CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 28, 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 Tranquillo

George Oldroyd

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 494: Crown him with many crowns

Diademata

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

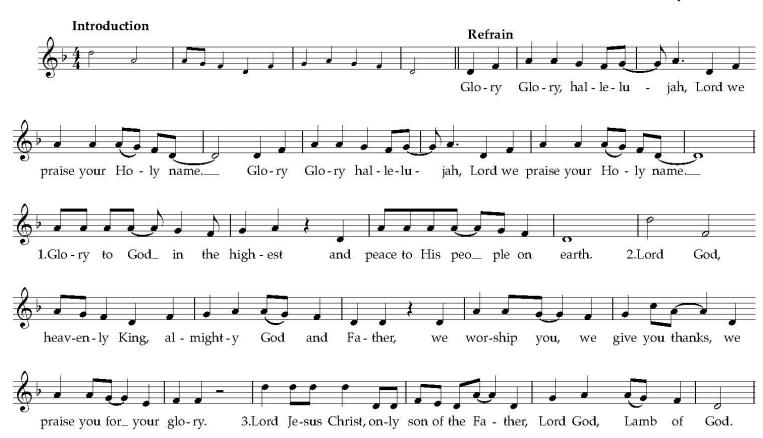
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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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.

GLORY TO GOD Carl Haywood





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146 (sung by all)



1. Hallelujah * Praise the Lord | O · my | soul :

I will praise the Lord as long as I live *

I will sing praises to my | God \cdot while I | have \cdot my | being.

- 2. Put not your trust in rulers * nor in any | child · of | earth :
 - | for \cdot there | is \cdot no | help in them.
- 3. When they breathe their last they relturn · to | earth : and in that | day · their | thoughts | perish.
- 4. Happy are they who have the God of | Jacob · for their | help : whose hope is | in · the | Lord · their | God;
- 5. Who made heaven and earth * the seas and | all that · is | in them : who | keeps · his | promise · for | ever;
- 6. Who gives justice to those who | are · op|pressed : and | food · to | those · who | hunger.
- 7. The Lord sets the prisoners free * the Lord opens the | eyes of · the | blind : the Lord lifts up | those · who | are · bowed | down;
- 8. The Lord loves the righteous * the Lord | cares for · the | stranger : he sustains the orphan and widow * but | frustrates · the | way of · the | wicked.

(2nd part) 9. The Lord shall | reign · for | ever :

your God O Zion throughout all genelra tions | Hal·lellujah!

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Timothy 6:6-19

THERE is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought **I** nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 546: Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

Siroë

THE GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you

are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM I

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With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Priest adds the concluding prayers and collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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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: O God, thou art my God

Henry Purcell

O God, thou art my God: early will I seek thee.

My soul thirsteth for thee; my flesh also longeth after thee

in a barren and dry land where no water is.

Thus have I look'd for thee in holiness that I might behold thy power and glory.

For thy loving kindness is better than life itself: my lips shall praise thee.

As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner, and lift up my hands in thy name.

Because thou hast been my helper, therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. Halleluia.

-Psalm 63: 1-5, 8

Please stand as the Celebrant approaches the altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship I

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.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks,

all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

SANCTUS: Hymnal S 130

Franz Schubert

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues...

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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 S155

Gerald Near

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: Tantum ergo

Jessica French

Down in adoration falling, lo! the Sacred Host we hail. Lo! O'r ancient forms departing newer rites of grace prevail; faith for all defects supplying, where the feeble senses fail.

To the Everlasting Father, and the Son Who reigns on high with the Holy Ghost proceeding forth from Each eternally, be salvation, honor, blessing, might, and endless majesty. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN 582: O holy city, seen of John

Sancta civitas

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant Let us pray. (please stand or kneel)

People God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 625: Ye holy angels bright

Darwall's 148th

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Improvisation on Darwall's 148th

Percy Whitlock

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY & MUSIC

Blessing of the Animals – Saturday, October 4, 5:30 p.m.

Join us for the annual Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 4. This beloved service celebrates the furry, feathered, stuffed, and scaly companions who enrich our lives. Bring your pet for a service and personal blessing inspired by St. Francis, who was well known for his love of nature. This service takes place in the driveway off Stockley Gardens and Boissevain Ave. If your pet does not travel well, or does not play nice with others, you are welcome to bring a photo to be blessed instead. Stuffed animals welcome too!

Norfolk Chamber Consort - Monday, October 6, 7:30 p.m.

Norfolk Chamber Consort presents "The Secret Music: the art of virtuosity in late 16th-century Ferrara," featuring music written for and inspired by the *concerto delle donne*, a trio of highly skilled professional female singer-instrumentalists, whose skill and virtuosity revolutionized the role of women in professional music in the late Renaissance. The program includes music by Luzzaschi, Andrea Gabrieli, Frescobaldi, and others. Tickets are \$40 and may be purchased online at ncconsort.org or at the door. Students are admitted free of charge.

FORMATION

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

- 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.
- 9:00 a.m. Formation for youth ages 12-16 gather in the Mezzanine office, up the parish house stairs. This is a new formation group led by Kelly Storrs. Contact Kathy Hanna (kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org) for more information.
- 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.

Adult Forum: Caring for Creation - Sundays, through October 26, 9:15 a.m.

