CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FEAST OF TITLE

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PRELUDE: Variations on Liebster Jesu

Paul Fey

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.



Words: Carl Haywood (1949)

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Music: Christ and St. Luke's, Carl Haywood (1949)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: Hymnal S 280

Robert Powell

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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 Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Henry Walford Davies

- I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, * the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved * and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; * the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, * nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, * from this time forth for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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HYMN 686: Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

THE GOSPEL Luke 4:14-21

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Noah Van Niel

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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.

PRESENTATION & DEDICATION OF THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE Brad Neary, Director of The Saint John's Bible Heritage Program

HYMN 631: Book of books, our people's strength

Liebster Jesu

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Be thou my vision

Bob Chilcott

For text, please see Hymn 488.

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.

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 129

Robert Powell

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 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.

FRACTION ANTHEM: Hymnal S163

Robert Powell

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Communion at Christ & St. Luke's:

- At the indication of the usher, please move to the center aisle and proceed up the altar rail. Move to the open spot filling in from the center of the rail to the wall.
- Kneel as you are able and place one hand over the other, palms up, to receive the bread.
- To sip from a chalice to receive the wine, consume the bread leaving your palms empty.
- To intinct (dip) your wafer into the wine, hold it between your thumb and forefinger.
- Once the chalices have passed, exit out the side and back down the side aisles to your pew.

Gluten free wafers are available, simply let the priest know you require one. If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine but would like a blessing, gently cross your arms across your chest.

A standing station is also available in front of the pulpit.

COMMUNION ANTHEMS: Sicut cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

As the deer yearns for springs of water: so my soul yearns for you, God.

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 528: Lord, you give the great commission

Abbot's Leigh

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Festive Postlude in C

Paul Fey

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jack Rueppel by Pat Rueppel.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY & MUSIC

Feast of Title - Today, October 19, 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Today we celebrate our "Feast of Title" also known sometimes as our "patronal feast." It is a tradition in The Episcopal Church to honor the namesake of the church on the Sunday closest to that namesake's feast day in the church calendar. Given the unusual nature of our church name, we choose the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Luke, October 18. The Feast of Title is an opportunity to celebrate the history not only of the faithful legacies of Christ and St. Luke, but also to honor the history of this parish and all the many faithful saints, with a lowercase 's', who have constituted this part of the Body of Christ for centuries. It is always a festive and special Sunday, complete with cake at coffee hour! This year we have the added excitement of dedicating the new *Saint John's Bible* which has just been given to our parish in honor of our history and in hopes for our future — our team of docents will be on hand today to help you enjoy it.

October Organ Week

We are hosting two wonderful organ concerts this coming week. Both concerts are free and open to the public:

- Paul Fey Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 p.m.
 - Concert organist Paul Fey will be playing a full concert of traditional repertoire as well as his own compositions. Paul is part of a new generation of musicians using social media to bring the organ to new audiences worldwide. More than 40 million people have watched his videos on Youtube and he's a TikTok sensation, too. Hailing from Leipzig, Germany, he has traveled the world and documented the many pipe organs he plays in a fun way.
- Dorothy Papadakos Friday, October 24, 7:00 p.m.
 - Organist Dorothy Papadakos returns for the fifth year to improvise a complete soundtrack to the 1920 silent movie *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, featuring the legendary John Barrymore. Shown on the big screen, it is a wonderful and thrilling experience. Dorothy was formerly the organist at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, and now travels the world playing the organ to accompany silent films. This year she is on a 10-stop nationwide Spooktacular tour!

All Souls' Mosaic Requiem – Sunday, November 2, 5:30 p.m.

Each year we commemorate the departed with a special service on All Souls'. This year's liturgy will be built on works from various composers to form a *Mosaic Requiem*. Our Parish Choir will sing works by Howells, Vaughan Williams, Whitbourn, and Daniel Gawthrop, interspersed with Gregorian Chant. Part of the liturgy is the reading of the **Necrology**, those in the Parish who have died in the past year. We invite all to submit names of departed loved ones **through October 29** online at: christandstlukes.org/allsouls. Names will be listed and displayed on the memorial tableau during the service. "Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting."

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.
- 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 – Today, October 19, 9:15 a.m.

Today, Peter Schmidt, President & CEO of the Norfolk Botanical Garden, will share an engaging presentation on the fascinating "Garden of Tomorrow" project — including its ambitious Perry Conservatory with a second-story Skywalk, housing the most threatened plants from around the world. It's the largest project in the garden's 85-year history. Peter will also bring along a very special plant for a "show-and-tell" session. There'll also be a Q&A for you to connect directly with Peter and learn more. Don't miss this chance to hear from a leader committed to protecting nature and building stronger bonds within our community. The Caring for Creation series will continue through Sunday, October 26.

Gospel Gang Fellowship Event – Today, October 19, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service

The Gospel Gang (ages 9-12) will meet today for nachos in Lower Lloyd Hall and a scavenger hunt through the Stockley Gardens Fall Arts Festival. All kids ages 9-12 are welcome, even if they haven't had a chance to attend the Gospel Gang formation group yet. Permission slips are required for participation and will be available at drop off in Lower Loyd. Please see Rachel Welch (rachel.welch@christandstlukes.org) with questions.

