

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 16, 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: Aria

John Dixon

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 542: Christ is the world's true Light

St. Joan

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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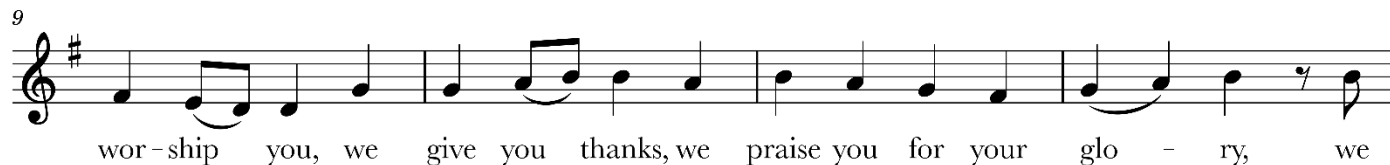
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Franz Schubert



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You are seat - ed at therighthand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer, re -

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-ceive our prayer. For you a - lone aretheHo-lyOne, you a - lone are the Lord.

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

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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. Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

THUS says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

People Thanks be to God.



- 1 May God be merciful to us and | bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and | come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon | earth, *
your saving health among all | nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you O | God; *
let all the peoples | praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for | joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity,
and guide all the nations upon | earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you O | God; *
let all the peoples | praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her | increase; *
may God our own God give us his | blessing.
- 7 (*2nd part*) May God give us his | blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in | awe of him.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ASK, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 706: In your mercy, Lord, you called me

Halton Holgate

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JESUS left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Jared Grant

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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.

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: A Simple Song, from *Mass*

Leonard Bernstein

Melinda Van Niel, soprano

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude...

Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laude...

Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things,

For God is the simplest of all.

I will sing the Lord a new song

To praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.

I will sing His praises while I live. All of my days.

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord,

Blessed is the man who praises Him.

Lauda, Lauda, Laude...And walks His ways.

I will lift up my eyes

To the hills from whence comes my help.

I will lift up my voice to the Lord

Singing Lauda, Laude.

For the Lord is my shade,

Is the shade up on my right hand,

And the sun shall not smite me by day

Nor the moon by night.

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord

Lauda, Lauda, Laude...And walks His ways.

Lauda, Lauda, Laude, Lauda, Lauda, di da di day...

All of my days.

-Leonard Bernstein & Stephen Schwartz

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 130

Franz Schubert

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **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.**

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 ANTHEM: The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Robert Evans, baritone

For text, please see Hymnal 487

COMMUNION ANTHEM: Give thanks for Music-making Art

Todd Wilson

Give thanks for music-making art, and praise the Spirit's choice
of members called and set apart with instrument and voice.

With work and wisdom, skills hard-won, life-giving and life-long,
They celebrate what God has done and lead the people's song.

Through years of training they accrue the skills of mind and hand,
which hours of practice must renew, enliven, and expand.

With Spirit-grace they tune our hopes; to Christ their hearts belong;
for love of God must guide the arts that lead the people's song.

With music, moving on through time in sequences of sound,
we show and tell God's story-line of how the lost are found:
the old, unfolding covenant of justice righting wrong,
resounds through word and sacrament, and leads the people's song.

Then let us reach for excellence to sing and symphonize
for God, our utmost audience, with joy our highest prize.
When kindly skill our spirit lifts and makes the humble strong,
give thanks, and praise the graceful gifts that lead the people's song.

God, give us music to express and richly interweave
our yearning with our thankfulness, and sing what we believe,
till, glorious in the realms of grace, with new creation's throng,
our Savior meets us face to face and leads the people's song.

-Brian Wren

COMMUNION HYMN 317: This is the hour of banquet and of song

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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 470: There's a wideness in God's mercy

Beecher

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Grand Sortie de Concert

John Dixon

MUSIC NOTES

Melinda Van Niel sings with the choir of Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church and the Virginia Chorale. She has sung with many ensembles in her career as a section leader and soloist, including the Choir at The Chapel of the Cross Chapel Hill, the Choir of the Church of the Holy Trinity Philadelphia, and the Choral Fellows of the Harvard University Choir. She has also performed with the Philadelphia Opera Company Chorus and has sung a variety of opera roles including Zerlina in *Don Giovanni*, Dorabella in *Così fan Tutte*, Cherubino in *Le Nozze di Figaro*, and Laurie in *The Tender Land*.

Baritone Robert Evans recently graduated from Hickory High School and The Governor's School for the Arts where he studied in the Vocal Music Department. He has sung in the choir at Christ and St. Luke's for one year, and he will attend Shenandoah Conservatory this fall where he will major in music performance.

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 Church in Wales.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Good Samaritan, Virginia Beach and Holy Apostles, Virginia Beach.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Elaine Aspegren, Dan Braiman, Perry Bussard, Dean Kershaw, Chris Kline, David Lamp, Cheryl McClain, Carolyn Moneymaker, Shirlee Palmer, Bower Patrick, Isabel Lopez Santos, David Scherer, Tony Seese, Cheryl Shrontz, Auris Torres, and Tayah Wozniak. We pray for all who are deployed. We pray also for the people of Ukraine and for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land.

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, 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, Calvin Horsley, James Kilavey, Wesley Lupo, John Mansell, Joyce Neighbours, Zoe Robertson, Marjorie Short, Mavis Stapleford, Christine Szeligowski, and Autumn Vandehei.

Upcoming Birthdays: August 17 — 23

Caroline Ballard, Nancy Branch, Madeline Coradi, Darden Coupland, Debbie D'Angelo, Josie Nolen, Chuck Spence, Grady Summer, Charlotte Tobias, and Harvey Williams.

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

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.

Week of Wonder

A wonderful week was had by all who participated in this year's Week of Wonder! Many thanks to Kathy Hanna, Director of Family, Youth, and Children's Ministries, and the many volunteers who spent months planning and many hours last week ensuring over 50 children enjoyed a week of music, arts, and spiritual formation.

FELLOWSHIP

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.*



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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)