

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 10, 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: "La cathédrale engloutie"

Claude Debussy

Topher Booth, piano

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 408: Sing praise to God who reigns above

Mit freuden zart

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: Hymnal S 277

David Hurd

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

THE word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them."

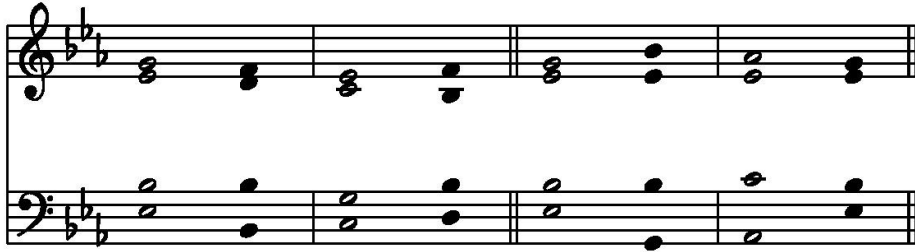
Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:12-22 (*sung by all*)

Robert Knox Kennedy



12 Happy is the nation whose God is the | Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his | own!
13 The Lord looks down from | heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the | world.
14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his | gaze *
on all who dwell on the | earth.
15 He fashions all the hearts of | them *
and understands all their | works.
16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty | army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great | strength.
17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot | save.
18 Behold the eye of the Lord is upon those who | fear him, *
on those who wait upon his | love,
19 To pluck their lives from | death, *
and to feed them in time of | famine.
20 Our soul waits for the | Lord; *
he is our help and our | shield.
21 Indeed our heart rejoices in | him, *
for in his holy Name we put our | trust.
(2nd part) 22 Let your loving-kindness O Lord be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in | you.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

NOW faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was

going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 341: For the bread which you have broken

Omni die

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JESUS said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Noah Van Niel

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 VI

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Susan our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The Priest adds the prayers of the community.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The Priest may add thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The Priest may add petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *(please kneel)*
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

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: There's a wideness in God's mercy
For text, please see hymn 469.

Calvin Hampton

Please stand as the Celebrant approaches the altar.

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS: Hymnal S 125

Richard Proulx

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

The Celebrant continues...

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

p. 364

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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 MUSIC: "Spiegel im Spiegel"

Arvo Pärt, arr. Booth

Topher Booth, piano

COMMUNION HYMN 302: Father, we thank thee who hast planted

Rendez à dieu

COMMUNION HYMN 309: O Food to pilgrims given

O welt, ich muss dich lassen

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant 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

HYMN 371: Thou, whose almighty word

Moscow

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "En Bateau" from Petite Suite L. 65

Claude Debussy

Topher Booth and Will Lee, piano

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 Church of Rwanda.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Bruton Parish, Williamsburg and Christ Church, Waverly.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Marian Butler-Shaw, Dawson Chambers, Keith Ehrhard, Valerie Harrington, Gary Hecht, Nancy Hoffman, Tom Jenkins, Ena Kirkpatrick, Ray Landon, Arthur Menoche, Lucile Palmer, Debra Quitter, Dwight Vincent, Ann Voight, and Marie Ward. We pray for all who are deployed, especially Jonathan Halbach and Michael Ortiz. We pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray also for peace in the Holy Land and surrounding area and for all who are suffering there.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: LeeAnn Avery, Carter Bernert, David Black, Dwight Buchholz, Avalon Cuthrell, David Durica, Marilyn Gindroz, Sam Hedgecock, Frank Kirchner, Wayne Lundie, Jack Mace, Andrea McClellan, Ceil McCoid, Mary Helen McCoy, Elmer Morales-Torres, Leon Parham, Sam Roady, Allen Shaffer, William Swan, Jake Tobin, George Vick, and Andre Williams.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Ron Baldrige, Ellen Coffman, Jonathan Glaser, Dean Kershaw, James Kilavey, Henley Lanphere, Wesley Lupo, Charlotte Melcher Marett, Shawn Morlock, Shirlee Palmer, Jason Primm, Mavis Stapleford, Auris Torres, and Autumn Vandehei.

This week's Birthdays: August 11 - 17

Allen Baker, Carolyn Baker, Philip Beal, Nolan Buntin, Ader Deng, Kelly Storrs, Alaina Toulon, Ann Voight, and Sigur Whitaker.

This week's Anniversaries: August 11 -17

Brian & Vickie Easley, Cathy & Win Lewis, and Dave Mayfield & Virginia Thumm.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY & MUSIC

Choir Tour complete!

Thank you all for your prayers and support as your choir and pilgrims undertook their triumphant residencies at Canterbury Cathedral and St. Paul's Cathedral in London. The trip went exceedingly well and we can't wait to share more about it with you in the coming weeks.

