

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 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: Quiet Ascension

Graeme Shields

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 214: Hail the day that sees him rise

Llanfair

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE: Hymnal S 236

John Rutter

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:6-14

WHEN the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

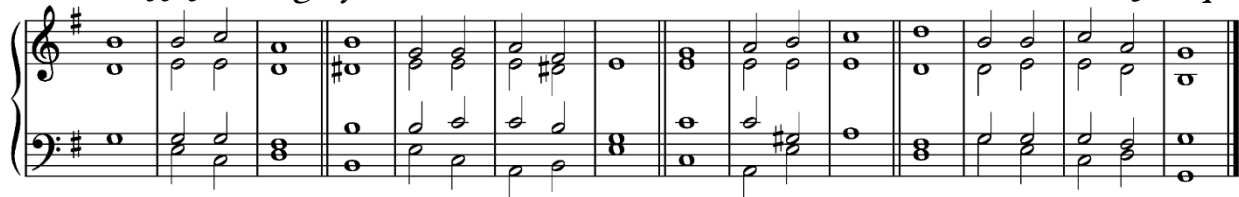
Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36 (sung by all)

Joseph Pring



1. Let God arise and let his | enemies · be | scattered *
let those who | hate · him | flee · before him.
2. Let them vanish like smoke when the wind | drives it · away *
as the wax melts at the fire *
so let the wicked perish | at · the | presence · of | God.
3. But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before | God *
let them | also · be | merry · and | joyful.
4. Sing to God sing praises to his Name *
exalt him who rides upon · the | heavens *
YAHWEH is his | Name · rejoice · before him.
5. Father of orphans defender · of | widows *
God in his | ho·ly | ha·bitation!
6. God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners | in·to | freedom *
but the | rebels · shall | live in · dry | places.
7. O God when you went forth before · your | people *
when you | marched | through · the | wilderness,
8. The earth shook and the skies poured down rain *
at the presence of God the | God · of | Sinai *
at the presence of | God · the | God · of | Israel.
9. You sent a gracious rain O God upon | your · inheritance *
you refreshed the | land · when | it · was | weary.
10. Your people | found · there | home in it *
in your goodness O God you have | made · provision · for the | poor.
33. Sing to God O | kingdoms · of the | earth *
sing | praises | to · the | LORD.

34. He rides in the heavens the | an·cient | heavens *
 he sends forth his | voice · his | might·y | voice.
35. Ascribe | power · to | God *
 his majesty is over Israel * his | strength · is | in · the | skies.
36. How wonderful is God in his | ho·ly | places *
 the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people *
 | Bless·ed | be | God!

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

BELOVED, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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HYMN 604: When Christ was lifted from the earth

San Rocco

THE GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

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

JESUS looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you;

and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Jared Grant

THE NICENE CREED

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM 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.**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 154

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 ANTHEM: *Ascendit Deus*

Peter Philips

*God has ascended with jubilation,
and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Alleluia.
The Lord has prepared his seat in heaven. Alleluia*

-Psalm 47:5

COMMUNION HYMN 221: O Lord Most High, eternal King

Gonfalon Royal

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 460: Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

Hyfrydol

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE: Prelude in C Major, BWV 547

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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Good Shepherd, Richmond and St. George's, Pungoteague.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Gail Bowling, Susan Bryant, Laurel Buntin, Betsy Buntin-Rossi, Al Butzer, Georgia Kenison, Chris Lange, Diane Liles, 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.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: Carter Bernert, David Black, Max, Kasia, and Helena Bobbitt, Randall Decker-Buntin, David Durica, Peggy Enright, Marilyn Gindroz, Valerie Harrington, 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, 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 18 - 24

Clark Avery, Lucy Gibney, Chris Hale, Charles Lattimer, Hunter Lee, Bill Moore, Justina Reynolds, Kimberly Roddy, Sandy Rutecki, Logan Sachon, Sunny Sonner, and Traci White.

Upcoming Anniversaries: May 18 - 24

Sarah & Tulip Caro, Janet & Tom Grant, Ann & Rick Voight, and Stephanie & Brad Weidenhammer.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY & MUSIC

Midday Music Concert – Friday, May 22, 12:00 p.m.

Our final Midday music of the season showcases the New Commonwealth String Quartet, comprising of violinists Elizabeth Coulter Vonderheide and Jonathan Richards, violist Matthew Umlauf, and cellist Elizabeth Meszaros, performing Beethoven's String Quartet No. 9 in C Major, Op. 59, No. 3, part of the "Razumovsky" cycle of string quartets. Join us for this 45 minute concert! Free-will offering

Memorial Day Service at West Point Cemetery – Sunday, May 24, 3:00 p.m.

Join us to honor Memorial Day weekend at this historic cemetery established in 1873, which includes a grouping of headstones marking the remains of 58 Black soldiers and sailors who served in the Civil War. The cemetery is located at 238 E. Princess Anne Road in Norfolk.

Pentecost Dove – Accepting Prayers Today, May 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. Today is the final day to write your prayer in the papers provided after each service. 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). We hope you'll find a moment to participate!

FORMATION

Adult Forum: Building A Rule of Life – Concludes today, 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." 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.

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.

CSL Youth Meeting – Today, May 17, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Lower Lloyd

We will gather this evening, May 17, to enjoy dinner, fellowship, Disciples & Dragons, and have an opportunity to contribute to our parish-wide Pentecost Dove project.

FELLOWSHIP

Stockley Gardens Art Show – Today, May 17, 12:15 p.m., meet in the parlor room

Join Heidi Anderson, our Arts Guild chair, to walk together through the Stockley Gardens Art Show. We'll meet in the parlor room then stroll together through the exhibits and delight in local artists' creations.

Reserve Your Tickets for the CSL Tides Game – Tuesday, June 23, 6:30 p.m.

Let's go to a ballgame! On June 23, join us for an evening at the ballpark with the Norfolk Tides. Tickets are \$12.00 and on the CSL website. You may also buy a t-shirt in a variety of youth and adult sizes for \$15 each, and sign up at the link for those, too. We will have a block of seats so please register ASAP. You will be able to register and buy tickets until June 10. Let's go root for the Tides and have a good time! Our Family, Youth, and Children's ministry is organizing this event, but everyone is welcome to come! There will be fireworks at the end of the game and the church that purchases the most tickets gets to throw out the first ball. You'll be able to pick up tickets on June 14 and June 21.

FAITH IN ACTION

Save the Date - Norfolk Winter Shelter Reunion Dinner – May 28, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Urban Renewal Center of Norfolk is hosting a reunion dinner for all guests and volunteers of the Norfolk Winter Shelter. This annual dinner is a chance to break bread together and celebrate the work of the shelter, in addition to catching-up with our guests and fellow volunteers. The dinner will be on May 28 at First Presbyterian Church, 820 Colonial Avenue. Those interested in attending should RSVP at the link found in our announcements online.

*For more on our ongoing ministries, meetings and programs, please see our events calendar online.
If you'd like to suggest an upcoming event for inclusion in the calendar please email
communications@christandstlukes.org.*



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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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