As people of faith, we believe that the world is a work of creation by the one Creator, but instead of stewarding it responsibly, we are exploiting it. This fall we are going to take a good, hard look at the realities of our relationship with Creation seeking out ways to heal the pain and respond to the problems we have caused. In our adult formation sessions, you will hear from clergy reflecting theologically on this issue and from special guests who are leaders in the field of environmentalism in this area. Continues today with *A Theology of Creation, Part 2*.

Gospel Gang Fellowship & Outreach Event - Today, September 28, 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

The Gospel Gang (ages 9-12) is gathering today, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service in Lower Lloyd for pizza, games, and outreach. We'll be making dog and cat toys to be distributed at the Blessing of the Animals next month. All children ages 9-12 are welcome, even if they haven't yet been able to attend our formation group on Sunday mornings. Please see Rachel Welch with questions.

CSL Youth Meeting – Today, September 28, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

CSL Youth will gather again this evening for dinner, check ins, and other fun stuff! All middle and high schoolers are welcome. Please contact Kathy Hanna (kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org) for more information.

Following up after the 2025 Jim Sell Community Conversation

Many turned out last weekend for the 2025 Jim Sell Community Conversation with award winning author and New York Times contributing opinion writer Margaret Renkl who spoke on the topic of Environmental Stewardship. Thank you to all who joined us for this insightful presentation and contributed to this wonderful evening. The recorded presentation may now be found on the CSL website along with the follow-up article *Finding Hope Amidst the Rising Tide*. If you'd like to continue the conversation, plan to attend Adult Forum Sundays at 9:15 a.m. through October 26 where we'll be exploring our relationship with creation.

FELLOWSHIP

Newcomers' Brunch - Today, September 28, following the 10:15 a.m. service

Are you new to Christ & St. Luke's? Please join us for a welcoming brunch to meet fellow newcomers and learn more about parish life. The brunch is being held at the home of Bobby Smith, who lives within walking distance of the church at 570 Mowbray Arch.

October First Thursday Supper - Thursday, October 2, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

We hope you will mark your calendars for the October First Thursday Supper to be held at the home of B.J. & Tim Taylor at 1453 Sweet Briar Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23509. If you're new or have never been we hope you 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. For questions please contact a member of the committee: Ginny O'Malley Hale, Maria Lyall or Vickie Easley or B.J. Taylor (taylorasc@aol.com or 757-373-6701).

FAITH IN ACTION

Composting at CSL!

Did you know? Christ & St. Luke's has started composting! Over the summer we enlisted the help of Caring for Creation in partnership with Tidewater Compost to soft-launch our parish-wide composting program. You might notice green bins placed strategically around the building and as you leave the campus, you'll see the composting kiosk next to the dumpster. Stay tuned for fun facts about our collective impact on the environment—and please attend the Adult Forum on October 5 to learn how you can participate in our composting program.

Catch the King - October 10-12

Parish partner and environmental community leader, *Wetlands Watch*, is seeking volunteers to help Catch the King 2025! This world record-holding community science event is back October 10-12. Catch the King is an annual King Tide flood GPS mapping event to collect inundation data in our coastal neighborhoods using Wetland Watch's "Sea Level Rise" app. To learn more visit: www.wetlandswatch.org/catchtheking.

Harvest for Hope - through the month of October

Did you know an estimated 36,240 individuals in Norfolk face food insecurity, including nearly 13,000 children? In fact, 1 in 4 children in Norfolk doesn't know where their next meal is coming from. Because of the cuts in federal funding, the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia is in dire need of additional food and donations to help keep these thousands of people from going hungry. We can help. We are partnering with Second Calvary Baptist Church and other churches in Norfolk to form a collaborative effort to collect food for the Foodbank through the month of October. Together we can help supply them with sufficient food for the holiday season (their busiest time of year) and beyond.

We will be collecting all food donations in the back of the church. Shopping bags and lists of suggested items will be provided. Contact Cathy Scherer (cwsch42@gmail.com) with questions. If you cannot bring in food donations but would like to contribute to this effort you can make a financial gift to the Foodbank through their website foodbankonline.org.

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: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Martin's Brandon Episcopal Church, Burrowsville.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: April Baynum, Ryker Bellamy, Dawson Chambers, Keith Ehrhard, Sam Hedgecock, Nancy Hoffman, Andrea Marsh, Shirlee Palmer, Jason Primm, 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: Lee Ann Avery, Carter Bernert, David Black, David Durica, Peggy Enright, Marilyn Gindroz, Valerie Harrington, Gary Hecht, Frank Kirchner, Ray Landon, Wayne Lundie, Ceil McCoid, Mary Helen McCoy, Arthur Menoche, Elmer Morales-Torres, Leon Parham, Allen Shaffer, William Swan, Jake Tobin, and Marie Ward.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Mary Baldridge, Ron Baldridge, Marian Butler-Shaw, Brittany Clark, Brook'n, Ellen Coffman, Elizabeth Crowe, Heather Hanes, Dean Kershaw, James Kilavey, Ena Kirkpatrick, Henley Lanphere, Wesley Lupo, Charlotte Melcher Marett, Shawn Morlock, Mavis Stapleford, Christine Szeligowski, Auris Torres, Autumn Vandehei, and Dwight Vincent.

This week's Birthdays: Sept. 29 - Oct 5

Ward Acosta, Wayne Berry, Teresa Green, Dorothy Holt, Anna Lewis, Mike McClellan, Hannah Prillaman, Ron Ritter, and Richard Savage.

This week's Anniversaries: Sept. 29 - Oct. 5

Debbie & Ron Ritter and Robert & Virginia Ware.



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