

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 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: Canzonetta

William Mathias

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 371: Thou, whose almighty word

Moscow

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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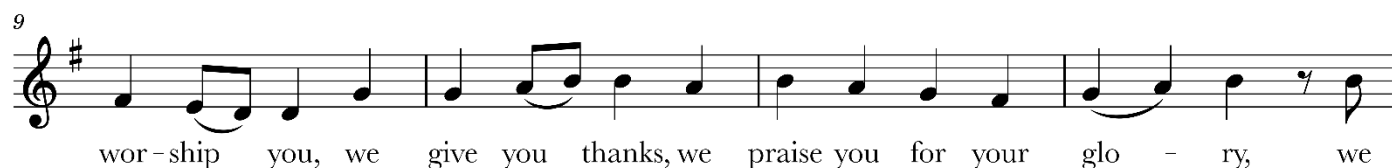
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray. 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

Franz Schubert



24

You are seat-ed at the righ-t hand of the Fa-ther, re-ceive our prayer, re-

28

-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord.

33

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly

38

Spir-it in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men. A-men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 19:9-18

AT Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to

take it away.” Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85:8-13 (*sung by all*)

Jerome Webster Meachen



8 I will listen to what the LORD God is | saying, *
 for he is speaking peace to his faithful people,
 and to those who turn their | hearts to him.

9 Truly his salvation is very near to those who | fear him, *
 that his glory may dwell in our | land.

10 Mercy and truth have met to|gether; *
 righteousness and peace have kissed each | other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the | earth, *
 and righteousness shall look down from | heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant pros|perity, *
 and our land will yield its | increase.

13 Righteousness shall go be|fore him, *
 and peace shall be a pathway for his | feet.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:5-15

MOSES writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the

mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.
People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 699: Jesus, Lover of my soul

Aberystwyth

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

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

JESUS made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Noah Van Niel

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 against God and our neighbor. *(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: Laudamus te, from *Gloria*

Antonio Vivaldi

Lauren & Leslie Ipock, sopranos

We praise you, we bless you,

We worship you, we glorify you.

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,

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 worship you, we glorify you.

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 164

Franz Schubert

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 MUSIC: I know that my redeemer liveth, from *Messiah*
Leslie Ipock, soprano

G. F. Handel

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

COMMUNION ANTHEM: Angel voices ever singing

E.G. Monk

Angel voices ever singing round Thy throne of light, angel harps, forever ringing, rest not day nor night; thousands only live to bless Thee and confess thee Lord of might. Thou who art beyond the farthest mortal eye can scan, can it be that Thou regardest songs of sinful man? Can we feel that Thou art near us and wilt hear us? Yea, we can. Yea, we know Thy love rejoices o'er each work of Thine; Thou didst ears and hands and voices for Thy praise combine; craftsman's art and music's measure for Thy pleasure didst design.

Here, great God, today we offer of Thine own to Thee; and for Thine acceptance proffer, all unworthily, hearts and minds and hands and voices in our choicest melody.

Honor, glory, might, and merit Thine shall ever be, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, blessed Trinity: of the best that Thou hast given earth and heaven render Thee.

-Francis Pott

COMMUNION HYMN 428: O all ye works of God

Irish

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 473: Lift high the cross

Crucifer

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Toccata in E minor

Johann Pachelbel

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Holly Aleks by her husband, Richard Aleks.*

MUSIC NOTES

Lauren Ipock is a rising senior at Old Dominion University studying Sports Management. Raised at Christ & St. Luke's Church, she was a member of the first Choristers class founded by Kevin Kwan and now serves as a Soprano I Choral Scholar, and mentor to the Choristers program. Lauren also helps teach the new Music Mondays program at the YMCA on Granby. She is grateful to Christ & St. Luke's, Kevin Kwan, Marj Setnicky, and the Academy of Music for their continued support of her musical journey. She is especially thankful to her parents for driving her to Chorister rehearsals every Wednesday throughout her childhood and for fostering her lifelong love of music. Lauren has studied voice with Anna Feucht, Dr. Brian Nedvin, and Keaton Whitehurst.

Leslie Ipock graduated in May 2026 from William & Mary where she studied Kinesiology and Voice, and sang with the Botetourt Chamber Singers and The Bruton Parish Choir. Leslie began singing in the Christ & St. Luke's chorister program in 2012, began singing with the adult choir in 2019, and has studied voice with Anna Feucht and Mary Fletcher. She is moving to Philadelphia this August to earn her MPH at the University of Pennsylvania, where she hopes to continue singing in church choirs.

