

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

YOUTH SUNDAY

MARCH 1, 2026, 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: Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt, BuxWV 183

Dietrich Buxtehude

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 393: Praise our great and gracious Lord

Maoz Zur

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

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Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant continues with the Opening Sentence.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(please kneel)*

People Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare those who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared unto all people in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and holy life, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please stand.

KYRIE ELEISON: Hymnal S 86

David Hurd

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4a

THE Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

People Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Love God with your heart

Traditional, arr. Kemp

Sung by the Junior Choir

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

WHAT then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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THE GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THERE was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Noah Van Niel

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lori Hoden

In this time of Lent steeped in recognition and repentance, let us trustfully pray to our Lord.

For your church, that it may remain a source of salvation and its healing words may reach all corners of the earth.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our Prayer.

For leaders, that they may understand the limitations of their power and act within those limitations.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our Prayer.

For the care of the earth, help us recognize that there is no replacement and its future depends on our stewardship.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our Prayer.

For our local communities, nearby communities, and our Commonwealth, may God's abiding wisdom join us for common good.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our Prayer.

For those who suffer in any manner, may the light of Jesus embrace and free them from bondage;
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our Prayer.

For those who have passed before us, let us rest in the knowledge that in due time our lives will join theirs in the grace of God.
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our Prayer.

The Priest adds the concluding prayers and collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: O rest in the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,
And He shall give thee thy heart's desires.
Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him,
And fret not thyself because of evil doers.
O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him.
Wait patiently for Him.

-Psalm 37

Please stand as the Celebrant approaches the altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship

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 We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS: Hymnal S 124

David Hurd

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

...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 S 161

David Hurd

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*please be seated*)

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:

A Lenten Love Song

Helen Kemp

Now Jesus went into the garden, the garden of Gethsemane.

He went there sad and very weary, to be alone to pray.

“Dear God, I am so sorrowful, is there no other way?

Dear God, if it is possible, let this cup pass away.”

Now Jesus went into the garden, the garden of Gethsemane.

The olive tree bent over him, and heard him sadly pray:

“Dear God, your son is sorrowful, but knows your way is best.

Let love take hold of me! Help me to be bold and free to do your will and rest.”

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Where love and charity prevail, God is there.

Litany to the Holy Spirit

Peter Hurford

In the hour of my distress, When temptations me oppress,

And when I my sins confess, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When I lie within my bed, Sick in heart and sick in head,

And with doubts discomfited, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When the house doth sigh and weep, And the world is drown'd in sleep,

Yet mine eyes the watch do keep, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

-Robert Herrick

COMMUNION HYMN 440: Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Liebster Jesu

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray. *(please stand or kneel)*

People Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

THE PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord. *(please kneel)*

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 147: Now let us all with one accord

Bourbon

THE DISMISSAL

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Prelude in C major

Johann Sebastian Bach

LITURGICAL NOTE

The Penitential Order, found in the Book of Common Prayer, may be used as an entrance rite during Lent or other times to emphasize the penitential aspect of the eucharist. It includes an acclamation and the confession of sin and absolution.

During the season of Lent, the Prayers of the People have been written by members of Christ & St. Luke's Prayer Guild. To learn more about that ministry please contact Barb Kersey (barbkersey59@gmail.com).

YOUTH SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS

Kelvin Cheney, *Crucifer*

Monica Deng, *Acolyte & Lector*

Moses Deng, *Acolyte & Intercessor*

Win Taylor, *Acolyte*

Cadence Booth, *Lector*

The Christ & St. Luke's Choristers

The Christ & St. Luke's Junior Choir

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 Anglican Church in Japan.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Advent, Norfolk and St. Stephen's, Newport News.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Leah Avery, Gregory Costanza, Betty Denniston, Nancy Hoffman, Robin Ingram, Karen Kirchner, Ray Landon, Chris Lange, Jack Mace, Elmer Morales-Torres, Ray Norton, Henry Robbins, Michelle Townsend, and Ann Voight. We pray for all who are deployed. We pray also for the people of Ukraine and for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: Peggy Jo Arnold, Carter Bernert, David Black, David Durica, Marilyn Gindroz, Valerie Harrington, Wayne Lundie, Ceil McCoid, Mary Helen McCoy, Leon Parham, Allen Shaffer, William Swan, Jake Tobin, and Marie Ward.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Mary Baldrige, Ron Baldrige, Ryker Bellamy, Brittany Clark, Ellen Coffman, Calvin Horsley, Dean Kershaw, James Kilavey, Wesley Lupo, Mavis Stapleford, Christine Szeligowski, Auris Torres and Autumn Vandehei.

This week's upcoming birthdays: March 2-8

Mary Ellen Baker, Tim Bostic, Beth Corliss, Jeanie Daniel, Peggy Enright, Reid Ervin, Cathy Lewis, Elmer Morales-Torres, Maggie Quitter, Andy Raffin, Robin Reeves, and Dylan Turner.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC & LITURGY

The Annual Allen Shaffer Concert – Today, March 1, 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Shaffer's concert "The British Are Coming!" features music from the United Kingdom. Melinda Van Niel will sing songs of Britten and Howells, Jeff Phelps and Stephen Coxe will perform Britten's *Cello Sonata*, and Scott Crissman and the New Commonwealth Quartet will perform Ralph Vaughan Williams song cycle *On Wenlock Edge*. Free-will offering.

Baptism: Inquire Today!

