SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RITE II - HOLY EUCHARIST THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A 7 DECEMBER 2025

God calls us the people of St. Luke's
to open wide our doors in the name of Christ:
To all who are young or old and need counsel:
To all who are strong and want a task;
To all who are lonely, weak or mourn and need comfort;
To all who are sinful and need a Savior;
To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who are left out and need acceptance;
To all who are grateful and need a place to give thanks and pray;
To all who are called by worship of the Lord into community outreach;
To all in Christ's name we say "WELCOME."

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Choral Partita No. 7 (P.129):

PACHELBEL

"Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele" ("Rejoice greatly, O my soul")

BLESSING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

On this second Sunday of Advent, as we think about the coming of Jesus Christ, we light the candle of peace.

Jesus Christ is our peace. He is the Prince of Peace, and the fruit of His presence is peace. Christ comes to bring justice, wholeness, and harmony to every relationship throughout all creation. He wants to continually grant us peace in every situation. Jesus, we pray, guide our feet into the path of peace.

OPENING HYMN #65

Prepare the way, O Zion

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Christ shall come, God's gift to the world. O Christ of the world, your time is now! We wait, we watch, we wonder! Come.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

Kyrie S-96 Schubert

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray: (A moment of silence.) Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

(Please be seated for the readings.)

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11:1-10

The prophet Isaiah foresees a time when God will bring forth a righteous judge and a new spirit of peace in the world. The wise and faithful judge will come from the stump of Jesse, that is from the line of the great King David whose father was Jesse. The Spirit of the Lord will be his as he defends the humble and slays the wicked. The new age of peace will extend even to the animal kingdom.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The psalm asks that God endow the people with compassionate justice and righteousness, that his reign may extend over all nations and throughout all generations.



Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's Son;
 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice; REFRAIN

³ That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.

⁴ He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. **REFRAIN**

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.
 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth. REFRAIN

⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

⁸ He shall rule from sea to sea,*
and from the River to the ends of the earth. **REFRAIN**

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen. **REFRAIN**

THE EPISTLE ROMANS 15:4-13

Paul points to several passages from the Jewish scriptures to show how God's promise that the Gentile peoples should come to praise God was being fulfilled. The new Roman converts are urged to live in harmony and to recognize the manner in which Christ's ministry has brought these prophecies to fruition. He is the root of Jesse, that is, the promised son of David, on whom their hope is to be set.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness

and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN #67

Comfort, comfort ve my people

PSALM 42

THE HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 3:1-12

Our Gospel lesson tells of the ministry of John the Baptist, his message of repentance and his prophecy of the mighty one to come. John himself is the messenger of preparation foretold by Isaiah.

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

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 fully human.

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

Our God is always ready to hear our prayers. Let us be still, and pray to him now. We pray for The Church of Bangladesh and Church of St. Mark's, Brooklyn.

We pray for the church throughout the world, remembering especially our sisters and brothers in the Holy Land, and for all those ordained to particular ministries for the building up for the body of Christ, Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, Presiding Bishop and Primate; Lawrence, Bishop of Long Island, and Geralyn and Bill, his Assisting Bishops; for Benjamin, our priest, that in our diverse vocations we may serve to the glory of God. Come to us, Lord: we know our need of you.

We pray for this nation and for all the nations of the world, remembering especially those

who are victims of political or social injustice. We pray for those whom we have elected to public office, especially Donald, the President; Kathy, the Governor; Kathee, the Supervisor; Jerry, the Mayor; that they may administer the tasks of government with courage and equity. Come to us, Lord: we know our need of you.

We pray for the sick, the elderly, and those who live alone, especially those on our parish prayer list (*pause*), the members of our armed forces serving at home and abroad, and all those affected by violence and war. We pray for the continued peace process in Gaza, especially for the children and innocent victims of war. We pray for the end of anti-Semitism and all forms of hate. We pray for the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Jamaica, and people right here at home. We pray for those who are overworked and for those who cannot find work. Send upon them the power of the Holy Spirit, that they may abound in hope.