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: Emmanuel, Virginia Beach and Galilee, Virginia Beach.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Elaine Aspegren, Dan Braiman, Perry Bussard, Dean Kershaw, Chris Kline, David Lamp, Isabel Lopez Santos, Cheryl McClain, Carolyn Money maker, Shirlee Palmer, David Scherer, Cheryl Shrontz, and Auris Torres. 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.

The Repose of the Soul: Nancy Hoffman.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: Peggy Jo Arnold, Allen Baker, Carter Bernert, David Black, David Durica, Peggy Enright, Joe Fiveash, Marilyn Gindroz, Valerie Harrington, Leslie Ipock, Chris Lange, Wayne Lundie, Ceil McCoid, Mary Helen McCoy, William Naylor, Leon Parham, Ann Prince, William Swan, Jake Tobin, Elmer Morales-Torres, 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, Calvin Horsley, James Kilavey, Wesley Lupo, John Mansell, Joyce Neighbours, Zoe Robertson, Marjorie Short, Mavis Stapleford, Christine Szeligowski, and Autumn Vandehei.

Upcoming Birthdays: August 10 — 16

Allen Baker, Carolyn Baker, Philip Beal, Nolan Buntin, Ader Deng, Mack Nolen, Lacey Quintero, Tony Seese, Kelly Storrs, Alaina Toulon, Ann Voight, Connie Williams, & Sigur Whitaker.

Upcoming Anniversaries: August 10 — 16

Caramine White & Paul Campsen, Vickie & Brian Easley, Cathy & Win Lewis, Virginia Thumm & Dave Mayfield.

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 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.

Acolyte Festival — Saturday, August 29, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., the Gold Room.

New and Returning Acolytes are invited to join us for our annual Acolyte Festival. The festival serves as our yearly training and helps us form the acolyte teams that serve throughout the year. If you would like to learn more about serving as an acolyte, please reach out to Fr. Jared (jared.grant@christandstlukes.org) ahead of the Festival. Attendance is required for those wishing to join the acolyte ministry. Acolytes are an intergenerational ministry and the general age to begin serving is around eight to ten years old.

Usher & Greeter Training — Saturday, September 12, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Calling All Ushers & Greeters! There is a training for our Usher and Greeter Ministry on Saturday, September 12, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. All current and new ushers should plan to attend, as this training will introduce new protocols. If you are interested in serving as an Usher or Greeter, there is still time to sign-up! Reach out to Fr. Jared (jared.grant@christandstlukes.org) today.

Children's Choirs Resume

Do you know a child who likes to sing? Our children's choir rehearsals resume in September, and we would love to have your child join our music program! Choristers (8-18 years old) begin Wednesday, September 16. Junior Choir (5-7 years old) & Cherubs (3-4 years) begin Wednesday, September 30. Rehearsals take place each Wednesday evening (either 30 or 60 minutes depending on age). For more information, please visit our website, or contact Kevin Kwan (kevin.kwan@christandstlukes.org) or Melinda Van Niel (melinda.vanniel@gmail.com).

FORMATION

Week of Wonder is here! - This week Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

This week over 50 children will fill our church spaces during a Week of Wonder, a magical morning camp where children's faith comes alive through creativity and play. This year's theme is "Grow God's Garden", and our volunteer "wonder workers" have been planning for months. Many of our clergy and staff participate as well. If you need to stop by the church or speak with clergy or staff this week, please call ahead. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

Children's Formation Schedule

Sunday Childcare and Children's Chapel Summer Schedule – Beginning June 7

- **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. *Children ages 3-8 in the gold room. Children under 3 in the blue room.* Older children will be brought into church to rejoin their families at the Peace. If you would like your child under three 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

CSL Men's Group Breakfast — Saturday, August 15, 9:00 a.m., Lower Lloyd Hall

The CSL Men's Group will meet for their monthly breakfast Saturday, August 15. This group generally meets on the third Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship. Please let Tim Haycox (22t7446@cox.net) know if you plan to attend to ensure there is plenty of food to go around.

Newcomers Brunch — Sunday, August 30, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Please join us for a warm, informal Newcomers' Brunch — a relaxed opportunity to connect with other newcomers, meet parish leaders, and learn more about worship, ministries, and ways to get involved at Christ & St. Luke's. *The brunch will be hosted at the home of parishioner Bobby Smith, 570 Mowbray Arch, within walking distance of the church.* If you have questions or need assistance, contact Rachel Welch (Rachel.welch@christandstlukes.org). We look forward to welcoming you and helping you feel at home in our community.

ADMINISTRATION

Additional Parking in August

Thank you to our friends at Ohel Sholom Temple for the use of their parking lot. We may park at 530 Raleigh Avenue all Sundays in August. Also, please be sure to observe all street parking signs on Sundays, as these signs are intended to ensure pedestrian safety.

*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.*