CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 8, 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: Elegy *John Ireland*

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 68: Rejoice! rejoice, believers *Llangloffan*

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE: Hymnal S 236 *John Rutter*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-20
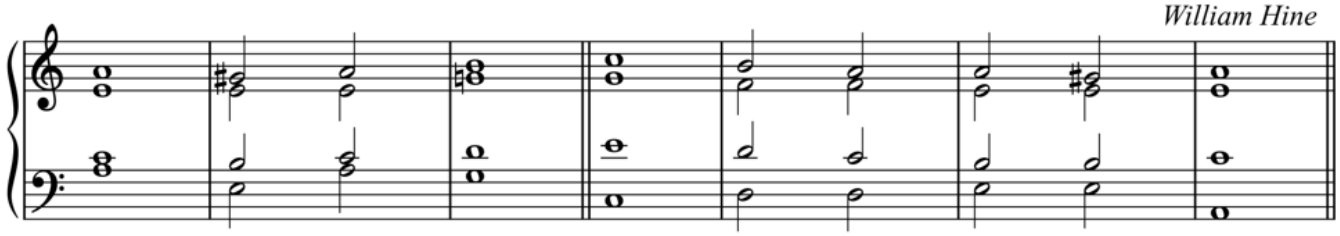
WISDOM is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought. The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for

instruction, and concern for instruction is love of her, and love of her is the keeping of her laws, and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality, and immortality brings one near to God; so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People **Thanks be to God.**
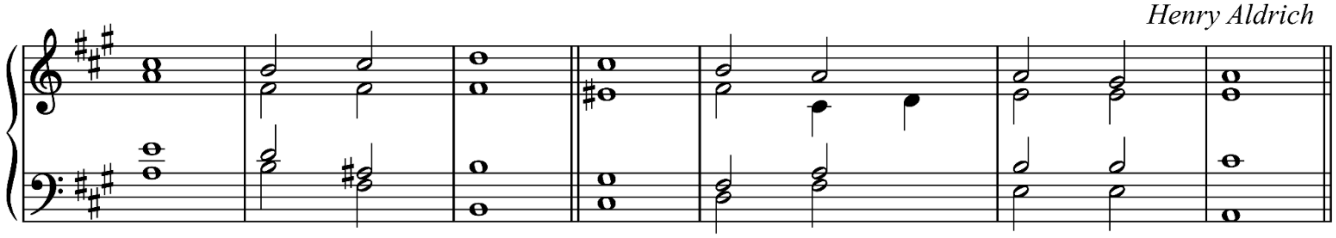
PSALM 70 *(sung by all)*

William Hine



1. Be pleased O | God • to de|liver me :
   O | LORD • make | haste • to | help me.
2. Let those who seek my life be ashamed and alto|gether • dis|mayed :
   let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
   draw | back • and | be • dis|graced.
3. Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over | me • turn | back :
   be|cause • they | are • a|shamed.

Henry Aldrich



4. Let all who seek you re|joice • and be | glad in you :
   let those who love your salvation say for ever *
   | "Great | is • the | LORD!"
5. But as for me I am | poor • and | needy :
   come to me | speed•i|lly • O | God.
6. You are my helper and | my • de|liverer :
   O | LORD | do • not | tarry.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

WE do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and

with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

HYMN 462: The Lord will come and not be slow *York*

THE GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

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

JESUS said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

THE SERMON The Reverend Noah Van Niel

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 III p. 388

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Celebrant adds the concluding prayers and Collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION p. 360

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

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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: Geistliches Lied *Johannes Brahms*

Let nought afflict thee with grief;
Be calm, as God ordains,
And so may my will be contented.

Why take thought for the morrow?
The one God who gives thee
What is thine watches over all.

All in thy doings be steadfast
And true. What God decrees
Is best, and this it is acknowledged. Amen. *-Paul Fleming*

OFFERTORY HYMN 380, v. 3: **The Doxology** *Old 100th*

Please stand as the financial pledges offered to the work of the church for the coming year are brought forward and blessed.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 367

