

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 23, 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: Preludium in G Major

Felix Mendelssohn

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 568: Father all loving, who rulest in majesty

Was Lebet

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 280

Robert Powell

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

JOSEPH said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a

remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37:1-12, 41-43 (*sung by all*)

Herbert Howells



1. Do not fret yourself because of | e·villdoers *
do not be | jealous · of | those who · do | wrong.
2. For they shall soon | wither · like the | grass *
and like the green | grass | fade · alway.
3. Put your trust in the | Lord and · do | good *
dwell in the | land · and | feed on · its | riches.
4. Take dellight in · the | Lord, *
and he shall | give you · your | heart’s · delaire.
5. Commit your way to the Lord and | put · your | trust in him *
and | he · will | bring it · to | pass.
6. He will make your righteousness as | clear as · the | light *
and your just | deal·ing | as · the | noonday.
7. Be still before · the | Lord *
and | wait | patient·ly | for him.
8. Do not fret yourself over the | one · who | prospers *
the one who succeeds · in | e·vil | schemes.
9. Refrain from anger * leave | rage · allone *
do not fret yourself * it | leads | only · to | evil.

10. For evildoers | shall be · cut | off *
 but those who wait upon the Lord | shall · possess · the | land.
11. In a little while the wicked | shall be · no | more *
 you shall search out their place but | they · will | not · be | there.
12. But the lowly shall possess · the | land *
 they will delight in · abundance · of | peace.
41. But the deliverance of the righteous | comes from · the | Lord *
 he is their | stronghold · in | time · of | trouble.
42. The Lord will | help them · and | rescue them *
 he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them *
 because they · seek | refuge · in | him.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

SOMEONE will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

HYMN 593: Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College

THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JESUS said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Jared Grant

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.

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 God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

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.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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: Lux aurumque

Eric Whitacre

Lux,
Calida gravisque pura velut aurum
Et canunt angeli molliter
modo natum.

*Light,
warm and heavy as pure gold
and angels sing softly
to the new-born babe.*

-Edward Esch, b. 1970

Translated to Latin by Charles Anthony Silvestri

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 S129

Robert Powell

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 S163

Robert Powell

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: My Lord, what a mornin'

Harry Burleigh

*My Lord, what a morning,
Oh, my Lord, what a morning,
When the stars begin to fall.*

*You'll hear the trumpet sound
To wake the nations underground.
Lookin' to my God's right hand
When the stars begin to fall.*

*You'll hear the sinner cry,
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall.*

COMMUNION HYMN 612: Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

Troen

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 657: Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

THE DISMISSAL

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Fuge in G Major

Felix Mendelssohn

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY & MUSIC

Choral Evensong for the Last Sunday after the Epiphany – Sunday, March 2, 5:30 p.m.

The Parish Choir continues their monthly offering of sung evening prayer, “the crown jewel of the Anglican Choral Tradition”, in anticipation of their Choir Tour to England this summer. Music of George Dyson, Stephen Coxe, and John Scott. Free-will offering, childcare provided.

Ash Wednesday, March 5

There are three opportunities to start your Lenten journey with services at Christ & St. Luke’s:

- 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
- 5:00 p.m. Family Service with Choristers; Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
- 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

FORMATION

Adult Formation: The Prophets – Continues thru March 2, 9:15 a.m., Lloyd Hall

In this 8 week series we are spending time in our Sunday morning Adult Formation classes 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 meets weekly *January 12 - March 2*.

Sarah McCammon Book Talk – Friday, February 28, 6:00 p.m.

National NPR political reporter and Norfolk resident, Sarah McCammon has written a book entitled *The Exvangelicals: Loving, Living, and Leaving the White Evangelical Church* which tells her story about her experience growing up in and eventually leaving the Evangelical church, a story shared by many people in our parish. Join us for this very special event!

CSL Youth Meeting – TODAY, Sunday, February 23, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

All middle and high school students are invited to gather in Lower Lloyd this Sunday evening for Game Night. We will have pizza, salad, and brownies. See Kathy Hanna (Kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org) with any questions.

The St. John's Bible Tours - Open Hours through the end of April 2025

Docent-Hosted Tours

- Sundays: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Thursdays: 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
- Private group tours by appointment.

Baptism Registration - Inquire Today!

Interested in Baptism? Our next offering of *Take A Dip into Baptism*, our baptismal preparation course, will begin in late February. This course is required for anyone considering baptism during our upcoming baptismal celebrations at Easter (April), Pentecost (June), and Summer Baptism (August). If you're thinking about baptism for yourself or for a child in your family, speak with Fr. Jared to start the process. Baptismal spots do tend to fill quickly.

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.

FELLOWSHIP

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Palooza – Tuesday, March 4, 5:00 p.m.