Summer Choir – Sundays, August 10 – 31

Have you ever wanted to sing in the choir but can't make the weekly commitment? While our regular choir takes a few weeks off after their UK tour, our summer choir will meet on Sunday mornings August 10 through August 31. Please arrive at 9:15 a.m. if you don't have a robe. We will start rehearsing at 9:30 a.m. A simple anthem will be prepared. Music-reading ability is not required but is helpful.

Acolyte Festival & Training – Saturday, August 23, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Calling all acolytes! Join us on Saturday August 23 for our annual Acolyte Festival and Training. Acolytes are a vital part of our weekly worship service. If you've ever considered joining our acolyte ministry, this is your chance! The training is for both returning and new acolytes. Our Acolyte ministry is intergenerational. Children, youth, and adults are welcome to attend. The general age for starting is around 9 years of age. Please reach out to Fr. Jared (jared.grant@christandstlukes.org) or Acolyte Coordinator Anders Nolan (creekhiker@gmail.com) to RSVP and to ask any questions.

An Invitation to Thursday Morning Eucharist – Thursdays, 7:30 a.m.

Did you know we offer a mid-week service of Holy Eucharist? Join us every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel for a simple and grounding worship experience. This service runs around 40 minutes, giving you time to make it to other morning engagements. Each week, we reflect on one of the remembrances in the Episcopal Church calendar of Feast Days, typically commemorating a person of note from the whole of Christian history. This is a lovely and easy way to incorporate more time for prayer in your life.

Homecoming Sunday – Sunday, September 7

Mark your calendars for Homecoming Sunday, the day we kick off our fall programming and schedule. You don't want to miss it!

FORMATION

Holy Listening Forum – Sunday, August 17, 9:15 a.m.

Join us on Sunday, August 17 in Lloyd Hall for a special forum hour presentation on the Holy Listening Process. The Phase 1 Report is out now. You may access the report online or grab a physical copy in the Tower Room. The Phase 1 Report is highly suggested reading before attending this forum. During this forum, we want to hear from you! What did you hear? What stood out? What surprised you? What did you think was missing? Members of the Holy Listening Committee will be on hand to answer questions and help guide our conversation.

The Jim Sell Community Conversation Presents Margaret Renkl – Saturday, September 20, 5:00 p.m.

The Jim Sell Community Conversation is back for its second year! We're excited to welcome award winning author and New York Times contributing opinion writer Margaret Renkl to speak on the topic of Environmental Stewardship. Please save the date for Saturday, September 20 at 5:00 p.m. for this important conversation. Find more details about this event online.

Week of Wonder is Finally Here! – Monday, August 11 – Friday, August 15

Tomorrow, Week of Wonder 2025 begins! Christ & St. Luke's version of Vacation Bible School will be wondering about Praise, Prayer, Peace every morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Please consider not coming to church to work on something for your ministry on these mornings because every space will be filled with 44 children and 30 adults. Thank you.

A Little Something for College Students

We'd love to stay in contact with CSL college students whether they are living in the area or across the country. The objective is to let our college students know we are thinking of them and to support them. If you are or have a student in your life who would like to be included, please send Kathy Hanna (kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org) their name and the address where they will be receiving mail this Fall.

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

- 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 fun and fellowship.
- 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

First Thursday Supper Resumes – Thursday, September 4, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Our September Supper will be held Thursday, September 4 at the home of Rev. Kate and Rosser Bobbitt in Virginia Beach at 1005 Windsor Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. Bring your swimsuit; car pool if you can; and park on the grass if you can't! If you're new or have never been or haven't been in a while, we hope you'll consider this relaxed "no agenda" evening with friends old and new, a potluck meal, and plenty of fellowship. No sign up is necessary and all are welcome. For questions, please speak with a member of the committee - Ginny O'Malley Hale, Maria Lyall, Vickie Easley or B.J. Taylor (taylorasc@aol.com). We look forward to seeing you all!

ADMINISTRATION

We're Hiring

Christ & St. Luke's is currently looking for a full-time **Communications Director**. The post can be found on our website. Feel free to share this opportunity with anyone you think may be interested.

FAITH IN ACTION

Ohef Sholom Temple Sisterhood's Biennial Rummage Sale – Friday, August 15 & Sunday, August 17

Our neighbors at Ohef Sholom Temple will have a rummage sale August 15 & 17 featuring furniture, household items, children's items, books, music, holiday items, and more. Please come out and support our friends and find great deals.

URC Furniture Drive

The Urban Renewal Center (URC) is running a Furniture Drive supporting those who are entering into transitional housing. Please consider making a donation to support this important step in the long-term process of ending homelessness. Contact Sidney Dobbins (sidney@theurcnorfolk.com) with any questions. Donations may be made at the URC website.

- \$200 - Buys a Bed
- \$250 - Provides a Couch
- \$325 - Furnishes a Bedroom
- \$400 - Furnishes a Living Room
- \$725 - Sponsors a full move-in kit

Additionally, gently used mattresses, box springs, dressers, couches, and coffee tables can be donated to the URC.



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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, Media Specialist
David Roberts, Sexton for Security

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