

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 5, 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: O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Emma Lou Diemer

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

OPENING HYMN: This is my song

Finlandia

v.1-2 Lloyd Stone,
v.3 Georgia Harkness

1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions, a song of peace for
2. My coun-try's skies are blu-er than the o - cean, and sun-light beams on
3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king-doms: Thy king-dome come; on

lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the coun-try where my heart is;
clo-ver leaf and pine, but oth - er lands have sun-light too, and clo-ver,
earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine; but oth - er hearts in
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine. O hear my song, thou
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, thou

oth - er lands are beat-ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
God of all the na-tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.
God of all the na-tions, my-self I give thee; let thy will be done.

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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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

Zechariah 9:9-12

REJOICE greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-15 (*read responsively by half verse*)

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *

slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone *

and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *

and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *

and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power *

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *

your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *

and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *

he lifts up those who are bowed down.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 7:15-25a

I DO not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 8: Morning has broken

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

JESUS said, to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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 II

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I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Susan, our Bishop, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Priest adds concluding prayers and collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant 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 HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Gaelic Air

Keith Chapman

Please stand as the Celebrant approaches the altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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 to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS: Hymnal S 129

Robert Powell

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues...

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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 163

Robert Powell

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 HYMN 339: Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

People Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 718: God of our fathers, whose almighty hand

National hymn

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Fanfare and Procession

Keith Chapman

MUSIC NOTES

Today we welcome guest organist Andrea Boudra. Originally from Northern Virginia, Andrea currently lives in the suburbs of Philadelphia, serving as Music Director and Organist at St. John's Anglican Church in Southampton, Pennsylvania, and as Interim Associate Organist at St. David's Episcopal Church in Wayne. Dr. Boudra holds the prestigious Doctor of Music degree in Organ Performance and Literature from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, and a master's degree from the Peabody Conservatory. Her teachers include Celia Amstutz, Marilyn Keiser, William Neil, Larry Smith, Donald Sutherland and Christopher Young. We are so grateful to have her with us this morning while Kevin and Marj are away.

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 South America.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The campers and staff of Chanco on the James.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Perry Bussard, Martin Davis, Brian Easley, Sylvia Ipock, Dean Kershaw, Chris Kline, David Lamp, Chris Lange, John Mansell, Shirlee Palmer, Mavis Stapleford, Auris Torres, and Marie Ward. We pray for all who are deployed. We pray for the victims of the earthquakes in Venezuela. 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.

Repose of the Soul: Susan Bryant.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: Carter Bernert, David Black, David Durica, Peggy Enright, Joe Fiveash, Marilyn Gindroz, Valerie Harrington, Wayne Lundie, Ceil McCoid, Mary Helen McCoy, Elmer Morales-Torres, William Naylor, Leon Parham, Ann Prince, William Swan, Jake Tobin, and Melinda Van Niel.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Mary Baldridge, Ron Baldridge, Ryker Bellamy, Gail Bowling, Laurel Buntin, Betsy Buntin-Rossi, Ellen Coffman, Carlo DiTommaso, Nancy Hoffman, Calvin Horsley, James Kilavey, Wesley Lupo, Joyce Neighbours, Marjorie Short, Christine Szeligowski, and Autumn Vandehei.

Upcoming Birthdays: July 6 - 12

Catherine Avery, Carter Ballard, Perry Bussard, Lana Butler, David Cass, Brian Deutsch, Wiley Grandy, Debbie Jarrett, Jordan Marlins, David Phillips, Nathan Scott, Grady Smith, and Nancy Tatterson.

Upcoming Anniversaries: July 6 – 12

Caroline & Chad Ballard, Charlie & Phil Davey, Sandy & William Swan, and Laurie & Doug Weymouth.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY & MUSIC

Usher & Greeter Recruitment

Ushers and Greeters play an important role in our common life at Christ & St. Luke's. We're recruiting new members to join this group of volunteers to serve at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Sunday services. If you're interested in serving as a Greeter or Usher, please reach out to Fr. Jared (jared.grant@christandstlukes.org) and keep an eye out for information on an usher & greeter training coming up this summer.

