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RITE I – HOLY EUCHARIST – 8:00AM
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
3 MAY 2026

*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

PRELUDES

Prelude & Fugue in G Major

SCHNEIDER

OPENING ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

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.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.** Let us pray: *(Silence is appropriate.)* Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

(Please be seated for the readings from Scripture.)

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 7:55 - 60

The martyrdom of Stephen is depicted as the action of a lynch mob, since under the heel of Rome the Jewish council was probably powerless to sentence one to execution. The crowd which had once been attracted to and amazed by these followers of Christ has now spoken its democratic verdict. And as the stones fly they lay their garments at the feet of a man named Saul.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

A psalm of trust by one who looks to the Lord for mercy and protection.

¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

² **Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

¹⁵ **My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶ **Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.”**

THE EPISTLE

1 PETER 2:2 - 10

This reading presents a series of images from the Hebrew scriptures, describing Christians as a chosen people called to God's service. It is possible that the passage was once used during an Easter season baptismal liturgy. New-born disciples are to purify themselves and, as living stones, to join themselves to Jesus, who now is the cornerstone of the spiritual temple. They are the new Israel, called out of darkness into light.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in or-

der that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN #457

Thou art the Way, to thee alone

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 14:1 - 14

In our Gospel passage Jesus speaks with his disciples shortly before his passion and tells them that he is the way, the truth and the life. He is the way because he himself is going the way of the sacrifice of his death, so to prepare a place for his disciples. In this way followers will discover the truth that Jesus so intimately reflects the character of God that those who have seen him have seen the Father. All who come to the Father through Jesus will find true life.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, through whom we can come into the presence of God for ever. As living stones, let us pray for the building up of God's Church, and for the world God loves. We pray for The Church of North India and St. John's, Flushing.

Living God, our life is in your hands, and we offer you all that we are, all that our past has made us, and all that we may become. Build us up by the power of your Spirit into a spiritual temple where you are glorified day after day, in all our praise and worship, and in our love for one another.

You are my strong rock: **my strong rock and my shelter.**

Living God, our planet, with its frenzied life on its fragile skin, is unneringly small and vulnerable to evil. Sharpen our consciences to sense your direction and protect us from all that draws us away from you. Guide our leaders in the way of truth and realign us all to the values that are built on your Holy Gospel.

You are my strong rock: **my strong rock and my shelter.**

Living God, may the Way which Jesus shows us be the Way we live out our daily lives around the table, in the daylight and the dark, in the misunderstandings, the tensions and the rush, in the eye contact, the conversations and the growing.

You are my strong rock: **my strong rock and my shelter.**

Living God, you can use and transform all our experiences. We lay before you now those who are traveling through a time of pain or anguish, tragedy or conflict that is hard to bear. We remember those who we are asked to pray for, 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, for the end of anti-Semitism and all forms of hate, for the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and Iran, we pray that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace. We stand alongside them in their suffering, and offer it to your transforming, healing love.

You are my strong rock: **my strong rock and my shelter.**

Living God, we remember those who have died, especially *Rudolph C. Ahlgren and Dorothy & John F. Shea, in whose memory the altar flowers are given to the glory of God by their children, John and Cindy*, and pray for them now. Lead them out of their pain into the light of eternity, and keep us all in the Way that leads us to share that everlasting life with you.

You are my strong rock: **my strong rock and my shelter.**

Living God, we thank you for showing us the Way, in human terms that we find easier to understand. This week we rejoice with those who celebrate birthdays: *Milford Crandall, Tabitha Bennett, Tyler Plambeck, Tara Brinka, Ruth Ann McSpadden, Robert Budd, Colleen Stonemetz, Lionel Lerner*; and anniversaries: *Chris & Ellen White*. You are my strong rock: **my strong rock and my shelter.**

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bring these and all our needs to you,

filled with confidence in the power of Jesus' name. Hear us and answer our prayers in your great wisdom and love. We ask this through Christ who is our risen Lord now and forever. **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 risen Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN #518

Christ is made the sure foundation

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.

