

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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Service music, marked with an 'S', may be found in the front portion of the hymnal.*

PRELUDE: Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam BwXWV 180 *Dietrich Buxtehude*

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 116: "I come," the great Redeemer cries *This Endris Nyght*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & THE COLLECT OF THE DAY p. 299

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

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

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

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

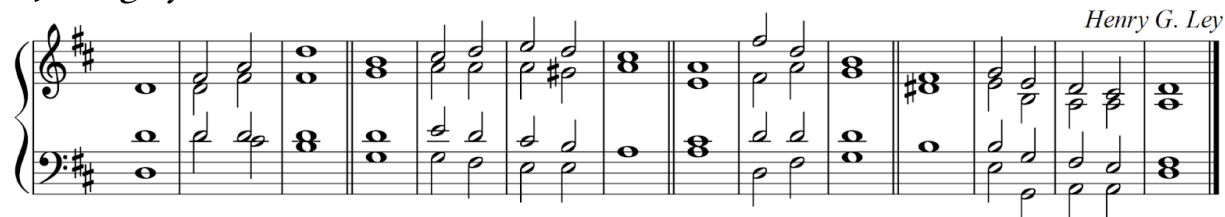
Isaiah 43:1-7

THUS says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up,' and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'"

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29 (sung by all)



1. Ascribe to the | LORD · you | gods *
ascribe to the | LORD | glory · and | strength.
2. Ascribe to the LORD the | glory · due his | Name *
worship the | LORD · in the | beauty · of | holiness.
3. The voice of the LORD is upon the waters * the God of | glo·ry | thunders *
the LORD is upon · the | might·y | waters.
4. The voice of the LORD is a | power·ful | voice *
the voice of the | LORD · is a | voice · of | splendor.
5. The voice of the LORD | breaks · the | cedar trees *
the LORD | breaks · the | cedars · of | Lebanon;
6. He makes Lebanon | skip · like a | calf *
and Mount Hermon | like · a | young · wild | ox.
7. The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire *
the voice of the LORD | shakes · the | wilderness *
the LORD | shakes · the | wilderness · of | Kadesh.
8. The voice of the LORD makes the | oak · trees | writhe *
and | strips · the | forests | bare.
9. (2nd part) And in the | temple · of the | LORD *
- | all · are | crying | Glory!
10. The LORD sits enthroned above · the | flood *
the LORD sits enthroned as | King · for | ever|more.
11. The LORD shall give | strength · to his | people *
the LORD shall give his | people · the | blessing · of | peace.

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 8:14-17

WHEN the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Noah Van Niel

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Howard Martin Acosta III, Violet Hastings Acosta,

Nolan Carter Buntin, Madeleine Marie Coradi

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks the following questions:

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant 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.**

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

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT *(please stand)*

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Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant 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.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

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Celebrant Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth:

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.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

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N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

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 Baptism of Jesus

Peter Hallock

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.

[Jesus was on this day baptised in the Jordan.]

When Jesus Christ baptised was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace;
the Father's voice was heard in the place.

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

[This is my son, in whom I am pleased.]

There were Three Persons and one Lord,
the Son baptised with on accord, the Father said this blessed word:

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man,
and were baptised in from Jordan, at our last end, we pray thee, say then:

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

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 SI65

William Mathias

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 ANTHEMS: 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!

Sicut cervus

Giovanni Perluigi da Palestrina

*As the deer yearns for springs of water:
so my soul yearns for you, God.*

COMMUNION HYMN 294: Baptized in water

Point Loma

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Enriching Our Worship

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

People Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

HYMN 296: We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Engleberg

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Prelude in G, BWV 541

Johann Sebastian Bach

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!

Children's Choirs Resume

The Cherub Choir (ages 3-4) will resume on January 22 for a 5-week session, and the Junior Choir (ages 5-8) and Choristers (8-18) have resumed their Wednesday rehearsals. If you are interested in one of these groups, please contact Kevin Kwan (kevin.kwan@christandstlukes.org).

FORMATION

Adult Formation: The Prophets – Begins TODAY, Sunday, January 12, 9:15 a.m., Lloyd Hall

The words of the Old Testament prophets are perhaps some of the most memorable and revered in all of scripture. Join us for the next 8 weeks as we spend time in our Sunday Adult Formation class with Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the others who help us hear God's call in our lives. We'll look at how and why these books were written, how they have been interpreted across generations, and what wisdom they offer to us still today. This series, led by Fr. Noah and Fr. Jared, will also utilize the St. John's Bible to enhance our study of this prophetic literature. This class will meet weekly January 12 - March 2.

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!

CSL Youth Returns – TODAY, Sunday, January 12, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

First youth group of the new year is TODAY! We will have some guest speakers to help us prepare for Youth Sunday on February 2. Dinner will be a grilled cheese bar and tomato soup. See you then!

Queer Theology Book Club – Monday, January 13, 7:00 p.m., Café Stella

Join us tomorrow, at Café Stella for discussion and fellowship.

FELLOWSHIP

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

Parents! Save the date 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 to Fr. Jared (jared.grant@christandstlukes.org) or Kathy Hanna (kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org) with questions.

Join us for CABARET! – Friday, February 7, 7:00 p.m.

Join us at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club for an evening of food, drink, silent auction, and fun entertainment as you hear the other side of our talented singers, including Broadway show tunes and popular songs. All proceeds will benefit the 2025 UK Choir Tour and Pilgrimage. \$50 tickets from the Church Office or after church. *If you have items that you can donate for the silent auction, please speak with Kevin Kwan.

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 CSL 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. 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.

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 the Province of West Africa.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Emmanuel, Jenkins Bridge and St. John's, Hopewell.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Ron Baldrige, Delane Coffey, Ellen Coffman, Marilyn Gindroz, Dean Kershaw, Shawn Morlock, Barbara Priest, Jason Primm, Susan Pryor, Marian Butler Shaw, 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. We pray for those affected by the wildfires in California.

Thanksgiving for the birth of: Anderson Grey Corliss, great granddaughter of Betty Deniston, born December 31.

For the Repose of the Soul: Jerry Duck.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: Carter Bernert, Blair Bickford, David Black, Tom Bolt, David Durica, 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, Shawn Morlock, Grant Singleton, Frank Stanfield, Mavis Stapleford, Karen Stricker, Auris Torres, and Autumn Vandehei.

This week's birthdays: Jan. 13-19

Janet Grant, Augustus Hollingshead, Lachlan McClellan, Betty Ann Patrick, Dina Reynolds, and Nicky Welch.

This week's anniversaries: Jan 13-19

Christie Lollar & Richard Savage and Ronnie & Saffron Tong.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Hugh Warren, Jr. by Robert Warren.*