

# CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 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: In green pastures

*Harold Darke*

*Please stand at the ringing of the bell.*

HYMN 194: Jesus lives! Thy terrors now

*St. Albinus*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*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 278

*William Mathias*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

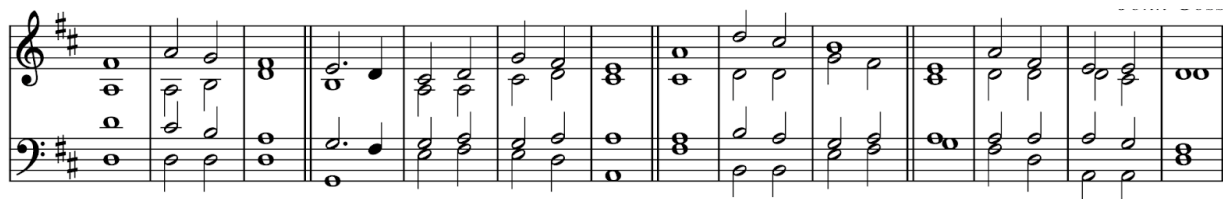
THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

**T**HOSE who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



1. The LORD | is · my | shepherd \*
- I | shall · not | be · in | want.
2. He makes me lie down in | green | pastures \*
- and | leads me · beside · still | waters.
3. He relives · my | soul \*
- and guides me along right pathways | for · his | Name's | sake.
4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death \* I shall | fear · no | evil \*
- for you are with me \* your rod and your | staff · they | com·fort | me.
5. You spread a table before me in the presence of | those · who | trouble me \*
- you have anointed my head with oil \* and my | cup · is | run·ning | over.
6. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the | days of · my | life \*
- and I will dwell in the | house · of the | LORD · for | ever.

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:19-25

**I**T is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

HYMN 663: The Lord my God my shepherd is

*Crimond*

## THE GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**J**ESUS said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Vince Connery

## 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.

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 Celebrant continues...*

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM: Hymnal S 167

*Mason Martens*

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 ANTHEM: Surrexit pastor bonus

*Orlando di Lassus*

*The good shepherd has arisen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep,  
and for his flock deigned to die. Alleluia.*

COMMUNION HYMN 335: I am the bread of life

*I am the bread of life*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

*People* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Live without fear. For your Creator has made you holy, has always loved you, and will never leave you or forsake you even to the end of the age. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and remain with you always. Amen.

HYMN 544: Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

*Duke Street*

THE DISMISSAL

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE: Gigue Fugue in G major, BWV 577

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

## 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 Nigeria.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Emmanuel, Portsmouth, and St. Christopher's, Portsmouth.

**All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially:** Susan Bryant, Randall Decker-Buntin, Betsy Buntin-Rossi, Laurel Buntin, Keith Ehrhard, Carroll Frohman, Chris Lange, John Mansell, Elmer Morales-Torres, William Naylor, Joyce Neighbours, Went Russell, Marjorie Short, Jess Stribling, and Autumn Vandehei. We pray for all who are deployed. We pray also for the people of Ukraine. And we pray for those in harm's way in the war with Iran and conflict throughout the Middle East.

**Those who ask for our continuing prayers:** Peggy Jo Arnold, Carter Bernert, David Black, Max, Kasia, and Helena Bobbitt, David Durica, Peggy Enright, Marilyn Gindroz, Valerie Harrington, Ray Landon, Wayne Lundie, Ceil McCoid, Mary Helen McCoy, Ray Norton, Leon Parham, Ann Prince, Allen Shaffer, William Swan, Jake Tobin, and Marie Ward.

**Our loved ones needing continuing prayers:** Elaine Aspegren, Mary Baldrige, Ron Baldrige, Kristi Beers, Ryker Bellamy, Brittany Clark, Ellen Coffman, Carlo DiTommaso, Nancy Hoffman, Calvin Horsley, Dean Kershaw, James Kilavey, Wesley Lupo, Mavis Stapleford, Christine Szeligowski, and Auris Torres.

**Upcoming Birthdays: April 27 – May 3**

Maria Booth, Liliana Capocelli, Connie Faivre, Finley Halbach, Michael Harrington, Emily Palmer, Emma Riley, Jim Short, Cheryl Shrontz, Rachel Tobias, Jane Turney, and John Yuill.

**Upcoming Anniversaries: April 27 – May 3**

Paul Basdikis & Dave Cass, Holly & Wylie Cooke, Alison & Adams Darden, Kristel & Tommy Fitzgerald, Jenny & Tim Haycox, and Trish & Dan Heflin.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LITURGY & MUSIC

#### **Organist James Kealey – Sunday, May 10, 4:00 p.m.**

The Virginia Arts Festival presents organist James Kealey in concert at Christ & St. Luke's, this Mother's Day. Kealey is First Prize and Audience Prize winner of the 2022 American Guild of Organists National Young Artist Competition. He is also Director of Music at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. Music of Alfred Hollins, Percy Whitlock, Calvin Hampton, David Hurd, Maurice Duruflé, and more. Tickets for the concert are \$24, but CSL parishioners can use the code **CSL26** for a discount on up to eight tickets when purchasing at [vafest.org](http://vafest.org). Enter your code in the box before adding tickets to your cart, and the discount will be reflected in your cart before you pay.

