

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 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: Priere à Notre Dame

Leon Boëlmann

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 193: That Easter day with joy was bright

Puer nobis

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. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 7:55-60

FILLED with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: Do Lord Remember Me

Traditional

Sung by the Junior Choir

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

LIKE newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 487: Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

The Call

THE GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JESUS said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Noah Van Niel

THE NICENE CREED

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Susan our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The Priest adds the prayers of the community.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The Priest may add thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The Priest may add petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *(please kneel)*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *(please stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The 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 ANTHEMS:

I will sing of thy great mercies

Felix Mendelssohn

I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord,
of Thy mercies, O Lord, my Savior,
and of Thy faithfulness evermore.

The Father's Love

Simon Lole

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love.
This is my commandment: that ye love one another, as I have loved you.
God is Love, and those who live in love, live in God and God lives in them.
If you keep my commandments, love one another, as I have loved you.
Then your joy will be complete.

-John 15:9-12

COMMUNION HYMN 324: Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Picardy

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

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 212: Awake, arise, lift up your voice

Richmond

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE: Trumpet Tune in D Major

David Johnson

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Marijeanne Fenno Cunningham by Robert E. Warren
and in loving memory of The Reverend Jess Stribling.*

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 North India.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. James', Portsmouth; St. John's, Portsmouth; Trinity, Portsmouth.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Susan Bryant, Laurel Buntin, Betsy Buntin-Rossi, Randall Decker-Buntin, Carroll Frohman, Georgia Kenison, Chris Lange, John Mansell, Elmer Morales-Torres, William Naylor, Joyce Neighbours, Marjorie Short, Autumn Vandehei, and Sherry Williams. 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.

Rest of the Soul: The Rev. Jess Stribling.

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, Wayne Lundie, Ceil McCoid, Mary Helen McCoy, Ray Norton, Leon Parham, Ann Prince, Went Russell, Allen Shaffer, William Swan, Jake Tobin, and Marie Ward.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Elaine Aspegren, Mary Baldrige, Ron Baldrige, 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: May 4 – 10

Ian Birdwell, Sarah Faber-Cantanesse, Diane Durica, Kim Harris, John Horn, Gary Laws, Alexandra Marlins, Cassidy Pomponio, Cameron Poynter, and Fiona Schneider.

Upcoming Anniversaries: May 4 - 10

Paula & Scott Faivre and Nancy Franklin & Jim Fulton.

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. 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 Dove – Prayer submissions Sundays, May 3, 10, & 17

In preparation for the Feast of Pentecost, you 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. Beginning today, you may write your prayer in the papers provided after each service. These will later be hand folded into doves. Members of the CSL Prayer Guild will be on hand to assist you in the bell tower (after the 8:00 a.m. service), in the back of the church (after the 10:15 a.m. service), and at the main reception desk (through coffee hour). You may also submit prayer requests or questions to Rachel Welch (rachel.welch@christandstlukes.org) or Charlie Davey (charliedavey@gmail.com). 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). 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." This week, Fr. Jared will be away representing our diocese at the Provincial Synod. In his stead, Fr. Noah will lead the class, shifting our focus to the Society of St. John the Evangelist to explore how another rich Anglican monastic tradition can offer practical tools for our daily lives. No matter what forces are currently steering your ship, it is never too late to chart a new, deliberate course toward a humbler faith and a more intentional life!

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.

Queer Theology – Sunday, May 10, following the 10:15 a.m. service, the Parlor

We'll be looking into the past and present of the Episcopal Church's relationship and stance on LGBTQ+ people and issues. Join us for this thoughtful discussion.

Women of Wisdom – Tuesday, May 12, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., the Gold Room

We'll meet for fellowship and to discuss Allen Levi's novel *Theo of Golden*, Chapters 1-31. Rest assured, this is an engaging tale and a good read for our times. The chapters are short and sweet, as in loving, kind, and thought-provoking. Please join us for a good discussion and sharing, even if you haven't read the book.

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.

FELLOWSHIP

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 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
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Hearing assistance devices are available in the back of the Church.