If you are interested in Baptism for yourself or for your child, the next baptismal prep cycle is underway. Please reach out to Fr. Jared today to learn about this important rite. Candidates for baptism participate in our "Take A Dip Into Baptism" course, taught by Kathy Hanna and Fr. Jared. This course meets on Thursdays March 12, 19, and 26, and is meant for candidates at our two upcoming baptismal dates at the Easter Vigil and Pentecost. Find more information on the baptismal process on our website.

Eucharistic Ministers Training – Today, March 1, following the 10:15 a.m. service – 1:00 p.m.

If you currently serve as a Eucharistic Minister or wish to join this ministry, please join us in the church following the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, March 1. Eucharistic ministers – a vital part of our worship team, are licensed by the diocese to help with the distribution of Communion. Many volunteers who serve in the role find it deeply moving to their own spiritual life. Please reach out to Fr. Jared (jared.grant@christandstlukes.org) if you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister.

Guest Preacher, The Rev. Canon Leyla King – Next Sunday, March 8, 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

We have the honor of welcoming The Rev. Canon Leyla King to Christ & St. Luke's. Mother Leyla currently serves as the Canon for Mission in Small Congregations in the Diocese of West Texas, and is the author of "Daughters of Palestine," her memoir about growing up in a Palestinian-American family and the impact it had on her life and ministry. Mother Leyla will be our guest preacher at both services on March 8, as well as our presenter during our Adult Formation series, "Make no Peace with Oppression." Join us for a firsthand account of the generational impact oppression can have on a family and a people, and about the resiliency it takes to overcome it.

FORMATION

Lenten Adult Formation: Make No Peace with Oppression – Continues today, March 1, 9:15 a.m.

Throughout the Bible, "oppression" is one of the main evils against which people of faith must contend. They must resist oppressing others and they must work to liberate those who are oppressed. But what exactly is oppression? Who gets to define it? What does it really feel like to be oppressed? What does it do to people? How do we help? Join us this Lent as we use our Sunday Adult Formation time to explore this topic. We will hear from clergy and special guests speaking about their own understanding and experience of oppression and broaden our engagement with this essential aspect of our faith. This series will continue on Sundays through March 22.

Sunday Childcare, Children's Formation, and Children's Chapel 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 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.
- 9:00 a.m. - *Formation for youth ages 12-16* gather in the Mezzanine office, up the parish house stairs.
- 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.
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Lenten Book Study with Second Calvary Baptist Church – Thursdays through March 26, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a five-part series this Lent as we partner with Second Calvary Baptist Church to read Howard Thurman's "Jesus and the Disinherited", one of the most influential theological books of the 20th century. Discussions will be jointly led by The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Guns, Senior Pastor of Second Calvary Baptist Church and The Rev. Noah Van Niel. The next two sessions, March 5 & 12, will take place at Second Calvary Baptist Church, 2940 Corprew Ave, Norfolk, VA 23504. The final two sessions, March 19 & 26, will take place at CSL. For more details, please see the full announcement online.

FELLOWSHIP

Newcomers' Brunch – Today, March 1, 12:00 p.m., 631 Westover Avenue, Norfolk

Please join us for a warm, informal brunch — a relaxed opportunity to connect with other newcomers, meet parish leaders, and learn more about worship, ministries, and ways to get involved at CSL. The brunch will be hosted by the Buntin Family, 631 Westover Ave, Norfolk, VA 23507. If you're a newcomer who would like to attend, please feel free to join us, even if you weren't able to RSVP.

First Thursday Supper – March 5, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., 3528 Colmar Quarter, Norfolk

Mark your calendars for March's "First Thursday Supper" hosted by Ginny & Chris Hale next week. 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. Please bring a dish to share. For questions contact a member of the committee: Ginny O'Malley Hale, Maria Lyall, Vickie Easley or B.J. Taylor (taylorasc@aol.com or 757-373-6701) We look forward to seeing you!

Women of Wisdom – Tuesday, March 10, 3:00 p.m – 5:00 p.m., the gold room

Women of Wisdom will discuss "*Grounded: Finding God in the World*," by Diana Butler Bass, chapters one to four. Please join us for good conversation and sharing.

Young Families Fellowship Admirals Game – Sunday, March 22, 3:00 p.m.

Join the Young Families Fellowship for an outing to the Norfolk Admirals! The YFF is for families with children aged birth-high school. Group rate tickets are \$24/each. **To get a seat at the group rate, you must RSVP with Fr. Jared (jared.grant@christandstlukes.org) by March 5.**

FAITH IN ACTION

Camp Chanco Spring Open House – Sunday, March 15, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Discover the magic of Summer Camp at Chanco’s Spring Open House. There’s no better way to experience the spirit of Chanco than spending a fun-filled afternoon on the campgrounds where unforgettable memories are made, confidence is built, and lifelong friendships begin. Activities include hayrides, zip lining, face painting, guided tours, archery, and lunch. To learn more, visit <https://chanco.org/event/spring-open-house-2/>

Caring For Creation Brock Environmental Center Tour – Thursday, March 12, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a tour of The Brock Environmental Center, located at 3663 Marlin Bay Drive, Virginia Beach. A global model of sustainability, certified LEED Platinum and Living Building™, the Brock Environmental Center was built by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and supports education, advocacy, and restoration while hosting community events and school programs. Elevated 14 feet above sea level, it features trails, an Oyster Path, and energy and water dashboards. Contact Brad Robinson (robinson.bradley.g@gmail.com) with questions.

ADMINISTRATION

Church Office Hours – Monday, March 2 – Friday, March 6

Church office hours will be limited this coming week. The Williams School Preschool is closed for spring break and many of our staff are attending a conference. The reception desk at the main entrance will be staffed Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. If you need to access the church outside of those hours please call (757) 627-5665.



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