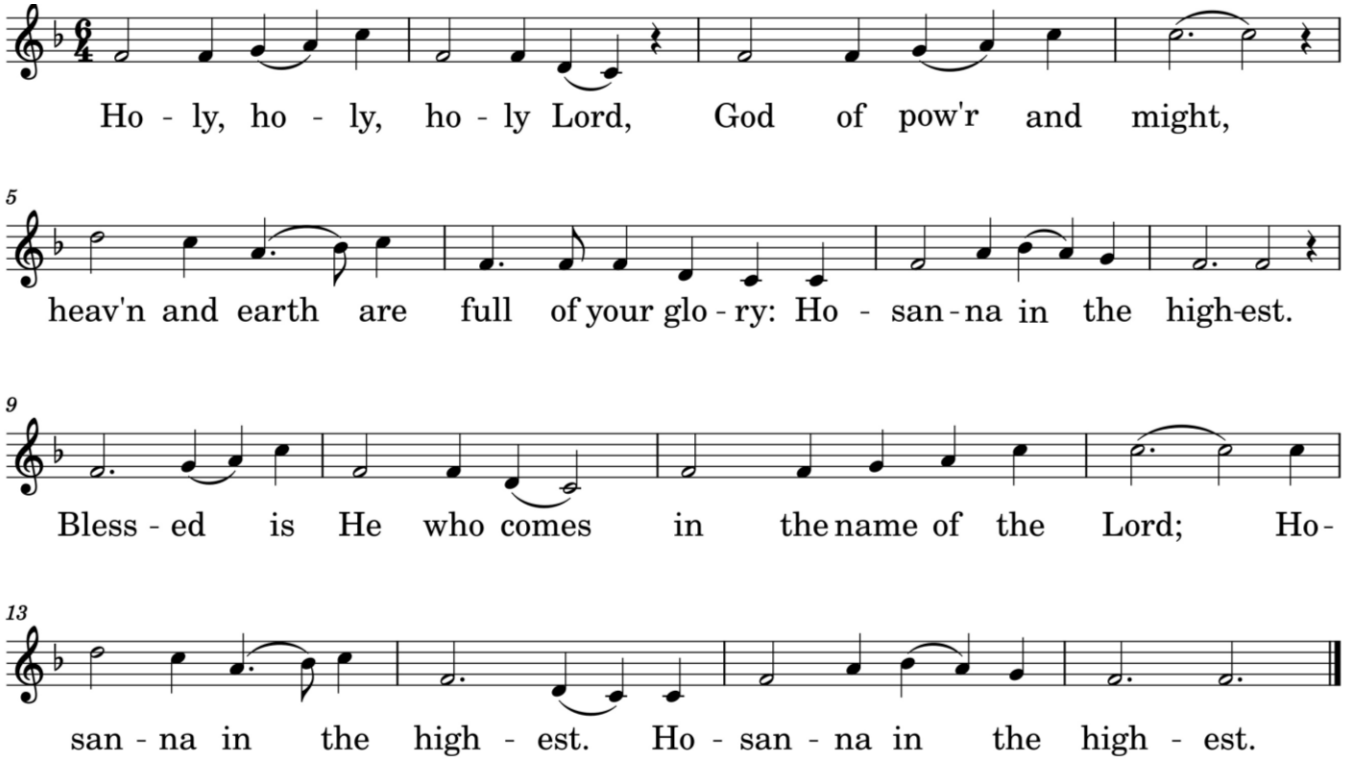
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS *Land of Rest*



The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION p. 368

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues...

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **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 151 *Tonus Perigrinus*

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 ANTHEMS:

Crossing the bar — *Charles Hubert Hastings Parry*

Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar, When I put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems asleep, Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep Turns again home.
Twilight and evening bell, And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell, When I embark;
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face When I have crost the bar.

- Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Peace I leave with you — *Amy Beach*

Peace I leave with you,
My peace I give to you.
Not as the world giveth give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled. *-John 14:27*

COMMUNION HYMN 53: Once he came in blessing — *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER — Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant Let us pray. *(please stand or kneel)*

People **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

HYMN 579: Almighty Father, strong to save *Melita*

THE DISMISSAL

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Trumpet Tune in D *David Johnson*

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God,
in loving memory of George McCoy Lankford,
and in honor of all veterans of the United States military forces
in recognition of Veterans Day, by Anne Lankford.

Looking to get involved?
Here are some groups that meet regularly throughout the program year.
Meetings take place at Christ & St. Luke's unless otherwise noted.

<u>Formation</u>

Wednesday Evening Bible Study — Every Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Women of Wisdom Book Group — Every second Tuesday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Prayer Guild — Every fourth Thursday, 6:45 p.m.

Queer Theology Book Club — Every second Sunday, 11:45 a.m.

