

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 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: "On the Nature of Daylight"

Max Richter, arr. Booth

Topher Booth, piano

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 334: Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

Alles ist an Gottes Segen

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 280

Robert Powell

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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

Isaiah 51:1-6

LISTEN to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and

look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

PSALM 138 (*sung by all*)

James Frazier



- 1 I will give thanks to you O LORD with my whole | heart; *
before the gods I will sing your | praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your | Name, *
because of your love and | faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your | Name *
and your word above all | things.
- 4 When I called you | answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you O | LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your | mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the | LORD, *
that great is the glory of the | LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high he cares for the | lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble you keep me | safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall | save me.
- 9 (*2nd part*) The LORD will make good his purpose | for me; *
O LORD your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your | hands.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

I APPEAL to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 521: Put forth, O God, thy Spirit's might

Chelsea Square

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

WHEN Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Rich Simpson

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: Ave verum corpus

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.

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: As we gather at your Table

Skinner Chavez-Melo

As we gather at your Table, as we listen to your Word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.
Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.
Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

-Carl Daw

COMMUNION HYMN 576: God is Love

Mandatum

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 427: When morning gilds the skies

Laudes Domini

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Toccata, from *3 pieces*, FP 48, no.3

Francis Poulenc

Topher Booth, piano

*The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Elaine Aspegren by The Belka Family.*

MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Michael McRee Landrum, an internationally acclaimed concert pianist, distinguished educator, and lifelong champion of classical music, passed away on June 26, 2026, in London. He was a terrific teacher, who introduced me to innumerable musical works, including the Poulenc I am playing today. He was also a dear friend for most of adult life.

-Topher Booth

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 of the Province of West Africa.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For Old Donation, Virginia Beach and St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Perry Bussard, Jenny Davis, Carol Frohman, Dean Kershaw, Cris Kline, Shirlee Palmer, Bower Patrick, Isabel Lopez Santos, David Scherer, Auris Torres, and Tayah Wozniak. 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: Elaine Aspegren.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: Peggy Jo Arnold, Allen Baker, Carter Bernert, David Black, David Durica, Marilyn Gindroz, Valerie Harrington, David Lamp, Chris Lange, Wayne Lundie, Ceil McCoid, Mary Helen McCoy, Elmer Morales-Torres, Leon Parham, Ann Prince, Tony Seese, Cheryl Shrontz, William Swan, Jake Tobin and Melinda Van Niel.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Mary Baldrige, Ron Baldrige, Ryker Bellamy, Gail Bowling, Dan Braiman, Laurel Buntin, Betsy Buntin-Rossi, Ellen Coffman, Carlo DiTommaso, Calvin Horsley, James Kilavey, Wesley Lupo, John Mansell, Joyce Neighbours, Marjorie Short, Mavis Stapleford, Christine Szeligowski, and Autumn Vandehei.

Upcoming Birthdays: August 24 — 30

Tulip Caro, Thomas Clayton, Karen Moskowitz, Tim Quitter, Jo Ann Short, and John Sides.

Upcoming Anniversaries: August 24 — 30

Caramine White & Paul Campsen.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY & MUSIC

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Richard Simpson

We are delighted to welcome The Rev. Dr. Richard Simpson as our guest preacher today. A retired priest with over 30 years of experience, Rich formerly served as Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts and remains a sought-after retreat leader and expert in church leadership. We're grateful to him for leading our vestry retreat last week and being with us today.

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 - Last Week to RSVP! — Saturday, August 29, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., the Gold Room.

This is the final week to sign-up to serve as an Acolyte for the 2026-27 Program Year. New Acolytes must attend the Festival before serving, and Returning Acolytes are highly encouraged to attend. The Festival is 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) no later than **Wednesday, August 26..**

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.

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.

First Thursday Supper Returns — Thursday, September 3, 2026, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

If you're new or have never been; we hope you consider this relaxed, "no agenda" evening with friends old and new, a pot luck meal and plenty of fellowship. *Our September supper will be hosted by Kate and Rosser Bobbitt at 1005 Winsor Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23451.* No sign up is necessary and all are welcome. Bring a dish to share. For questions please contact a member of the Committee: Ginny Hale, Maria Lyall, Vickie Easley or B.J. Taylor at taylorasc@aol.com or 757-373-6701. We look forward seeing you!

FAITH IN ACTION

Ghent Area Ministry Neighborhood Day

Saturday, August 29, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., 1301 Colonial Avenue. (across from the Harris Teeter)

Our friends at the Ghent Area Ministry invite you to join them for Neighborhood Day. They're hosting a free community event with complimentary hot dogs, chips, and drinks. While you're there, take a tour of their center and discover opportunities to get involved and volunteer. They are also holding a food and clothing drive, accepting donations of new and gently used clothing for men and women, new underwear and socks, and non-perishable canned food items. Learn more at gamhelpsnorfolk.org.

ADMINISTRATION

Christ & St. Luke's T-Shirts — Now Re-stocked!

These comfortable, stylish tri-blend tees are a perfect way to share your parish pride throughout Norfolk and beyond. Proceeds go directly to support our mission. Order yours online today.

Big Dates Coming In September

Mark your calendars for an exciting fall season! We have a fantastic lineup to launch our 2026-7 program year:

- **September 13: Homecoming Sunday** — Join us for a special celebration with coffee hour treats after both services.
- **September 20: Ministry Fair** — Discover meaningful ways to get more involved in our parish.
- **September 27: Adult Formation** — Classes resume at our regular time of 9:15 a.m.

Also, keep an eye out for our upcoming fall ministry and event brochure for more details!

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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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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
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David Roberts, Sexton for Security
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