

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 24, 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: Andante grazioso, from Sonata in A Major, KV 331 *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*
Stephen Coxe, piano

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 8: Morning has broken

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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, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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

Isaiah 58:9b-14

IF you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own

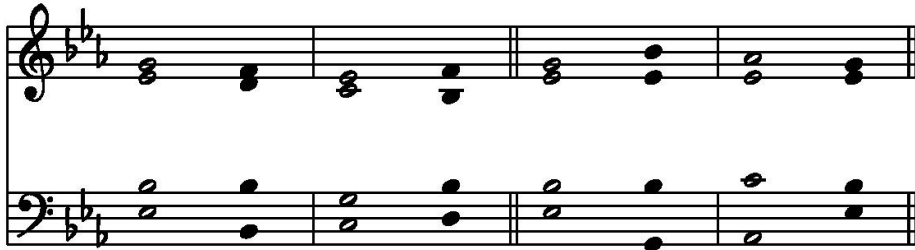
affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:1-8 (*sung by all*)

Robert Knox Kennedy



- 1 Bless the Lord O my | soul, *
and all that is within me bless his holy | Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord O my | soul, *
and forget not all his | benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your | sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the | grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving | kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good | things, *
and your youth is renewed like an | eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes | righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to | Moses *
and his works to the children of | Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and | mercy, *
slow to anger and of great | kindness.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 12:18-29

YOU have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the

sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 685: Rock of ages, cleft for me

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THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:10-17

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

NOW Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Noah Van Niel

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 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: Love bade me welcome

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Mitchell Frizzell, baritone

Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in, drew nearer to me,
sweetly questioning, if I lacked any thing.

A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:
Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear,
I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
Who made the eyes but I?

Truth Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:
So I did sit and eat.

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

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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.

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: Adagio cantabile, from Sonata in C Minor, Op. 13 "Pathétique"

Ludwig van Beethoven

Stephen Coxe, piano

COMMUNION ANTHEM: Give thanks for Music-making art

Todd Wilson

Give thanks for music-making art, and praise the Spirit's choice
of members called and set apart with instrument and voice.

With work and wisdom, skills hard-won, life-giving and life-long,
they celebrate what God has done, and lead the people's song.

Through years of training they accrue the skills of mind and hand,
which hours of practice must renew, enliven, and expand.

With Spirit-grace they tune our hopes; to Christ their hearts belong;
for love of God must guide the arts that lead the people's song.

With music, moving on through time in sequences of sound,
we show and tell God's story-line of how the lost are found:
the old, unfolding covenant of justice righting wrong,
resounds through word and sacrament, and leads the people's song.

Then let us reach for excellence to sing and symphonize
for God, our utmost audience, with joy our highest prize.
When kindly skill our spirit lifts and makes the humble strong,
give thanks, and praise the graceful gifts that lead the people's song.

God, give us music to express and richly interweave
our yearning with our thankfulness, and sing what we believe,
till, glorious in the realms of grace, with new creation's throng,
our Savior meets us face to face and leads the people's song.

-Brian Wren

COMMUNION HYMN 318: Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

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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 535: Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Paderborn

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

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: Church of the Province of South East Asia.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: April Baynum, Ryker Bellamy, Marian Butler-Shaw, Dawson Chambers, Brittany Clark, Elizabeth Crowe, Charlie Davey, Keith Ehrhard, Gary Hecht, Nancy Hoffman, Tom Jenkins, Ray Landon, Jack Mace, Elmer Morales-Torres, Debra Quitter, Sam Roady, Christine Szeligowski, and Rick Voight. We pray for all who are deployed, especially 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.

The Repose of the Soul: Shirley Midkiff.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: LeeAnn Avery, Carter Bernert, David Black, David Durica, Marilyn Gindroz, Valerie Harrington, Sam Hedgecock, Frank Kirchner, Wayne Lundie, Ceil McCoid, Mary Helen McCoy, Arthur Menoche, Leon Parham, Allen Shaffer, William Swan, Jake Tobin, Marie Ward, and Andre Williams.

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

This week's Birthdays: August 25-31

Tulip Caro, Thomas Clayton, Jack Mace, Karen Moskowitz, Tim Quitter, and Jo Ann Short.

This week's Anniversaries: August 25-31

Paul Campsen & Carrie White.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY & MUSIC

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.

Children's Choirs Resume – Wednesday, September 10

Do you know a child who likes to sing? Our children's choir rehearsals resume Wednesday, September 10, and we would love to have your child join our music program! Choristers 8-18 years; Junior Choir 5-7 years; Cherubs 3-4 years. Rehearsals take place each Wednesday (either 30 or 60 minutes depending on age). For more information, please visit <https://christandstlukes.org/music/choirs/> or contact Kevin Kwan (kevin.kwan@christandstlukes.org) or Melinda Van Niel (melinda.vanniel@gmail.com).

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

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 this important conversation. Find more details about this event online.

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

****Fall Schedule begins September 7. Look for details next week & in the most recent family updates email****

- 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.

Women of Wisdom (W.O.W.) – Tuesday, September 9, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Women of Wisdom is a lovely group of women who meet the second Tuesday of each month to discuss a good book and share life together. Please join us whether you're able to read the book or not. We will meet again on Tuesday, September 9 in the Meeting Room (gold room) to discuss the first four chapters (up to page 103) of *How We Learn to be Brave* by Mariann Edgar Budde with Margaret Moore facilitating.

ADMINISTRATION

Outdoor Classroom Guidelines

How wonderful it is that we are able to share space with the Williams School and especially to have the use of the Outdoor Classroom on Sundays! Please keep in mind the following, and thank you for sharing this space responsibly.

- The toy box outside the gate is for CSL parishioners ages 3-8. *Please do not use the Williams School toy box inside the gate.*
- Do not allow your children to go in the Outdoor Classroom without an adult present.
- Do not use the umbrellas.
- Keep track of children's wrappers, napkins, and juice boxes, and dispose of these items appropriately.

FELLOWSHIP

New Coffee Blend

We're excited to now be serving organically grown coffee at our Sunday coffee hour. As part of our ongoing parish commitment to ecological sustainability, we worked with our coffee supplier to pull some blends that meet both our taste and sustainability standards. As you might remember, we had a blind taste-test a few weeks back. After tallying all the votes, the parish favorite is a coffee named "Bali Blue Moon." Make sure to stop by coffee hour to get a taste of our new roast!

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!

Putting with the Priest

Calling all Golfers! We're putting together a parish golf outing this Fall, with a date and location to be determined after interest is gathered. This is open to golfers of all skill levels. Think you can beat Fr. Jared on the links? (Hint: You probably can). Reach out to Fr. Jared (jared.grant@christandstlukes.com) today to get in on this new fellowship opportunity!



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