

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 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: Ciaconne in E minor, BuxWV 160

Dieterich Buxtehude

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 388: O worship the King, all glorious above

Hanover

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: Hymnal S 277

David Hurd

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

1 Kings 3:5-12

AT Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for

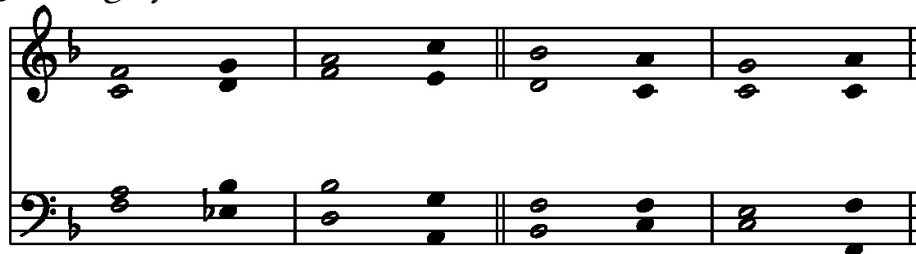
who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:129-136 (*sung by all*)

Robert Knox Kennedy



129 Your decrees are | wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my | heart.
130 When your word goes forth it gives | light; *
it gives understanding to the | simple.
131 I open my mouth and | pant; *
I long for your com|mandments.
132 Turn to me in | mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your | Name.
133 Steady my footsteps in your | word; *
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.
134 Rescue me from those who op|press me, *
and I will keep your com|mandments.
135 Let your countenance shine upon your | servant *
and teach me your | statutes.
136 My eyes shed streams of | tears, *
because people do not keep your | law.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:26-39

THE Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also

called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 635: If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Wer nur den lieben Gott

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JESUS put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 IV

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Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds the concluding prayers and collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Enriching our Worship

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God. *(please kneel)*

People God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 ANTHEM: *Fac ut portem*, from *Stabat Mater*

Gioachino Rossini

Anna Farley, mezzo soprano

Make me bear the death of Christ,

Make me share His Passion,

and His wounds remember.

Make me be afflicted with those wounds

And intoxicated with this Cross

and blood of Your Son.

Please stand as the Celebrant approaches the altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship

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.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS: Hymnal S 124

David Hurd

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues...

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, 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.

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: Mache dich, meine Herze, rein

Johann Sebastian Bach

Harry Claude Baum, baritone

Make yourself pure, my heart,

I want to bury Jesus myself.

For from now on he shall have in me,

forever and ever, his sweet rest.

World, get out, let Jesus in!

COMMUNION HYMN 601: O day of God, draw nigh

St. Michael

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

HYMN 535: Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Paderborn

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Preludium in C, BuxWV 137

Dieterich Buxtehude

MUSIC NOTES

Anna Farley currently resides in Newport News where she works as a speech language pathologist. Prior to receiving her masters degree in speech, she worked as a vocal instructor after receiving a masters in music from Florida State University. She has been engaged as a singer with Christ and St. Luke's since moving to Norfolk in 2021.

Harry Claude Baum has been living in Norfolk since 2022. A graduate of Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA, Harry Claude is working towards a license as an electrician with a planned testing by the end of 2026. Harry Claude has sung with the Christ & St. Luke's choir for two seasons.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY & MUSIC

Join the Summer Choir – All Sundays in August

Have you ever wanted to sing in the choir but can't make the weekly commitment? Our summer choir will meet on Sunday mornings starting August 2 through August 30. Arrive at 9:15 a.m. if you don't have a robe, and we will start rehearsing at 9:30 a.m. A simple anthem will be prepared. Music-reading ability is not required but is helpful.

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

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

Tide's Game this Week! – Tuesday, July 28, 6:30 p.m.

Faith & Family Night at Harbor Park was rained out in June, but our annual Tides Game trip has been rescheduled to Tuesday, July 28. We will be in the same section. Be sure you pick up your tickets at the main reception desk by today, July 26, if you've returned your old tickets.

CSL T-shirts for sale

Following the fantastic success of our recent Tides Game merchandising experiment, we're opening up Christ & St. Luke's T-shirt sales to the entire parish by popular demand! These comfortable, stylish tri-blend tees are a perfect way to share your parish pride throughout Norfolk and beyond; send us a picture of yourself wearing your CSL shirt somewhere exotic. Best of all, all proceeds go directly to support our mission, funding vital ministries like our Thursday Lunch program. Order yours online today at <https://christandstlukes.org/give/t-shirt-order/>

FAITH IN ACTION

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. 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. Last Sunday, Fr. Noah shared a prayer for Disability Pride Month during the service: You may read the prayer at <https://disabledepisco.com/a-prayer-for-disability-pride-month-2026/>

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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