<u>Faith in Action</u>

Prayer Blanket Ministry — Every second Tuesday & Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

<u>Fellowship</u>

CSL Men's Breakfast Group — Every third Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

First Thursday Suppers — Every first Thursday, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., location varies

Pub Theology Club (ages 20-40) — Every other Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., location varies

Seasoned Spirits, (ages 40+) — Every third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., The Green Onion, Norfolk.

Information on additional ministries and groups may be found online. If you need assistance making connections, please contact Rachel Welch (rachel.welch@christandstlukes.org)
We welcome you to reach out & join in!

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 Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Smithfield and Glebe Church, Suffolk.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially:
Lee Ann Avery, John Burnham, Perry Bussard, Julie Hollowell, Vania Holmes, Cris Kline, Ray Norton, Brandon Quintin, Cheryl Shrontz, 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.

Thanksgiving for the birth of: Sebastian Deogracias.

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

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Mary Baldridge, Ron Baldridge, Laurel Buntin, Ellen Coffman, Jenny Davis, Carlo DiTommaso, Calvin Horsley, Wesley Lupo, Joyce Neighbours, Elizabeth Oliver, Isabel Lopez Santos, Nick Selig, Marjorie Short, Mavis Stapleford, Christine Szeligowski, Autumn Vandehei, and Tayah Wozniak.

Birthdays: November 2 — 15
Carroll Ballard, Mary Beauchamp, Dwight Buchholz, Mallory Butler, Betty Denniston, Scott Faivre, Amy Harden, Garry Hartlieb, Teresa Hio, Thomas Holt, Amanda Ipock, Hank Jarrett, Joe Kluttz, Bower Patrick, Jared Reynolds, Janet Richard, Susan Swanson, Rivers Thompson, and Virginia Ware.

Anniversaries: November 2 — 15
Melissa & Brian Deutsch, and Alyssa & W. Hugh McCrory.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY & MUSIC

Ingathering Sunday

Today we will gather all the financial pledges that have been made for the coming year, offer them up to God, and ask God's blessing upon them, that they may help our church continue to be a beacon of God's grace and peace, beauty and blessing, love and justice in this world. We are making great progress toward our 2027 Stewardship Campaign goals! As of November 3, we have received pledges from **183 families.** Last year we had a total of 322 pledgers, so we are still waiting to hear from a number of people. Our goal this year is to reach **350 pledging families.** We have raised **$1,005,781 toward our $1.45 million goal,** meaning we are nearly 70% of the way to our financial target! This is encouraging progress, and we are grateful for the generosity of those who have committed to our parish family. But we still have work to do to reach our goals. **So please, if you have not done so already, submit your pledge by card or online by Sunday, November 8.** Every pledge, regardless of the amount, makes a difference and helps support the life, ministries, and mission of our parish. If you haven't submitted your pledge yet… now is the time! Visit christandstlukes.org/pledge.

Tenebrae Concert ticket discount

The British chamber choir Tenebrae will be performing at Christ & St. Luke's on Thursday, March 4, 7:30 p.m. as part of the Virginia Arts Festival's 30th anniversary season. With a sound described as "phenomenal" (The Times) and "devastatingly beautiful" (Gramophone Magazine), this award-winning choir is one of the world's leading vocal ensembles, renowned for its passion and precision. CSL members are being offered discounted $35 tickets (regularly $45 plus fees) until December 6 at vafest.org. Enter the promo code VOCAL27 before adding tickets to your cart and select "promotional discount" tickets.

Stephen Coxe and Friends — Friday, November 20, 7:30 p.m.

Composer and pianist Dr. Stephen Coxe gathers his friends for an incredible evening of music-making. Performers include violinist Jonathan Richards, soprano Anna Feucht, organist Kevin Kwan, the Camerata Choristers, and students from the Governor's School for the Arts. Not to be missed!

FORMATION

Exploring the Parables — Adult Formation

- **Sundays, November 8 and November 22, from 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

We are going to spend our Adult Formation time this November dwelling deeply on some of Jesus' most famous parables. These small, fictional narratives were brilliantly designed to subvert human expectations, challenge the status quo, and reveal the surprising nature of God's Kingdom.

