Christ & Saint Luke's Episcopal Church

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Creation Sunday
October 4, 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: Hymn to the Moon and Earth Carol — *Richard Purvis*

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

Hymn 8: Morning has broken — *Bunessan*

The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity — p. 355

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 278 — *William Mathias*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray. O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson — Proverbs 8:22-31

Wisdom said "The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his

command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

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

CANTICLE 12: A Song of Creation (*please remain seated)* *Eliza Holt, arr. Lebedinsky*



THE SECOND LESSON Colossians 1:15-20

CHRIST is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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HYMN 405: All things bright and beatutiful *Royal Oak*

THE GOSPEL Matthew 6:25-33

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

JESUS said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

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

THE SERMON The Reverend Jared Grant

THE NICENE CREED p. 358

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 V p. 388

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Susan our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.
To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds the concluding prayers and Collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *The Society of St. John the Evangelist*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(please kneel)*

People **Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We have forgotten God and neighbor, we have forsaken Creator and creature, we have fallen to greed, vainglory, and the misusing of your grace. For this we are truly sorry, and so we turn again to you. For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Convert our heart, and humble our will, that we may treat with goodness all you have called good, honoring your presence in your works, until we behold you, face to face. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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: Look at the world *John Rutter*

Look at the world, everything all around us,
Look at the world and marvel every day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,
So many miracles along our way.

Praise to thee, O lord for all creation.
Give us thankful hearts that we may see
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,
All things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower,
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain.
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
Valley and flowing river, field and plain.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer,
Bringing the harvest before winters cold.
Everything grows, everything has a season,
till it is gathered to the Father's fold:

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish.
Comes from the Lord in token of his love.
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty,
His is the earth and his the heavens above.

Please stand as the Celebrant approaches the altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 369

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS: Hymnal S 128 *William Mathias*

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION p. 371

Celebrant Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

The Celebrant continues...

...Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 364

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 165 *William Mathias*

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

COMMUNION ANTHEMS:

Butterflies and moths, from *Benedicite* *Andrew Carter*

All you butterflies, butterflies and moths, all you fluttering and flittering and flying creatures, come magnify, magnify the Lord. All you butterflies, butterflies and moths, all you hovering and quivering and wondrous creatures, come magnify, magnify the Lord.

Dragonflies trembling in the breeze, ladybirds lingering on a flower, come magnify, magnify the Lord. Kittiwakes calling on the cliffs, kingfishers flashing in the morning sun, come magnify, magnify the Lord.

Song of the Mustard Seed *Hal Hopson*

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed;
For when it is sown in the earth in the spring,
It is least of all seeds in the earth.
But when it is watered it grows, and is greatest of all herbs.
Wherever you go sow a seed along the way,
A seed of joy however small it may be may one day grow into a tree.

Make me a channel of your peace *Sebastian Temple*

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred let me bring your love,
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Oh master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me bring hope,
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy

Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

COMMUNION HYMN 398: I sing the almighty power of God *Forest Green*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER p. 365

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 412: Earth and all stars *Earth and all stars*

THE DISMISSAL

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Postlude on "Earth and All Stars" *Michael Burkhardt*

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of their parents, by Nancy and George Tatterson.

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 Episcopal Church of Brazil.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Peter's, Norfolk and St. Stephen's, Norfolk.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Donna Alesio, Douglas Burdett, Perry Bussard, Julie Hollowell, Vania Holmes, Cris Kline, Ray Norton, Brandon Quintin, 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: Marilyn Gindroz.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: Allen Baker, Carter Bernert, David Black, David Durica, Ray Gindroz, Valerie Harrington, Dean Kershaw, David Lamp, Chris Lange, Ceil McCoid, Mary Helen McCoy, Arthur Menoche, Elmer Morales-Torres, William Naylor, Leon Parham, Ann Prince, Cheryl Shrontz, William Swan, and Jake Tobin.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Mary Baldridge, Ron Baldridge, Laurel Buntin, Ellen Coffman, Jenny Davis, Carlo DiTommaso, Robert Finke, Calvin Horsley, Wesley Lupo, John Mansell, Joyce Neighbours, Shirlee Palmer, Matt Redford, Isabel Lopez Santos, Marjorie Short, Mavis Stapleford, Christine Szeligowski, Autumn Vandehei, and Tayah Wozniak.

