

# CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 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: "Andante sostenuto" from Symphonie Gothique, Op. 70 *Charles-Marie Widor*

*Please stand at the ringing of the bell.*

HYMN 440: Blessed Jesus, at thy word *Leibster Jesu*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY p. 355

*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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: Hymnal S 280 *Robert Powell*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 55:10-15

**A**S the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the

brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 65:9-14** (*read responsively by half verse*)

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; \*  
**the river of God is full of water.**

10 You prepare the grain, \*  
**for so you provide for the earth.**

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
**with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

12 You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
**and your paths overflow with plenty.**

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
**and the hills be clothed with joy.**

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
**let them shout for joy and sing.**

**THE SECOND LESSON**

**Romans 8:1-11**

**T**HERE is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

**J**ESUS went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

*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 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:** Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*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 336: Come with us, O blessed Jesus

*Werde munter*

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 423: Immortal, invisible, God only wise

*St. Denio*

THE DISMISSAL

*People* Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons, Op. 12

*Maurice Duruflé*

## MUSIC NOTES

Today we welcome again our 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 Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. James', Accomac and Emmanuel, Cape Charles.

**All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially:** Perry Bussard, Tulip Caro, Martin Davis, Brian Easley, Dean Kershaw, David Lamp, Chris Lange, John Mansell, Cheryl McClain, Shirlee Palmer, Ronda Ramsburg, Zoe Robertson, 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.

**Those who ask for our continuing prayers:** Carter Bernert, David Black, Chris Kline, 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 Baldrige, Ron Baldrige, Ryker Bellamy, Gail Bowling, Laurel Buntin, Betsy Buntin-Rossi, Ellen Coffman, Carlo DiTommaso, Nancy Hoffman, Calvin Horsley, Sylvia Ipock, James Kilavey, Wesley Lupo, Joyce Neighbours, Marjorie Short, Christine Szeligowski, and Autumn Vandehei.

**Upcoming Birthdays: July 13-19**

Billy Daniel, Carol Davis, Jim Dille, Monica Gindroz, Dan Hunt, and Carter White.

**Upcoming Anniversaries: July 13-19**

Linda & Tom Cherry, Linda & Mike Hester, and Traci & Bob White.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### **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 today, July 12, or reach out to Kathy ([kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
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