FORMATION

Archivists Wanted

Are you passionate about preserving our deep Norfolk history? The Christ & St. Luke's Archive Guild is looking for dedicated volunteers to help organize and celebrate our parish's rich legacy. We are currently seeking individuals with particular skills in IT, historical research, library science (librarians), and non-fiction writing. Your expertise will help us document our historic roots and journey. To learn more or to get involved, please contact Edmund "Went" Russell (ewrussell3@icloud.com) for more information.

Sunday Childcare and Children's Chapel Summer 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.
- **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.
- **While children's formation has concluded for the program year, childcare for children under 3 and Children's Chapel will continue through the summer. Please escort your child and sign them in when they arrive for Childcare or Children's Chapel.**

FELLOWSHIP

Parish Picnic – Today, July 5, following the 10:15 a.m. service

Summer is here, and it's time for food, fellowship, and fun! The CSL Men's Group will be serving hotdogs and burgers (vegetarian options as well) for everyone to enjoy on Sunday, July 5. Due to the heat, we'll gather in Lloyd Hall & Lower Lloyd following the 10:15 a.m. service. Seasonal treats will include fresh cut watermelon and ice cream with all the toppings! Whether you are a longtime parishioner or visiting for the first time, there is a place at this picnic for you.

CSL Youth Trip to Busch Gardens Williamsburg – Tuesday, July 14

Get ready for a day of thrills, beautiful sights, making new friends, and reconnecting with old! All middle and high school youth are invited. Please email Kathy Hanna (kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org) if your youth would like to attend.

Norfolk Tides Game Rain Date – Tuesday, July 28, 6:30 p.m.

Faith & Family Night at Harbor Park was rained out in June, but our annual Tides game has been rescheduled to Tuesday, July 28. We will be in the same section. **Please return your tickets to church at the main reception desk by Sunday July 12, or reach out to Kathy (kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org) to arrange to drop them off.** When you return your tickets, please indicate on the list provided, what you would like to do with your tickets. There are two options:

1. Receive tickets to the July 28 game in exchange.
2. Donate your tickets, so someone else can use them. You may also designate someone you would like to give them to!

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer refunds. If you would like tickets and did not purchase them the first time around, just let us know!

FAITH IN ACTION

Support for Venezuela - Episcopal Relief and Development

The situation following the earthquakes last month in Venezuela is critical. If you would like to send support to the people of Venezuela, we recommend making a donation to Episcopal Relief & Development which is our denomination's main mechanism for sending aid and relief in times of crisis. A donation to the International Disaster Fund gets critical aid to communities in the immediate term, while also supporting the ongoing work of recovery and rebuilding in the long-term. You can make a donation at <https://give.episcopalrelief.org/>.

Disability Pride Month in July

Disability Pride Month is celebrated each year in July to commemorate the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990. It is a vital time for the disability community to come together, uplift one another, and amplify voices that need to be heard. At its core, Disability Pride is about disabled people embracing their conditions as integral parts of who they are, reclaiming public visibility, and rejecting shame and internalized ableism. The 2026 theme, "The World Works Better With Us," emphasizes that when people with disabilities are included, respected, and supported, communities function far more effectively. Here at Christ & St. Luke's people with disabilities, both visible and invisible, are woven thickly through our staff and congregation. We strive to honor each person's uniqueness, celebrating it as a natural and beautiful part of human diversity and God's creation. Because we know our parish works better with people with disabilities in it, we are committed to ensuring everyone can interact fully and out in the open. We want everyone to feel welcome at CSL. Please do get in touch with Rachel Welch, Director of Parish Life, (rachel.welch@christandstlukes.org) if you'd like to discuss how we can better accommodate you, your family, and your disabilities, whatever they may be.

ADMINISTRATION

Pledge Payments

We appreciate you making a point to keep your pledge payments current throughout the summer months. If you have any questions about your pledge contact Luisa Vazquez-Lopez (office@christandstlukes.org).

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
Corey Shrontz, Sexton

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