#### **Pentecost Doves**

In preparation for the Feast of Pentecost, you will have a chance to participate in a special art installation. In this interactive, artistic prayer activity, paper doves will carry simple prayers of adoration, thanksgiving, petition, and/or intercession and will be beautifully displayed on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. The symbol of the dove at Pentecost represents the Holy Spirit and its gifts of peace, unity, and the new beginning of the Church. Please write a prayer(s) in a hand folded dove, provided for you following both services on Sundays, May 3, 10 & 17. You may also submit prayer requests or questions to Rachel Welch ([rachel.welch@christandstlukes.org](mailto:rachel.welch@christandstlukes.org)) or Charlie Davey ([charliedavey@gmail.com](mailto:charliedavey@gmail.com)). If you are an experienced origamist, reach out to Rachel Welch for more information on how you may assist. Please note that during this participatory art process, careful attention will be paid to maintaining the private, personal nature of prayer. No prayers will be disclosed to the parish or read aloud. We hope you'll find a moment to participate.

#### **Altar Flower Memorials**

If you would like to contribute to the altar flowers that are so beautifully arranged each Sunday by the CSL flower guild, please email Rachel Welch ([rachel.welch@christandstlukes.org](mailto:rachel.welch@christandstlukes.org)). Please provide the name of the person(s) you would like to honor or remember and the Sunday you would prefer. You may pay the \$100 fee online or by check noting altar flowers in the memo.

### FORMATION

#### **Adult Forum: Building A Rule of Life – Continues Sundays through May 17, 9:15 a.m., Lloyd Hall**

Whether we realize it or not, unspoken rules already govern our daily lives. But do they center Christ? This Eastertide we invite you to bring intentionality to your days by joining our clergy for a six-week Adult Forum exploring the ancient Christian practice of a "Rule of Life." Inspired by St. Benedict's promise in 530 AD when he wrote rules for his monks, hoping to establish "nothing harsh, nothing burdensome," we will study monastic and lay traditions to help you craft a personal framework for encountering God. Discover how to follow Jesus with renewed intentionality. Come, see!

## 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.

## Sign up Now For A Week of Wonder! – August 10–14, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., children ages 3–11

Registration is now open for a favorite week of the year! At Christ & St. Luke's, we do what others call "Vacation Bible School" a little differently. Welcome to **Week of Wonder**, a magical morning camp where children's faith comes alive through creativity and play. We don't want your family to miss out! Designed for adventurers aged 3–11, our team is crafting an immersive experience filled with music, vibrant art, and soulful spiritual formation. This year's theme is "**Grow God's Garden.**" Want to help us plant the seeds of faith? If you'd like to volunteer or need more details, reach out to Kathy Hanna (Kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org). The registration form may be found in the current announcement online.

## Youth Lector Training – Today, April 26, following the 10:15 a.m. service

Do you know a child who would like to serve as a youth lector during our services? Children ages 9 and up are invited to this lector training, especially tailored for youth and led by Kathy Hanna (kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org) and Rachel Welch (rachel.welch@christandstlukes.org). Have your child grab a snack from coffee hour and head to the sanctuary. Current youth lectors are also encouraged to attend. Please note, participation in the training does not require a commitment to serve as a youth lector. Children who may decide they're not quite ready to participate are welcome to try it out at the training. See Rachel or Kathy for more information.

## FAITH IN ACTION

## Clean the Bay Day with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Saturday, May 2, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Volunteers from across the state will gather to remove litter from rivers, streams, roadsides, and shorelines as part of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's annual Clean the Bay Day. You're invited to participate at sites across the state. Since 1989, volunteers have removed more than 7 million pounds of debris from Virginia waterways. Learn more and register at [cbf.org](http://cbf.org), signing up under the "Norfolk/Keep Norfolk Beautiful" location option. Our Caring for Creation team will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the corner of Villa Circle and Rialto Place in the Villa Heights neighborhood in Norfolk.

## FELLOWSHIP

### **Confessions of an Art Critic, Today, April 26, 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m., second floor choir room**

*Virginian-Pilot* theater, film and arts critic Dr. Page Laws will lead a fascinating conversational session hosted by the Christ & St. Luke's Arts Guild where she'll talk about her career as a critic both for the local paper of record and also, for *Cineaste* magazine, widely considered one of the most high-falutin' journals of contemporary moviemaking in the world. If you're at all interested in art, theater, or film and in learning how to critique from a fair and humane lens, then come, see!

### **May First Thursday Supper – Thursday, May 7, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

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. The May First Thursday Supper will be hosted by *Robert and Kristi Jones, 5410B Ocean Front Ave, Virginia Beach 23451*. No sign up is necessary and all are welcome. Bring a dish to share. For questions, please 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!



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**WORSHIP SERVICES AND FORMATION**

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)  
Sunday, 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum & Children's Formation  
Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)  
Thursday, 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)

The Reverend Noah Van Niel, Rector  
The Reverend Jared Grant, Associate Rector  
The Reverend Vince Connery, Assisting Priest  
Kevin Kwan, Organist & Director of Music  
Marjorie Setnicky, Associate Organist  
Kathy Hanna, Director of Family, Youth and Children's Ministry  
Luisa Vázquez-López, Chief Operating Officer  
Rachel Welch, Director of Parish Life  
Matthew Davis, Communications Director  
Stephen Ipock, Facilities Manager  
Will Lee, Media Specialist  
David Roberts, Sexton for Security

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