

# SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## RITE I - HOLY EUCHARIST 8:00 AM

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

28 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**      Meditation on "*Of the Father's Love Begotten*"  
ARR. SOUTHBRIDGE

### OPENING ACCLAMATION:

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And with thy Spirit.** Let us pray. (*Pause for Silence.*) Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

(*Please be seated for the readings from the Scripture.*)

### THE HEBREW TESTAMENT

### ISAIAH 61:10-62:3

*In our Hebrew Bible reading the prophet joyfully responds on behalf of all God's people to the Lord's promises for a redeemed Jerusalem. He is a messenger to those who are poor and have suffered many troubles. Now he feels himself clothed in salvation and integrity, like a bridegroom or bride. In the sight of all people, this nation shall become like a fresh garden. The prophet will not keep silence until the deliverance of Jerusalem is known throughout the world.*

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 147: 13-21

*The whole of creation and all peoples join together in praise of the Lord.*

- <sup>13</sup> Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;
- <sup>14</sup> **For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.**
- <sup>15</sup> He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- <sup>16</sup> **He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.**
- <sup>17</sup> He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- <sup>18</sup> **He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?**
- <sup>19</sup> He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- <sup>20</sup> **He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**
- <sup>21</sup> **He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!**

## THE EPISTLE

## GALATIANS 3:23-25, 4:4-7

*In this epistle Paul explains what the role of the law has been and how, in our new relationship of faith, we have become sons and daughters, heirs of the Father., Before the coming of Christ and justification by faith, we were like small children who had to be closely watched. God's own Son was born a subject of the law. Through him we now are given the status of children coming into maturity. We are enabled, through the Spirit of Jesus, to call upon God with the same Aramaic word for "Daddy" that Jesus is remembered to have used, "ABBA."*

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *(Please stand.)***JOHN 1:1-18**

*The gospel opens with a hymn to the expression of God's very being, God's Word, who has now become flesh and lived among us. Through the Word all things have their life. The Word is the light of all humankind, and was witnessed to by John the Baptist. Although the world made by the Word did not recognize the Word, those who believe in the Word have been given the right to become children of God.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known. 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

Let us pray to the God who travels with us in all our celebrations and tragedies, and understands what it is like to be human. We pray for The Anglican Church of Canada and St. Margaret's, Plainview.

As we continue our celebration of Christmas, when the Word of God became flesh, we pray for the Church, the Body of Christ. May we be so filled with God's loving life that our actions touch the world with hope which lasts even when Christmas decorations are put away.

Thank you, Lord God: **for coming to save us.**

As the world is reminded of love and peace in the words of the carols, may the reality of a God who loves us so much transform our social and political thinking, and energize our plans and negotiations.

Thank you, Lord God: **for coming to save us.**

As Christmas brings together family members and friends, and we make contact with those we seldom meet, may all our relationships be nourished with love and forgiveness, and may we value one another more.

Thank you, Lord God: **for coming to save us.**

We remember all who are forced to escape from their homes, and live without security; we think particularly of those with young children who are homeless or in danger.

Thank you, Lord God: **for coming to save us.**

We remember the sick and homebound and those who have asked for our prayers, 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. Thank you, Lord God: **for coming to save us.**

We pray for those whose earthly journey has come to an end, and those who have tended them during their dying, especially for *beloved Norborne Berkeley, Jr., in whose memory the chapel flowers have been given to the glory of God by Jenny Berkeley; and all of those in whose memory the Christmas flowers have been given to the glory of God*; we pray for those who have died through violence, and for those who have much to forgive.

Thank you, Lord God: **for coming to save us.**

Lord, we recognize our great need of your grace, and give you thanks and praise for making possible what would otherwise be impossible. We also remember those celebrating their birthdays: *James Johnson, Steve Thomas*; and anniversaries this coming week.

Thank you, Lord God: **for coming to save us.**

All loving God accept these our prayers which we make to you in the name of your Word made Flesh, Jesus 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 #115**

*What child is this, who, laid to rest*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER I**

**BCP 333**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

### **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**

**#115** *What child is this, who, laid to rest*

**LEVAS #27** *Away in a manger*

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BCP 339**

## 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.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Masters In This Hall*

**ARR. YOUNG**

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***Eucharistic Ministers:*** Jan Willem van Bergen Henegouwen (*First Reading*), Roy Parker (*Second Reading*)  
***Prayers:*** Martha Murray  
***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, Mark Gregory, Mary Libby, Jose, David, Joanne,  
Edmond L. Craig, III, Michael Swerdlow, Wilson Nieves,  
Rachelle Rainville, Mary Mason, Sara Babin, Wendy Benson,  
Laurie Rosen, Denny Kiner

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## NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **BIBLE STUDY—THE TWO VISIONS THAT SHAPED CHRISTIANITY**

Join Salvatore Tocci on **Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 10:30** in the Vestry room as we discuss how the visions of Paul and Constantine were responsible for the spread of Christianity among the pagans in the Roman Empire. Those not able to attend in person can join via Zoom with this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83381404394>

[pwd=CqVBXLTT9RWapW4FbaMKRtvX2GteDp.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83381404394?pwd=CqVBXLTT9RWapW4FbaMKRtvX2GteDp.1)

### **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!

### **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 [di-anneb724@icloud.com](mailto:di-anneb724@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.

**EAST HAMPTON FIRE DEPARTMENT  
COMMUNITY DINNER  
EVERYONE WELCOME**



**When: 5:00pm to 7:00pm  
Tuesday, November 18, 2025  
Tuesday, December 02, 2025  
Tuesday, January 13, 2026  
Tuesday February 03, 2026  
Tuesday, March 03, 2026**

**Where: 1 Cedar Street, East Hampton  
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# **Saint Luke's Episcopal Church**

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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**

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