

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 31, 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: Arioso in A

Johann Sebastian Bach

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 541: Come, labor on

Ora labora

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. Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Sirach 10:12-18

THE beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them

to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112 (*sung by all*)

Robert Knox Kennedy



- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the | Lord *
and have great delight in his com|mandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the | land; *
the generation of the upright will be | blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their | house, *
and their righteousness will last for | ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the | upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of com|passion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in | lending *
and to manage their affairs with | justice.
- 6 For they will never be | shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting re|membrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil | rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the | Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not | shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their | enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the | poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with | honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will | perish.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

LET mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 568: Father all loving, who rulest in majesty

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THE GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

ON one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form 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: O Lord, whose mercies numberless

George Frideric Handel

Melinda Van Niel, mezzo soprano

O Lord, whose mercies numberless
O'er all thy works prevail:
Though daily man Thy law transgress,
Thy patience cannot fail.
If yet his sin be not too great,
The busy fiend control;
Yet longer for repentance wait,
And heal his wounded soul.

- Charles Jennens

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:

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 ANTHEM: O, divine Redeemer!

Charles Gounod

Gary Montgomery, tenor

Ah, turn me not away, receive me though unworthy.
Hear Thou my cry, hear Thou my cry,
Behold, Lord, my distress!
Answer me from Thy throne, Haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid!
Thy pity show in my deep anguish, Thy pity show in my deep anguish.
Let not the sword of vengeance smite me,
Though righteous Thine anger, O Lord!
Shield me in danger, O regard me!
On Thee, Lord, alone will I call!
O divine Redeemer, O divine Redeemer!
I pray thee grant me pardon, And remember not
Remember not my sins! Forgive me!
Night gathers round my soul Fearful, I cry to Thee,
Come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me!
Hear my cry, hear my cry. Save me, Lord in Thy mercy;
Save in the day of retribution
From death shield Thou me, O my God!
O divine Redeemer, have mercy!
Help me my Savior!

COMMUNION ANTHEM: Jesu, joy of man's desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, Love most bright.
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned.
Striving still to Truth unknown, soaring, dying, round thy throne.
Through the way where Hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings.
Where the flock in thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead thine own, in the love of joys unknown.

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 438: Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Woodlands

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Moderato, from Drei Tonstücke, op. 22

Niels Gade

MUSIC NOTE:

Today is the debut of our new continuo organ, which will be used for the offertory anthem “O Lord, whose mercies numberless” from Handel’s oratorio *Saul*. This instrument is especially suited to music from the Renaissance and Baroque periods, with clear and direct speech, and in close proximity to the performer. We look forward to using the continuo organ regularly in the future.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY & MUSIC

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).

Fall Brochure

The CSL Fall Brochure has just been released. Be sure to read up on events and opportunities happening over the next few months. Coming up:

- **Homecoming Sunday – Sunday, September 7**
The beginning of the program year and children’s formation
- **Ministry Fair Sunday – Sunday, September 14**
Learn more and sign up for your favorite ministry groups. CSL ministries will each have a table during coffee hour providing information on how they serve our parish and community.

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. Parking will be available at Ohel Shalom Temple and Ghent United Methodist Church beginning at 4:00 p.m. Please save the date for this important conversation. Find more details online.

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 (to page 103) of *How We Learn to be Brave* by Mariann Edgar Budde with Margaret Moore facilitating.

Baptism and Confirmation – Upcoming Dates

Baptism and Confirmation are two important rites of initiation into Christian life. There are two upcoming baptismal dates: *November 2 and January 11*. Confirmation will be on November 16 during the Bishop's annual visit. Anyone interested in either baptism or confirmation should reach out to Fr. Jared (jared.grant@christandstlukes.org) to begin the preparation process for these rites. More information on Baptism and Confirmation can be found on our website. Candidates for these rites must complete the required preparation process beforehand.

Sunday Childcare, Children's Formation, and Children's Chapel Fall Schedule – September 7

- **9:00 a.m. - *Children up to 3 years old*** gather in the blue room in the Parish House at the end of the hallway before the stairs for childcare if their parents are attending adult formation or sing in the choir.
- **9:00 a.m. - *Children's Formation for children 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 for children 9-12 years old*** gather in Lower Lloyd for discussion of scripture, the Episcopal Church, and Christ & St. Luke's. Participants are invited to join their families for the 10:15 a.m. service.
- **10:15 a.m. - *All children through 8 years old*** 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

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. You're welcome to park on the grass. 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, 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!

ADMINISTRATION

Is Your Contact Info Up to Date?

Have you recently moved or changed your contact information? If your email or address has changed, now is a great time to update the office with those changes so you can receive stewardship information, and of course, our infamous staff Christmas card! Please email those changes to Judie Belka (office@christandstlukes.org). *CSL complies with all confidentiality laws and does not publish or release personal information.*

Church Closed for Labor Day – Monday, September 1

Church offices will be closed tomorrow in observance of Labor Day. Please call the main number 757-627-5665 and follow the prompts if you have a pastoral emergency.

Ministry Fair Table Sign Up

If you have not already done so, please reach out to Judie Belka (office@christandstlukes.org) for information on showcasing your ministry at the ministry fair, Sunday, September 14.

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 South India (United).

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ's Church, Amelia, St. Anne's, Appomattox, and St. James', Accomac.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: April Baynum, Ryker Bellamy, Marian Butler-Shaw, Dawson Chambers, Lottie Cochran, Charlie Davey, Keith Ehrhard, Gary Hecht, Sam Hedgecock, Nancy Hoffman, Tom Jenkins, Ray Landon, Debra Quitter, and Sam Roady. 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.

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

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

This week's Birthdays: Sept. 1 – 7

Carl Haywood, Stephen Hopkins, Brian Lee, Mary Welton Meredith, Shep Miller, Linc Smith, Timmy Sumner, and Bruce Toulon.

This week's Anniversaries: Sept. 1- 7

Connie & Henry and David & Mary Roberts.



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