CSL Youth Meeting-Today, October 19, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Lower Lloyd

CSL Youth will meet again for dinner, check ins, and other fun stuff this evening in Lower Lloyd Hall. All middle and high school students are welcome. It's chicken nuggets and Disciples and Dragons! Please contact Kathy Hanna (kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org) for more information.

Rector's Book Club - Friday, October 24, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

This fall Fr. Noah will be leading a monthly book group on the 4th Friday at 4:00 p.m. On October 24 our book club will focus on *This Sacred Life by Norman Wirzba*. The book asks: In a time of climate change, environmental degradation, and social injustice, what are the grounds for hope in a wounded world? This Sacred Life gives a deep philosophical and religious articulation of humanity's identity and vocation. You still have time to read the book and join the club this Friday!

FELLOWSHIP

Seasoned Spirits - Tuesday, October 21, 6:30 p.m. - The Green Onion

This group was begun by parishioners who wanted to make deeper connections with other members of their church family passing through the middle decades of life. So if you have aged out of our wonderful "Pub Club" group for people in their 20's and 30's but are still hungry to connect, join us! This group meets on the third Tuesday each month 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at *the Green Onion at 1603 Colley Avenue*, Norfolk. Food and drink available for purchase. For additional information contact Jo Ann Short (jo.ann.short21@gmail.com).

FAITH IN ACTION

Prayer Guild - Thursday, October 23, 6:45 p.m.

The Prayer Guild was inspired by Padraig O'Tuama's visit in the fall of 2024. The group is considered a form of "peaceful protest" in the context of these unsettling times. In each session we write in response to prompts provided and then share our prayers with each other. We usually meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:45 p.m. If you're interested in joining us for our next meeting on October 23, or would like more information, please contact Barb Kersey (barbkersey59@gmail.com).

Sign up for the Composting with CSL

Christ & St. Luke's is now partnering with Tidewater Compost! Join the program to eliminate food and organic waste, which can significantly cut your household trash. Congregation members receive discounted partnership pricing for flexible service options, including the affordable on-site drop-off kiosk here at the church and at 15 other convenient sites (for \$10/month) or doorstep residential service, available biweekly (\$20/month) or weekly (\$28/month). We encourage you to participate in this tangible effort to care for creation, reduce waste, and enrich our local soils. Visit www.tidewatercompost.com to sign up, and be sure to mention Christ & St. Luke's in the box where they ask 'how did you hear about us?' to claim your discount.

Harvest for Hope – collecting donations at CSL through the month of October

Food insecurity is at record levels in the Hampton Roads area as WHRO reported just this past week, with the need for food assistance 30 percent higher in the area than it was, even in the pandemic. 1 in 4 Norfolk children doesn't know where their next meal is coming from, and the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia is also feeling the impact of federal funding cuts. We are determined to help. We are partnering with Second Calvary Baptist Church and other churches in Norfolk 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 are collecting all food donations in the back of the church. Shopping bags and lists of suggested items are provided. Please 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 at www.foodbankonline.org.

ADMINISTRATION

2025 Pledge Statements

Pledge statements are being emailed this week. Please reach out to our Business Administrator, Michelle Sturges (michelle.sturges@christandstlukes.org) with any questions.

Stewardship Season has Begun

We invite you to join us in sustaining our mission and ministry for 2026. Our annual stewardship campaign is essential, as pledges account for almost three-quarters of our operating revenue. Your support this year will allow us to continue the rhythm of discipleship: To "Go and Be" impactful embodiments of Christ's love in our city and surrounding region. We are excited to expand into new areas of impact with your support, and we ask that you prayerfully consider making a financial commitment to help us reach our fundraising goal. Visit our website to read the recent stewardship letter for details on how your contribution transforms the world and to set up your 2026 pledge. Please pledge by Sunday, November 9.



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 Episcopal Church.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Bride's, Chesapeake and St. Thomas', Chesapeake.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: April Baynum, Randall Decker Buntin, Dawson Chambers, Keith Ehrhard, Nancy Hoffman, Lillian Kenison, Shirlee Palmer, Jason Primm, Leslie Pugh, Debra Quitter, Sam Roady, Rick Strauss, and Anne Traylor. We pray for all who are deployed, especially Michael Ortiz. We pray for the people of Ukraine. We also pray for the sustaining of peace in the holy land.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: Lee Ann Avery, Carter Bernert, David Black, David Durica, Marilyn Gindroz, Valerie Harrington, Gary Hecht, Frank Kirchner, Wayne Lundie, Ceil McCoid, Mary Helen McCoy, ElmeMorales-Torres, Leon Parham, Allen Shaffer, William Swan, Jake Tobin, and Marie Ward.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Mary Baldridge, Ron Baldridge, Ryker Bellamy, Marian Butler-Shaw, Brittany Clark, Ellen Coffman, Joseph Graif, Heather Hayes, Dean Kershaw, James Kilavey, Ena Kirkpatrick, Henley Lanphere, Wesley Lupo, Shawn Morlock, Peter Morrisette, Mavis Stapleford, Christine Szeligowski, Auris Torres, and Autumn Vandehei.

This week's Birthdays: Oct. 20-26

Fitz Cherry, Daniel Haworth, Jr., Robert Jones, Peggy Joyner, Cheryl McClain, Anne Traylor, Frank Trice, and Rachel Welch.

This week's Anniversaries: Oct. 20-26

Lucy & Paul Gibney, Kim & Ray Norton, and Leon Parham & David Phillips.



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