

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6, 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: Arioso

Robert Croft

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 174: At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Salzburg

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 us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 33:7-11

YOU, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, "Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?'" Say to them, "As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?"

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

People **Thanks be to God.**



- 33 Teach me O LORD the way of your | statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the | end.
- 34 Give me understanding and I shall keep your | law; *
I shall keep it with all my | heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your com|mandments, *
for that is my des|ire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your de|crees *
and not to unjust | gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is | worthless; *
give me life in your | ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your | servant, *
which you make to those who | fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I | dread, *
because your judgments are | good.
- 40 Behold I long for your com|mandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my | life.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

OWE no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet;” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

HYMN 398: I sing the almighty power of God

Forest Green

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JESUS said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Jared Grant

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 1

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: Alleluia, from *Exsultate justi*
Lauren Ipock, soprano

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Please stand as the Celebrant approaches the altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship 1

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: Be still, for the presence of the Lord *David Evans, arr. Shepherd*

Be still for the presence of the Lord,

The Holy One is here;

Come bow before Him now, With reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found, We stand on holy ground;

Be still for the presence of the Lord,

The Holy One is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord,

Is shining all around;

He burns with holy fire, With splendor He is crowned

How awesome is the sight, Our radiant King of light!

Be still for the glory of the Lord,

Is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord,

Is moving in this place;

He comes to cleanse and heal, To minister His grace.

No work too hard for Him, In faith receive from Him;

Be still for the power of the Lord

Is moving in this place.

COMMUNION HYMN 337: And now, O Father, mindful of the love

Unde et memores

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 541: Come, labor on

Ora labora

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Toccata

Eugene Gigout

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 One 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.

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 Anglican Province of Alexandria.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For Advent, Norfolk and Ascension, Norfolk.

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, Went Russell, Isabel Lopez Santos, 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: David Scherer.

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, Ceil McCoid, Mary Helen McCoy, Arthur Menoche, Elmer Morales-Torres, Leon Parham, Bower Patrick, Ann Prince, William Swan, Jake Tobin, and Melinda Van Niel.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Mary Baldrige, Ron Baldrige, Robert Finke, Gail Bowling, Laurel Buntin, 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: September 7 — 13

Brook Avery, Brian Easley, Isaac Gordley, Carl Haywood, Linda Lewis, Donna Murphy, Peter Oberle, Terry O'Donnell, Timmy Summer, Win Taylor, Wesley Tong, and Chelsea Windley.

Upcoming Anniversaries: September 7 — 13

Diane & Wayne Berry and Sarah & John Ford.

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. Last call!

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.

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, Chapel, and Child Care Fall Schedule — Begins Next Sunday, September 13

- 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 singing in the choir.
- 9:00 a.m. - *Children's Formation for children 3-8 years old*- gathers in the meeting room (the gold room) for what was formerly known as "Sunday School." We will explore scripture and the traditions of the Episcopal church through stories, music, and art response.
- 9:00 a.m. - *Gospel Gang: Formation for children - 9-12 years old* gathers in Lower Lloyd for discussion of scripture, the Episcopal Church, and Christ & St. Luke's. Participants are invited to join their families or sit together for the 10:15 a.m. service.
- 10:15 a.m. - *All children through 8 years old* - participate in developmentally appropriate worship during Children's Chapel in their respective rooms. Ages 3-8 in the gold room. Up to 3 years old 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 3 to join you at the Peace, please come to the Children's Room at that time to sign them out.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Families Fellowship September Meet-up — Sunday, September 27, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The Young Families Fellowship (YFF), for families with children ages 18 and under, will meet at the home of the Storrs family for an end-of-summer potluck and pool party. Please bring a dish to share. More information is available on the YFF GroupMe. If interested in joining the YFF, contact Fr. Jared (jared.grant@christandstlukes.org) to learn more.

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!

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
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