Gospel Gang Fellowship & Outreach — Today, following the 10:15 a.m. service

The Gospel Gang (ages 9-12) will gather for pizza, fun, and a Thanksgiving service project this Sunday. Immediately following the service, children are invited to meet in Lower Lloyd Hall to assemble favors for guests at the Thanksgiving meal hosted by the Thursday Lunch Ministry. All kids ages 9-12 are welcome, even if they haven't yet had a chance to attend Gospel Gang during the Sunday morning formation hour. Please note that an adult should accompany each child downstairs to sign them in. Please contact Rachel Welch (rachel.welch@christandstlukes.org) with questions.

CSL Youth — Today, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

- All Middle and High School Youth are welcome!

We will meet in Lower Lloyd for a home-cooked pasta meal lovingly created by the Green family. We'll have check-ins, a special visit with the St. John's Bible, and other fun activities. See you there! Contact Kathy Hanna with any questions.

Advent Wreath Making — Sign up Today!

- Sunday, Nov 29, 11:45 a.m. in the Lychgate Garden *(weather permitting)*

Come and create an Advent wreath to help you prepare for the Christ Child during this season of waiting and preparation. If you made one last year, it might be a good idea to go and look for your reusable Advent Wreath Ring, now, so that you can bring it along. If you didn't make one last year, please come along and take part in this lovely Advent tradition, and we'll supply the rings! https://christandstlukes.org/event/advent-wreath-making/

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

FELLOWSHIP

Parish Christmas Party — Save The Date

- Tuesday, December 8, 6:30–8:30 p.m. at the Chrysler Museum of Art.

Mark your calendars and join your Christ & St. Luke's family for a festive evening of holiday cheer, warm fellowship, and celebration! Save the date on your calendar now—further details and a registration form will be coming via email on Monday, November 16. We can't wait to celebrate the joy of the season together!

FAITH IN ACTION

Health Matters For Every Body

It's respiratory virus season! Are you aware that vaccines protect people of all ages – not just children? Staying up to date on recommended vaccines, such as the flu shot, helps prevent serious illnesses and protects those in our community who are most vulnerable. Getting vaccinated not only protects you but also helps you love thy neighbor. Visit www.cdc.gov to learn more about vaccines.

Friends of Foster Care — Time to spread some joy!

- **Pick Up Your Gift Wishlist today!**

This year, we will again be partnering with Friends of Foster Care to provide gifts for children in foster care. You will be able to choose a child or sibling group for which to purchase gifts. You can bring gifts to Christ & St. Luke's from November 4 through November 18. Detailed instructions are available as a downloadable PDF on our website, and we'll also print them for you when you pick up a wish list. We are sponsoring 100 children this year, and we will have a lasagna/gift-wrapping party on Sunday, November 22, 4:00-8:00 pm, in Lloyd Hall. The gifts are due back earlier this year, so we have a short turnaround time. We'll need volunteers to log gifts and drop them off at the FFC Holiday HQ. Please let Kathy Hanna know if you can help.

ADMINISTRATION

Stewardship — Please make your pledge by Today

Learn why we pledge and make your commitment for 2027! Watch parishioner stories, read Fr. Noah's letter, and submit your pledge online at **christandstlukes.org/pledge**.

Limited-Edition Parish Christmas Ornaments

- **Today! During Coffee Hour following the 10:15 a.m. service**

Adorn your tree this season with a piece of Christ & St. Luke's! We've created an exclusive run of 100 **custom Christmas ornaments** featuring a gorgeous original illustration of our church by Lauren Ipock. Ornaments will be available for **$20 each** (we'll be able to accept payment by cash or card!) during coffee hour. To ensure as many church families as possible can participate, sales are strictly limited to **one per household**. Any remaining ornaments will be offered for sale on our website starting Monday morning.

Parish-Wide Meeting on New Building Project

- **November 15, in the church after the 10:15 a.m. service.**

Our architects will present the latest design and seek your input and feedback at a special parish-wide meeting on Sunday, November 15, after the 10:15 a.m. service. Please make every effort to attend this vital gathering as we work together to write the next chapter of life and ministry at Christ & St. Luke's.

Norfolk Harbor Half- Marathon Cheer Squad — Sunday, November 22, 7:30 a.m.

Come and help us spread some good vibes! Each year, over 3,000 people run in the Norfolk Harbor Half-Marathon, including several CSL parishioners. Christ & St. Luke's is one of the historical sites along the route. Join us in cheering for runners and representing our church at the "Turkey Turn" around the Hague. Noisemakers and race posters encouraged! Coffee, donuts, cowbells and turkey costumes provided. Last year, our cheer squad got sore hands from giving out so many high-fives.

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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