

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30, 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: Partita on "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier"

Johann Gottfried Walther

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 379: God is Love, let heaven adore him

Abbot's Leigh

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. Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you

who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26:1-8 (*sung by all*)

Robert Knox Kennedy



- 1 Give judgment for me O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not | faltered.
- 2 Test me O LORD and | try me; *
examine my heart and my | mind.
- 3 For your love is before my | eyes; *
I have walked faithfully | with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the | worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of | evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the | wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence O | LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your | altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanks|giving *
and recounting all your wonderful | deeds.
- 8 LORD I love the house in which you | dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

LET love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it

depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 593: Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JESUS began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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 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 I

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: The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

Sarah Evans, soprano

Please stand as the Celebrant approaches the altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship I

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: Christ hath a garden

Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around, a Paradise of fruitful ground,
Chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness.
Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand;
By Eden's gracious streams, that flow to feed their beauty where they grow.
Awake, O wind of heav'n and bear their sweetest perfume through the air:
Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved Master come:
That he may come, and linger yet among the trees that he hath set;
That he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green.

COMMUNION HYMN 513: Like the murmur of the dove's song

Bridegroom

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 675: Take up your cross

Bourbon

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Jubilate

Craig Phillips

MUSIC NOTES

Sarah Evans is a soprano with a Bachelor's degree in Music from Christopher Newport University as well as a Master's in Teaching. She studied voice under Dr. John McGuire and has built a strong foundation in both performance and pedagogy. For the past five years, Sarah has been singing at Christ and St. Luke's Church, and she currently serves as the Chorus Teacher at Hickory High School. She also performs with the Virginia Chorale. Sarah also has music available on major streaming platforms, including Spotify and Apple Music. As a devoted mom, she brings the same warmth and dedication to her work that she brings to her family, especially in the moments spent together offstage.

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 the Province of the West Indies.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For St. Francis, Virginia Beach and St. Simon's by-the-Sea, Virginia Beach.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Douglas Burdett, Perry Bussard, Jenny Davis, Carol Frohman, Vania Holmes, Dean Kershaw, Cris Kline, Shirlee Palmer, Bower Patrick, Isabel Lopez Santos, David Scherer, Auris Torres, Michelle Townsend and Tayah Wozniak. We pray for all who are deployed. We pray also for the people of Ukraine. We pray for those in harm's way in the war with Iran and conflict throughout the Middle East. We pray also for the victims of the landslides and flooding in Nepal.

The Repose of the Soul: Frances Smith.

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, William Swan, Jake Tobin, and Melinda Van Niel.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Mary Baldridge, Ron Baldridge, 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 31 — September 6
Stephen Hopkins, Brian Lee, Mary Welton Meredith, Shep Miller, Linc Smith, Atticus Tier-Lofland, and Bruce Toulon.

Upcoming Anniversaries: August 31 — September 6
Connie & Henry Faivre, and Mary & David Roberts.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY & MUSIC

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).

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.

Fall Ministry Fair — Sunday, September 20, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service

Head to our driveway after the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, September 20 for a special coffee hour and Ministry Fair. Stop by each table to learn a bit about the various ministries that make up the fabric of our church. Each ministry will offer information on how you can get involved and snacks for you to enjoy. It's always a joyous celebration of all the ways parishioners contribute to our community and grow in our relationship with God.

Go Behind The Scenes With Our Needlepoint Stitchers

Our historic Needlepoint Guild has brought a gorgeous new project to life. We've commissioned nine custom cushions to complete the back row of our choir stalls, celebrating three decades of parish choir residencies at historic UK cathedrals. For our guild members, this artwork is a profound spiritual practice, a way to connect with our church's history, and a legacy of sacred beauty that will outlive us all to endure for generations to come. Our new mini-documentary is out now! Go behind the scenes to meet the stitchers, hear the choir, and see how we are weaving our community's stories into the very fabric of our sanctuary. Check it out on our website today!

FORMATION

Baptism & Confirmation — Inquire Today!

Upcoming dates for Baptism and Confirmation are fast approaching. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or for your child, please reach out to Fr. Jared (jared.grant@christandstlukes.org) to begin the process for the upcoming Baptismal services in November and January. Additionally, if you are interested in Confirmation or Reception during the Bishop's visit in November, you should reach out to Fr. Jared to start that process now. Both Baptism and Confirmation are public rites of initiation into Christian life, and we help prepare candidates for these rites with intentional preparation courses. More information on these important rites and their prerequisites can be found in brochures at the back of the Church, or on our website.

Episcopal 101 — Sundays, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. starting October. 4

New to the Episcopal Church or Christ & St. Lukes? Are you looking to deepen your knowledge of your faith tradition? Episcopal 101 is for you! We'll look at some of the central aspects of our faith - like liturgy, prayer, music, biblical interpretation, and sacraments - and contextualize these ideas and practices within our own parish community. Episcopal 101 also serves as the required preparation class for those seeking Confirmation/Reception. This class is facilitated by Fr. Jared, and will meet for 6-weeks. Childcare is available upon request. RSVP is not required, but highly encouraged. Reach out to Fr. Jared (jared.grant@christandstlukes.org) with questions.

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, 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!

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.

Grab our upcoming fall ministry and event brochure for more details!

*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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