We will end the season after the Epiphany with a *Mardi Gras Shrove Tuesday Pancake Palooza*. Come eat pancakes, bury the Alleluia, burn your palms from last year's Palm Sunday and much more. Contact Kathy Hanna (kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org) for more information.

First Thursday Supper – Thursday, March 6, 6:00 p.m.

We hope you'll mark your calendar for the March First Thursday Supper on Thursday, March 6, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the home of Brad and Ruth Robinson at 6011 Upper Brandon Place, Norfolk, 23508. If you're new or have never been 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. Please see a member of the committee with questions – Ellen Sell 757-739-7735, B.J. Taylor (taylorasc@aol.com) or Betty Denniston at 757-472-7051.

Cabaret - Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Cabaret a few weeks ago. We had a great evening showcasing our in-house talent and sharing donations from our congregation and community. We are happy to announce that we have raised over \$15,000 which will go directly towards scholarships towards our upcoming Choir Tour to England this summer. If you would like to contribute to the Choir Tour Fund, please contact Kevin Kwan (kevin.kwan@christandstlukes.org).

OUTREACH

Shoes & Socks – A Note of Thanks

The call went out last Wednesday around noon for shoes and socks for our guests at the Norfolk Winter Shelter. By 4:00 p.m. that day, we had already received nearly 50 pairs of shoes and an incredible amount of socks. All told, we collected nearly 200 pairs of shoes and too many socks to count. It was an incredible outpouring of love, and so the entire staff would like to say thank you to all who donated to our emergency ask. Your generosity will continue to help the NWS as it moves on to partner churches well into March. While we are no longer accepting donations of this kind, we encourage you to reach out to other organizations that offer such services daily, like Ghent Area Ministries. You can also check out the URC announcement below to learn how you can support the Urban Renewal Center as they work to support those experiencing homelessness in our community. Once again, Thank You!

Urban Renewal Center's Homeless Housing Program: Making a house a Home

Household donations play a crucial role in providing individuals in transition with essential furnishings for their new homes. Our ministry partners at the URC are asking you to consider donating furniture and household items to those transitioning from homelessness to stable housing. Also, they are seeking volunteers to transport furniture from donors' homes to the recipients' new spaces. If you have a truck and are willing to help transport larger furniture, let them know!

Items needed (listed in order of priority): Softs, chairs, bed frames, box springs, mattresses, dressers, dining room tables, end tables, lamps, coffee tables, sets of dishes, pots and pans. *(please only donate items that are new or gently used)* To arrange a donation or to volunteer, please contact Sidney Dobbins (sidney@theurcnorfolk.com).

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: Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Augustine's, Newport News & St. George's, Newport News.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Ellen Coffman, Glenn Davis, Sr., Kay Gordley, Jack Hester, Mary Helen McCoy, Shawn Morlock, Jason Primm, Susan Pryor, Steve Richardson, Maxine Ross, and Barb Schafer. We pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray also for sustaining peace in the Holy Land and surrounding areas. We pray for people suffering from floods in Kentucky.

Thanksgiving for birth: Silas Dean Guess.

For the Repose of the Soul: Susan Arrison, Edmund Dioto, and Eugene Seward.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: Carter Bernert, Blair Bickford, David Black, Tom Bolt, Meriel Burgess-Wright, David Durica, Marilyn Gindroz, Sam Hedgecock, Dean Kershaw, Frank Kirchner, Wayne Lundie, Jack Mace, Ceil McCoid, Elmer Morales-Torres, Leon Parham, Phyllis Sayers, William Swan, Jake Tobin, and Irene Wenger.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Ron Baldrige, Abbey Brassfield, Delane Coffey, Jonathan Glaser, Bea Greenlaw, Patsy Hatem, James Kilavey, Wesley Lupo, Grant Singleton, Mavis Stapleford, Auris Torres, and Autumn Vandehei.

This week's birthdays: Feb. 23 – Mar. 2

Saunders Compo, Moses Deng, Lisa Drago, Stacy Goode, Daniel Hollingshead, Elizabeth Holmes, Erin Roppel, Thomas Shajil, Peter Simmons, Zander Smith, Pawel Sychala, Coco Storrs, Carter Sumner, Patrick Sumner, Ronnie Tong.

This week's anniversaries: Feb. 23 – Mar 2

Diane & Kevin Rafferty.



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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
Kevin Kwan, Organist & Director of Music
Marjorie Setnicky, Associate Organist
Kathy Hanna, Director of Family, Youth and Children's Ministry
Judie Belka, Director of Parish Operations
Stephen Ipock, Facilities Manager
Michelle Sturges, Business Administrator
Rachel Welch, Administrative Assistant
Will Lee, Director of Communications
David Roberts, Sexton for Security

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