Come to us, Lord: we know our need of you.

We pray for the dying and those who have died to this earthly life, especially *Charles W. & Winifred Denton, for whom the altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Jane White.* May they know the eternal peace of your heaven, and may those who miss them be comforted.

Come to us, Lord: we know our need of you.

We pray for this community, for our neighbors and friends, for those with whom we study and work. Bless this week those celebrating birthdays: *Anne Edgar, Lys Marigold, Amie Hadden, Gretchen Johnson, Anthony Gatto, Lydia Agnello, Adam Beckwith, Ed Krug, Charles Riggi;* and anniversaries. Guide and strengthen us in our common life that we may know the gifts of your grace and love.

Come to us, Lord: we know our need of you.

We offer these prayers to you, our God, in penitence for what is past and in faith that your work in us will bear fruit as we seek to do your will, for you alone are the Holy One. May our lives give honor to you, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION AND PEACE

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (Silence is observed.) 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.

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 of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

The Spirit of the Lord
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS
All things come from You, O Lord,
And of Your own have we given to You.

HIGHBEN

SCHUBERT

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2 FROM "ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP"

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

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

SANCTUS S-130
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Luke and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say. 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI S-164 SCHUBERT

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace, give us your peace.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Words of welcome (from the Iona Community): "Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here." Gluten-free hosts are available for those who need them. If you do not wish to receive wine, or only wish a blessing, cross your hands over your chest as you come forward.

COMMUNION ANTHEMS

Prepare the Way of the Lord Joy Jones, soloist

Rowan

Comfort Ye My People Shaina Stroh, soloist **DAVIS**

Hymn #75

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

ASCENSION

POSTCOMMUNION THANKSGIVING (The people may stand or kneel.) Let us pray: Etemal God, 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

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all persons. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing always in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN #544

Jesus shall reign where're the sun

DUKE STREET

THE SENDING FORTH

Go in the peace to love and serve of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Toccata in G Major

DUBOIS

Eucharistic Ministers: Lys Marigold (Prayers), Dianne Benson

First Reading: Lucy Kazickas Second Reading: Katie Simon

Acolytes: Dylan Schaefer, Sydney Bowden **Greeters:** Tina Sukapdjo, Mark Nelson Altar Guild: Gail & Roy Parker, Diane Russo

THE FOLLOWING REQUEST OUR PRAYERS FOR GOD'S LOVING AND HEALING MERCY:

George Kneip, Ken Miller, Evelina Langdale, Paulette Brinka, Julie Nielson, Charles Lewis, Robbie Balnis, Nick Marlin, Keith Scott, Courtney Wessling, Deidre Henderson, Martin Foggo, Jeffrey Lane, Lloyd Ibert, Mark Gregory, Mary Libby, Jose, David, Edmond L. Craig, III, Joanne, Jack, Michael Swerdlow

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

St. Luke's Parishioners and friends heard the call to support our local food pantries, and they answered! We have received notice of funds up to our budgeted match of \$10,200 that have been sent out by St. Luke's.

Thank you to the participants who made this effort a success:

Jennifer Berkeley

Mary Busch

Brian Craig

Milford & Susan Crandall Hersey & Quincy Egginton

Patricia Garvey Carrie Gilbert Christopher Kelley

Ed Krug Judith Lanier

Lys Marigold Dan Mason & Anthony Gatto

David Mazujian Alexis McCormack Merle McDonald-Aaron

David & Georgiana Mellgard

Dan Mongan & Anna Bernasek Mark Nelson & Anthony Rosina

Roy & Gail Parker John & Wendy Phillips

Robert Pine

Charles & Michele Riggi Ben & Shari Shambaugh

Anne Shean Tina Sukapdjo

Jeffrey & Barbara Sussman Hugh & Helene Tilney Salvatore & Patricia Tocci

Charles & Judy Williams

Patricia Wilson

Courtney Wood

A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Rev. Shambaugh,

On behalf of the Springs Food Pantry, I want to extend our deepest thanks to you and the entire St. Luke's Episcopal Church community. Your call for support—and the generous response from your congregation—means so much to the families we serve.

