 *William Mathias*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON *Jeremiah 31:7-14*

THUS says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will

gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.” For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84:1-8 (*sung by all*)



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.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 119: As with gladness men of old

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

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

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

AFTER the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE NICENE CREED

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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 II

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I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Susan, our Bishop, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Priest adds concluding prayers and collect.

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: The Three Kings

Peter Cornelius

Three Kings from Persian lands afar to Jordan follow the pointing star:
and this the quest of the travellers three, where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King; Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray; the kings to Bethlehem make their way,
and there in worship they bend the knee, as Mary's child in her lap they see;
their royal gifts they show to the King; gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem the Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace, shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring; offer thy heart to the infant King.

*How brightly shines the morning star! With grace and truth from heaven afar
our Jesse tree now bloweth. Of Jacob's stem and David's line,
for thee, my Bridegroom, King divine, my soul with love o'erfloweth.
Thy word, Jesu, inly feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing.
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.**

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

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface.

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:

SANCTUS: Hymnal S128

William Mathias

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues...

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.**

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

FRACTION ANTHEM: Hymnal S165

Franz Schubert

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: Lully, lulla, lullay

William Mathias

Lully, lullay, Thou little tiny Child,
Bye, bye, lully, lullay.
Lullay, thou little tiny Child,
Bye, bye, lully, lullay.
O sisters too, how may we do,
For to preserve this day
This poor youngling for whom we do sing
Bye, bye, lully, lullay.
Herod, the king, in his raging,
Charged he hath this day
His men of might, in his owne sight,
All young children to slay.
That woe is me, poor Child for Thee!
And ever mourn and sigh,
For thy parting neither say nor sing,
Bye, bye, lully, lullay.

COMMUNION HYMN 84: Love came down at Christmas

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(please stand)*

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN 117: Brightest and best of the star

Morning Star

THE DISMISSAL

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Von Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her

Johann Pachelbel

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 in Wales.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. John's, Hampton and St. Mark's, Hampton.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Ron Baldrige, Delane Coffey, Ellen Coffman, Jerry Duck, Dean Kershaw, Shawn Morlock, Barbara Priest, Jason Primm, Susan Pryor, and Jake Tobin. We pray for those who are deployed, especially Leslie Mintz Smith. We pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray also for peace in the Holy Land and for all those who are suffering there.

For the Repose of the Soul: Teresa Johnson and Fred Quist.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: Carter Bernert, Blair Bickford, David Black, Tom Bolt, Linda Coupland, Betty Davis, David Durica, Marilyn Gindroz, Sam Hedgecock, Frank Kirchner, Wayne Lundie, Ceil McCoid, Elmer Morales-Torres, Leon Parham, William Swan, Anne Traylor, and Irene Wenger.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Michael Bechelli, Abbey Brassfield, Jonathan Glaser, Bea Greenlaw, Patsy Hatem, Sharon Hubbard, James Kilavey, Wesley Lupo, Mike, Grant Singleton, Frank Stanfield, Mavis Stapleford, Karen Stricker, Auris Torres, Autumn Vandehei, Tracy Wamsley, and Jim Wells.

This week's birthdays: Jan. 6 – 12

Susannah Cantanese, Sandra Ewell, Gray Grandy, Robin Ingram, Raymond Norton, Jennifer Palmer, Chacona Stokes, Stephen Taylor, Mike Vecerkauskas, and Joey Welch.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY & MUSIC

Concert: Double Take - Baroque expressions from Italy and England – Thursday, January 16, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for our first concert of 2025! The acclaimed New York early music ensemble TENET Vocal Artists presents deeply expressive music from Claudio Monteverdi's Italy and Henry Purcell's England. Among the ensemble's specialties, TENET explores the rich and fruitful way baroque composers crafted duets as a way to double the impact of a single idea through the use of two voices with powerful and dazzling results. Soprano Jolle Greenleaf returns to Norfolk alongside other early music virtuosi in a dazzling program. Free-will offering. Not to be missed!

FORMATION

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

- **The Registration Form for all children's programs may be found online under announcements.**
- **9:00 a.m. Childcare:** *Children up to 3 years old* gather in the Children's Room.
- **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

Twelfth Night Potluck Party – TODAY, January 5, 5:00 p.m.

Come celebrate the end of the Christmas season and the start of Epiphany! We will have King cake, learn about chalking your doorway and other 12th night traditions. Bring a dish to share and a picture of your home to be blessed.

Fellowship Event for Young Families – Friday, January 17, 5:00 p.m.

Parents! Save the date for January 17, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for a special Family Night event. After a shared meal, kids will head to age-appropriate activities, while parents and caregivers join together for fellowship and conversation. We'll use this time to gauge interest and design community activities/outings for young families - families with children between birth and 18. Reach out of Fr. Jared (jared.grant@christandstlukes.org) or Kathy Hanna (kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org) with questions.

OUTREACH

Norfolk Winter Shelter – February 9-16 at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church

For the week of February 9-16, St. Andrew’s Episcopal in West Ghent will host the NWS physically and Christ & St. Luke’s will staff the volunteer roles - including cooking, cleaning, and being an overnight presence. Visit signup.com/go/wFrRMKU to find the full list of volunteer roles. We still have many volunteer slots to fill. There will be a volunteer training on **January 28** for all volunteers to orient themselves to the NWS operations. Reach out to Fr. Jared (jared.grant@christandstlukes.org) or Jamie Lewis (james.vb.lewis@me.com) with any questions.

New Year Resolutions Ideas from CSL Caring for Creation

New Year Resolutions offer opportunities to make us and our place in the world better. Green Resolutions are small, but concrete ways of making a positive change for ourselves. Here are just a few suggestions for green resolutions:

- Recycle glass, plastic, paper, and cardboard whenever feasible.
- Bring reusable bags when shopping.
- Avoid plastic straws and disposable coffee cups.
- Minimize food waste and compost when possible.
- Support local businesses, especially local producers and those with sustainable practices.
- Donate to and foster organizations positively impacting your community and environment.

These can also be linked to other resolutions you may have, maximizing the impact:

- If resolving to be healthier, then drink more water *and* carry a reusable water bottle, reducing plastic use.
- If resolving to be more active, walk to nearby destinations and use public transportation, reducing emissions.
- If resolving to save money, turn off lights and unplug electronics when unused and adjust thermostat settings, lowering energy demands.



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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 Vince Connery, Assisting Priest
The Reverend Jess Stribling, Assisting Priest
Kevin Kwan, Organist & Director of Music
Marjorie Setnicky, Associate Organist
Kathy Hanna, Director of Family, Youth and Children's Ministry
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Rachel Welch, Administrative Assistant
Will Lee, Director of Communications
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