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RITE I – HOLY EUCHARIST – 8:00AM
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION
17 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

Heut' triumphiret Gottes Sohn
(This Day in Triumph God the Son)

SORGE

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Her
(All Glory Be to God on High)

BÖHM

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, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

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

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 11:1 - 11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from

now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

PSALM 47

OMNES GENTRES PLAUDITE

¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.

² **For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.**

³ He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.

⁴ **He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

⁵ God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

⁶ **Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

⁷ For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.

⁸ **God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.**

⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.

¹⁰ **The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.**

THE EPISTLE**EPHESIANS 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN #215*See the Conqueror mounts in triumph***THE HOLY GOSPEL****LUKE 24: 44-53**

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

God's glory is often revealed in the context of suffering and failure in the world's eyes. As the Church of God, let us be still, and pray together. We pray for The Diocese of Yukon - The Anglican Church of Canada and North Brooklyn Angels.

God of glory, may your light shine in our church community as you work among us and bless us with your presence; we offer you the gifts you have given us and our various ministries; we offer you ourselves in the area you have placed us.

Holy God: may we live with your life in us.

God of glory, may the whole world come to know you and give you honor and praise. Encourage us all to stand up to evil, firm in our faith, and

strengthened with your power.

Holy God: **may we live with your life in us.**

God of glory, may our homes, schools, offices and workplaces become places where your glory is seen and experienced in the ordinary things, the everyday routines of life. Fill us to overflowing with ongoing thankfulness both in the sunlight and in the storm.

Holy God: **may we live with your life in us.**

God of glory, with your special affection for the discarded and marginalized, the weak and the vulnerable, we pray for all 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, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace.

Holy God: **may we live with your life in us.**

God of glory, teach us to understand death in the context of your eternity, so that our fears are calmed as we approach it. Welcome with merciful love those who have recently died and shelter their loved ones, too, in the shadow of your wings. We remember especially *Fermina Maldonado Garcia & Manuel Ocasio Garcia*, in whose memory the altar flowers are given to the glory of God by their loving family. We pray for the repose of the soul of *Tom Fleming*.

Holy God: **may we live with your life in us.**

God of glory, we thank you that through your ascension into heaven the way was open for us to receive the Holy Spirit. Prepare our hearts each day to welcome you. We rejoice as we celebrate those who this week celebrate birthdays: *Jennifer King, Lilia Schaefer, Kathleen McNally, Tiara Gregg, May Trent, Bobby Peterson*; and anniversaries.

Holy God: **may we live with your life in us.**

Good and gracious God, you do infinitely more for us than all we can ask or even imagine. Hear these prayers; be our Savior again, 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 #214

Hail the day that sees him rise

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 ANTHEM

Ascendit Deus
Joy Jones, soprano

RAVANELLO

HYMN #460 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

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

Grand Cheour in G Major
(Op. 68, No. 2)

SALOMÉ

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

*George Kneip, Ken Miller, Jeffrey Lane, Mark Gregory, Mary Libby,
Joanne, Jack, Marguerite Kelly, John McNally, Terry Ash, Debbie Ash,
Mary Mason, Steve Scott, Karen Bellow, Helen, Beverly Leopold,
Matias Leopold*

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*Eucharistic Ministers: Caroline Dean, Charles Riggi (First Reading)
Second Reading: Merle McDonald-Aaron
Prayers: Marshall Watson
Altar Guild: Charles Riggi, Courtney Wood*

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. PETER'S STARTS ITS SUMMER SEASON MAY 23

St. Peter's has services every Saturday at 5:30 starting this week. Join us!

THE REV. RICHARD WITT RETURNS FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Father Ben will be away May 23-24 for a wedding in Maine.

PENTECOST IS SUNDAY, MAY 24

Pentecost is the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. *Do you speak another language? Help make Pentecost special this year!* As part of our celebration of Pentecost, we are inviting people to read the gospel in different languages at the same time the priest reads the gospel in English. Everyone who wants to participate is welcome to do this. Remain in your pew and when the gospel is announced, simply read the passage in your other language. The gospel will be John 20:19-23. You can find it in various languages at <https://www.biblegateway.com/> (Click version on the upper right corner, then "All" under language.) Print it out in the language you prefer and help us experience Pentecost in a new way! ***Don't forget to wear RED for Pentecost!***

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 Tocci 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.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

STUDENTS! We invite graduating high school seniors and current college students (ages 17-24) who are members of St. Luke's Church to apply for our annual scholarship. Please go to our church website to find the scholarship application under Outreach on St. Luke's website. For more information see Leelee Brown: leeleebrown@mac.com

OFFICIAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The meeting of the congregation will be held on **Sunday, June 7, 2026**. There will be one service on that date, at 9 AM followed immediately after by the Annual Meeting. The following slate of candidates to be presented for election at the Annual Meeting: **Vestry:** Brian Craig - Warden (second 2 year term); John Allman (first three-year term), Lucy Kazickas (second three year term), Eileen O'Reilly (second three year term).

Convention Delegates: Paul Bowden, Erika Puig, Courtney Wood.
Alternate: Brian Craig

PRIDE PARADE

The Pride Parade starts at noon on June 6. We will leave St. Luke's to line up at 11:30. Please sign up in the fireplace room, especially if you are bringing a car. All are welcome. Invite a friend!

For more information see Anthony Gatto: agattonyc@aol.com

YOGA CLASSES

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

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!

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 23 - Kites for Kids, 2-5pm, Main Beach

May 30 - THFM Concert, Echoes of England, Hoie Hall, 7pm

June 5 - Summer kick off party, home of Jeff Gates and Mike Moran

June 6 - Bible Study, 9-10:30am, Vestry Room or Zoom

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

June 7 - Annual Meeting, 9am service only

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Warlock: Capriol Suite



EMLI ANNUAL APPEAL

Episcopal Ministries of Long Island (EMLI) is celebrating 75 years of supporting faith in action. Over the years, the organization has evolved, but the mission remains. Today, EMLI funds soup kitchens, food pantries, youth programs, and community ministries that serve tens of thousands of neighbors across our diocese every year. **Every dollar you give to EMLI goes directly to these front-line ministries.** Make your gift today at episcopalministries.org/donate. Or send a check made payable to Episcopal Ministries of L.I., 36 Cathedral Ave, Garden City, NY 11530



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The St Luke's Fellowship Committee

Invites you to our
Annual
Summer Kick-Off Party!
rain or shine

FRIDAY, June 05 2026
6:00pm - 8:00pm

at the Home of
Jeff Gates and Mike Moran

37 Ocean Avenue
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(Parking on Terbell and Pudding Hill Lanes only.
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THE FIFTH ANNUAL
Hamptons
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PARADE
06 JUN 2026

Join us and make history - again!

12PM - MAIN STREET, EAST HAMPTON AND HERRICK PARK

This is a balloon-free, flag-filled, family-fun event.

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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

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