We are incredibly grateful not only for the gift cards donated directly by parishioners, but also for St. Luke's decision to match both the gift card value and the monetary contributions. Receiving a \$6,000 check yesterday was an extraordinary and unexpected blessing, especially at this time of year when the need is greatest. Altogether, the value of these contributions exceeded \$12,000.

As you know, we are now serving over 340 families each week—approximately 1,350 family members. Your congregation's generosity will have an immediate and meaningful impact on our neighbors who rely on us for healthy food choices.

Your leadership and your community's compassion continue to make a profound difference in East Hampton—and especially in the Springs community. Please share our heartfelt gratitude with everyone at St. Luke's.

With heartfelt gratitude, Holly Reichart-Wheaton Director & Chair, Springs Food Pantry

THE ADULT FORUM: 9:00-9:45 ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Come and discuss the lessons read at Sunday morning services.

FREE YOGA CLASSES

Free Yoga classes will be offered at St. Luke's on **Thursdays at noon.** Classes are specifically designed for people in their 60s, 70s, and 80s, though all adults are welcome!

GREETERS AT 10AM

This lovely opportunity is open to everyone. It is another way to connect with one another, wear your Sunday best and get to know Oscar. Please sign up for a future date or email Dianne Benson at dianneb724@icloud.com for your place on the schedule.

CHOIR COMEBACK

We will have a pickup choir at the 10am service on the first Sunday of each month. Rehearsal will be after the 10am service the week before. For more information, contact Bobby Peterson.

COFFEE HOUR

Please continue to bring something to share in our ongoing pot-luck Coffee Hour. Don't forget to retrieve your serving dish/utensils at the end of coffee hour from the kitchen.

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Please Join

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

for an afternoon of

Christmas Caroling

Sunday December 14th

12:00pm

We will meet in the parking lot of the church and proceed to the homes of special parishioners.

We hope to spread joy that only this holiday season can offer.

Please join Father Ben for an afternoon of fun!



Christmas at St. Luke's Episcopal Church

DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE:

4:00 PM - Christmas Eve Eucharist Service

6:30 PM - Eucharist Service at St. Peter's Chapel, Springs

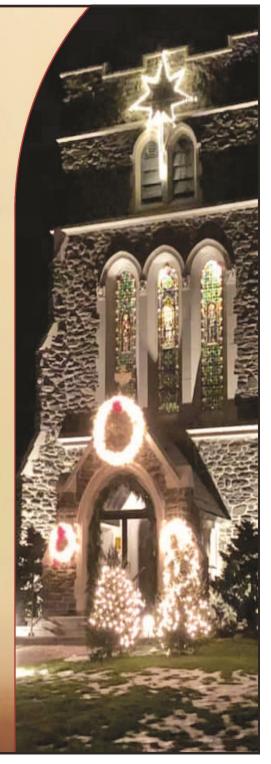
10:30 PM - Candlelight Eucharist Service

DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY:

10 AM - Eucharist Service

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REGULAR SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Sunday Eucharist - 8 a.m. (Rite I) & 10 a.m. (Rite II)

Wednesday Eucharist Service - 10 a.m. (Rite II)

Saturday at St. Peter's Chapel (Memorial Day-Labor Day) - 5:30 p.m. (Rite II)

VESTRY

Brian Craig, Senior Warden, David Mellgard, Junior Warden Lucy Kazickas, Martha Murray, Eileen O'Reilly (2026) John Hadden (Treasurer), Dan Mongan, Roy Parker (2027) Caroline Dean, Hersey Egginton, Kitt Zuk (2028)

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