HYMN #1 *Father, we praise thee, now the night is over*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: **Gracious God, we thank thee for feeding us with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope thou hast set before us, so that we and all thy children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise thy name; through Christ our Lord. 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*Fanfare***LEMMENS**

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

*George Kneip, Ken Miller, Jeffrey Lane, Mark Gregory, Mary Libby,
Edmund L. Craig, III, Joanne, Jack, Michael Swerdlow,
Marguerite Kelly, John McNally, Terry Ash, Debbie Ash, Mary Mason,
Steve Scott, Karen Bellow, Thomas Fleming, Helen, Beverly Leopold,
Matias Leopold*

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*Eucharistic Ministers: Charles Riggi (First Reading),
Georgiana Mellgard (Second Reading)
Prayers: Merle McDonald-Aaron
Altar Guild: Charles Riggi, Courtney Wood*

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FATHER BEN AWAY THIS WEEK AT ANNUAL CHAPLAIN TRAINING

From Monday to Friday of this coming week, Father Ben will be with the Episcopal Bishop of the Armed Forces and the Presiding Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Birmingham, Alabama for Annual Training of Episcopal and Lutheran Military Chaplains from all branches of the service. There are a wide variety of topics, including a focus on dealing with Moral Injury and responding to trauma. The Wednesday 10am service will be Morning Prayer.

MOTHER'S DAY, FIRST COMMUNION, BAPTISM AND MORE!

Next Sunday will be a celebration of Mother's Day, First Communion, Baptism and more. Please join us!

BIBLE STUDY-- WHAT ARE THE 39 ARTICLES OF RELIGION?

The 39 Articles of Religion are a brief and condensed statement of what Episcopalians believe and teach. Join Sal Tocchi on **Saturday, June 6th** as we look at the scriptural basis for the first five articles of religion that deal with "The Substance of the Faith." Subsequent meetings will explore the remaining articles. You can find the 39 Articles of Religion in the Book of Common Prayer or online. We will meet in the Vestry room starting at 9am. Those unable to attend can join via Zoom by clicking on the link in Constant Contact or by contacting Sal.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our **Summer Kick-Off party** will be **Friday, June 5** this year at the home of Jeff Gates and Mike Moran. It will be Pot Luck and there will be a sign up sheet going up shortly in the Fireplace Room. More details to follow. Hope to see everyone there!

ST. LUKE'S VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ELEANOR WHITMORE'S KITES FOR KIDS, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 23RD, MAIN BEACH

Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts from 1:30 to 5:30 to help with Eleanor Whitmore's annual Kites for Kids afternoon. Sign-up in the Fireplace Room to help with set-up, kite making, kite flying and clean-up. It's lots of fun and a great community event!

FAREWELL CELEBRATION HONORING BISHOP PROVENZANO

May 16 @ 11 am Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City

All are invited to gather in thanksgiving as the Diocese celebrates the faithful ministry of Bishop Lawrence Provenzano. On May 16, the diocesan community will come together for a Festive Eucharist, a program of gratitude and reflection, and a joyful reception honoring his 17 years of leadership.. **(Registration required; see <https://www.dioceseli.org>)**

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Volunteers are needed to help remove spent flowers and plants on the Memorial Garden walls. Please consider signing up for one month, and at your convenience, visit the garden once a week during your month to check if any flowers or plants on the walls should be removed. Bring a bag and there is a dumpster in our parking lot. Thank you! Jenny Berkeley for any questions. Cell #631-506-1535

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

Come and discuss the lessons read at Sunday morning services.

YOGA CLASSES

Free Yoga classes for seniors at St. Luke's on Thursdays at noon.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 9 - Afternoon Tea & Art Show, 4-6pm, Hoie Hall

June 5 - Summer kick off party

June 6 - Hamptons Pride Parade 2026, 12pm, Main Street

June 7 - Annual Meeting

ART SHOW AND TEA—NEXT SATURDAY!



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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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