

# SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**RITE I - HOLY EUCHARIST 8:00 AM**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

**PACHELBEL**

### **LIGHTING 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 ACCLAMATION:**

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

**COLLECT FOR PURITY** (*Congregation recites together.*)

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**TRISAGION**

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

**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 reading of Scripture.)*

**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.**

**PSALM 72:1-8, 18-19**

*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.*

<sup>1</sup> Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;  
<sup>2</sup> **That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup> That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup> **He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup> He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup> **He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.**

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

<sup>8</sup> **He shall rule from sea to sea, \*  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

<sup>18</sup> Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!

<sup>19</sup> **And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen.**

**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 ye my people*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *(Please stand.)*

**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 be to thee, 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 chil-

dren 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 be to thee, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

**THE REV. DR. BENJAMIN A. SHAMBAUGH, RECTOR**

**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 Rig-*

gi; 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 may be kept.*) **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord always be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY HYMN #75**

*There's a voice in the wilderness crying*

**PRESENTATION PRAYER**

All things come from thee, O Lord.  
**And of thine own have we given thee.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER II**

**BCP 340**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BCP 336**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**BCP 337**

### **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 MUSIC** *Prepare the Way of the Lord*  
Joy Jones, soloist

**ROWAN**

**HYMN #65** *Prepare the way, O Zion*

### **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray. **Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING & SENDING FORTH**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,



and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccata in G Major*

**DUBOIS**

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***Eucharistic Ministers:*** *Martha Murray (Prayers),  
Roy Parker (First Reading)*  
***Second Reading:*** *Dan Mongan*  
***Altar Guild:*** *Gail & Roy Parker, Diane Russo*

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**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*

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**NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**FREE YOGA CLASSES**

Free Yoga classes are 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!

## **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	Dan Mongan & Anna Bernasek
Mary Busch	Mark Nelson & Anthony Rosina
Brian Craig	Roy & Gail Parker
Milford & Susan Crandall	John & Wendy Phillips
Hersey & Quincy Egginton	Robert Pine
Patricia Garvey	Charles & Michele Riggi
Carrie Gilbert	Ben & Shari Shambaugh
Christopher Kelley	Anne Shean
Ed Krug	Tina Sukapdjo
Judith Lanier	Jeffrey & Barbara Sussman
Lys Marigold	Hugh & Helene Tilney
Dan Mason & Anthony Gatto	Salvatore & Patricia Tocci
David Mazujian	Charles & Judy Williams
Alexis McCormack	Patricia Wilson
Merle McDonald-Aaron	Courtney Wood
David & Georgiana Mellgard	

## **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](mailto:dianneb724@icloud.com) for your place on the schedule.

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

Come and discuss the lessons read at Sunday morning services.

## **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.

## 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

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Please Join  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
for an afternoon of  
Christmas Caroling  
Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>  
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!

Sag Harbor  
Community Band

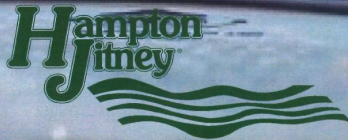
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Sweet Adelines  
Long Island Sound Chorus

# Holiday Concert

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# 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)

## STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Benjamin A. Shambaugh, Rector

Robert Peterson, Music Director | Tara Brinka, Parish Administrator

Colleen Stonemetz, Christian Ed. Director | Oscar Giles, Verger

## DIGITAL GIVING TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES

Your time, talent, and treasure are vital for St. Luke's to bring the Good News of Christ Jesus to the people of East Hampton and the world. You can contribute via the QR code below or by using Venmo (@StLukesEHNY). Or you can support our ministries by giving via our parish website: [www.stlukeseasthampton.org](http://www.stlukeseasthampton.org).



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