Upcoming Birthdays: October 5 — 11
Dottie Ballard, Blair Bickford, Linda Coupland, Ann Daley, Virginia Darden, Nancy Franklin, Margaret Harden, David Harden, Jane Hedgecock, Ron Hopkins, Kevin Kwan, Anna Lewis, Tony London, Mary Miller, Michelle Prescott, Elizabeth Riley, Kiersten Scharnhorst, Curtis Spear, and Cindy Wilson.

Upcoming Anniversaries: October 5 — 11
Cliff & Perry Bussard, Rob Ingram & Dan Hunt, Frank Kirchner & David Nicholson, Jo Ann & Jim Short, and Robyn & Ed Szeligowski.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY & MUSIC

Creation Sunday

This weekend marks the climax of the ecumenical Season of Creation, celebrated by Christians worldwide from September 1 through the weekend closest to the feast of St. Francis. As the patron saint of ecology, St. Francis' feast day has become the rallying point for Christians who seek to celebrate and care for the natural world. Our readings have been adapted from the assigned passages for Francis' feast day; our music, led by our Choristers, will be joyful and playful, in keeping with the day's theme; and our special Coffee Hour will be sponsored by our Lunch Ministry.

Choral Evensong for St. Francis — Sunday, October 4, 5:30 p.m.

Often called "the jewel in the Anglican crown", Choral Evensong is sung in cathedrals and parishes around the world, anchored in the psalms, prayers, and the canticles of Mary *(Magnificat)* and Simeon *(Nunc dimittis)*. Come and reflect as the Parish Choir leads this 45-minute service. Music of Rheinberger, Brewer, and Hancock. Free-will offering, childcare provided.

FORMATION

Adult Formation Continues: The Theology of Narrative — Sundays, 9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Lloyd Hall

This fall, in keeping with our theme of **God's Story, Our Story**, we'll study how narrative can be used as a process of revelation, both in the Bible and in our lives. How do stories form us? What voices are we listening to? How can narrative distract us from truth, or reveal truth? Over five weeks in our Adult Forum, we'll examine Narrative Theology, apply that theology to biblical interpretation, and look at narratives in our local, national, and global contexts that help reveal where God might be showing us something new and true. This forum series will be facilitated by the clergy.

Children's Formation, Chapel, and Child Care

- 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.
- **Important information for when you drop off your child:**
  All children must be escorted by their parent or guardian to their designated room and signed in so that we have a record of children attending and a contact number for that Sunday morning. If your child is rejoining you for communion, please watch for them when they come down the ramp. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

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! Fr. Jared will facilitate this class, which is on Sundays 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.

Caring For Creation/Arts Guild/Hudson River Artists tour at the Chrysler

- **Sunday, October 25, at 1 p.m.**

Please join Caring for Creation at the Chrysler Museum of Art for an engaging tour of the Hudson River School works and other works showcasing the natural world. This influential 19th-century American art movement transformed landscape painting into a powerful national identify, the tour will be led by our own Art Guild member, Natalie Henry.

FAITH IN ACTION

Harvest For Hope Food Drive — Sunday, October 4 - Sunday, November 1

A new study shows half of Hampton Roads' households may not know where their next meal is coming from. Christ & St. Luke's is joining nearly a dozen Norfolk congregations for our annual Harvest for Hope Food Drive. This year, our multi-church coalition has set an ambitious collective goal: 15,000 pounds of food to support the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore. Last year, our parish contributed 3,410 pounds of food, and this year we hope to do even better! Please bring non-perishable food, toiletries, and essential household items to drop in the collection bags in the back of the church throughout the month. We'll also have shopping lists and bags available to make your grocery trip straightforward.

Chrysler Museum Civic Salon on Faith — Tuesday, October 13, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Can faith communities' model strong civic communities? This engaging conversation at the Chrysler Museum will bring together Rabbi Michael Panitz and Father Noah Van Niel to discuss how norms, narratives, and rituals shape the way we live and work together. Using Baroque artwork as a starting point, the event will explore the connections between civic and religious traditions. Tickets are available through the museum at $8 or free for museum members. If you'd like to get in for free as a Christ & St. Luke's parishioner, please email Drew Lusher at dlusher@chrysler.org.

ADMINISTRATION

Keeping our Sanctuary Tidy

You may have noticed that our pews remained full throughout the summer, and many folks are attending Sunday services more regularly now that fall programming has begun. This means more people moving around and a bit more attention required to keep our sanctuary clean and tidy. We can all help by keeping any beverages securely closed and remembering to toss our used bulletins in the recycling bin. These small efforts benefit us all. Thank you.

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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