

SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
RITE I - THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
18 JANUARY 2026 - 8:00AM

*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."*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig
(O Lamb of God, innocent) P. 393*

PACHELBEL

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's 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.

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 Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

(All may be seated for the readings.)

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength--he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

PSALM 40:1-12

¹ I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

² **He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴ **Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**

⁵ Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.

⁶ **Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.**

⁷ In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);

⁸ **Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.**

⁹ In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *

"I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart."

¹⁰ **I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.**

¹¹ Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

¹² **You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.**

THE EPISTLE

1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN #512

Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 1:29-42

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. DR. BENJAMIN A. SHAMBAUGH, RECTOR

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH BASED ON THE WRITINGS OF DR. KING

The Affirmation and Prayers are from the United Presbyterian Church <http://www.godweb.org/kingprayers.htm> The Confession is from [Enriching our Worship](#) of the Episcopal Church

I refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events which surround us.

I refuse to believe that we are so bound to racism and war, that peace, brotherhood and sisterhood are not possible.

I believe there is an urgent need for people to overcome oppression and violence, without resorting to violence and oppression.

I believe that we need to discover a way to live together in peace, a way which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of this way is love.

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. I believe that right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant.

I believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits.

I believe that what self-centered people have torn down, other-centered people can build up.

By the goodness of God at work within people, I believe that brokenness can be healed. "And the lion and the lamb shall lie down together, and everyone will sit under their own vine and fig tree, and none shall be afraid."

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Martin King had a dream. The ideals of justice and freedom and the belief that all are created equal in the eyes of God are noble principles. But they are meaningless unless they become the personal possession of each one of us.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent. I will struggle with myself. I will not rest until the dream of justice and freedom becomes my personal dream. I must realize that I am not an innocent bystander. I can help realize the dream by my action, or delay it by inaction.

Martin's dream of a day when people from all races and nations, even the offspring of slaves and former slave owners, can sit at a table as brothers and sisters and find ways of transforming their differences into assets. That was Martin's dream. What is your dream?

My dream is that one day soon I will find a way to stop just celebrating the dream and start living it. It must become a part of my daily life; or nothing much will change.

The dream is not about an ideal world; it is about the real world. Martin King's poetic refrain, "I Have a Dream," is a call for us to remember the real world where injustice abounds.

When I am in the shelter of my home I must remember the homeless. When I eat, I must remember the hungry. When I feel secure I must remember the insecure. When I see injustice I must remember that it will not stop unless I stop it.

We lift to you those who have asked us for prayers of healing and comfort, 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. We pray for the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and Venezuela, for the people of Minneapolis and Portland, and for people right here at home. for the end of anti-Semitism and all forms of hatred, and for the outpouring of peace. I have a dream!

I also have a dream. I have a dream that the Holy Spirit will arouse in me that very flame of righteousness that caused Martin King to become a living sacrifice for the freedom and liberation of all of God's Children. Then I will be able to resist injustice everywhere I see it, even within myself.

We pray for those who have died to this life and are born into your heaven, especially *Vi & Bill Johnson, in whose memory the altar flowers have been given to the glory of God by Margo & Art McKenna. We pray for the repose of the souls of Jim Darrell, Pat Regan and Gordon Grant.* Comfort those who miss their physical presence, and bring us all to share in the fullness of your life. **Amen.**

We give you thanks for all that points us towards the beauty of your

love, and draws us closer to you. This week we remember those who celebrate birthdays: *Charlotte Bennett, Vincent Vigorita, Stephen K. Lynch, Jr., Sandy Conklin*; and anniversaries: *Charles & Christine Fewell*; bless them with your abundant love. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence is observed.)*)

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil we have done and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Pie Jesu
Joy Jones, soloist

FAURÉ

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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 ANTHEM

Behold the Lamb
Joy Jones, soloist

WILLETT

THE 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.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on “Veni Creator”

DEMESSIEUX

Eucharistic Ministers: Georgiana Mellgard (First Reading),

Martha Murray (Second Reading)

Prayers: Marshall Watson

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, Charles Lewis,
Robbie Balnis, Nick Marlin, Keith Scott, Courtney Wessling,
Martin Foggo, Jeffrey Lane, Mark Gregory, Mary Libby, Jose, David,
Edmond L. Craig, III, Joanne, Jack, Michael Swerdlow, Mary Mason,
Rachelle Rainville, Sara Babin, Laurie Rosen, Denny Kiner,
Margeurite Kelly, Jean Budd, John McNally, Terry Ash*

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARTIN LUTHER KING INTERFAITH CELEBRATION TODAY

This year the annual MLK program will be held on Jan 18 at 4pm at Calvary Baptist Church, 60 Spinner Lane, East Hampton. The Rev. Trevon Ferguson, Calvary's new pastor, will be the host. Father Ben will give the welcome. A light supper will follow. All are welcome!

LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MAUREEN’S HAVEN OUTREACH

Come and join us! Sundays, January 4, 11, 18, 25 after 10am service. Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28 after 10am service. There is a sign-up sheet in the fireplace room for making lunches or delivering them to Bridgehampton. For more information, see Tina Giles or Hersey Eginton. Any donations to help with this outreach would be appreciated. Suggestions: small bottles of water, juice boxes, chips, cookies, bread, hand warmers, granola bars, fruit, sandwich bags, inspirational messages on a card, turkey, ham, cheese, baked goods etc. (Leave items labeled “Bag Lunch” on the cart in the coat closet.)

FREE YOGA CLASSES

Free Yoga classes are offered at St. Luke’s on **Thursdays at noon.**

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.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE **January 2026**

Dear friends,

In a still infant new year the lingering glow of Christmas warms this season of Epiphanytide. Wintry days begin, just barely begin, to lengthen again. And it is a delight to report that many, many of you have already submitted stewardship commitments to St. Luke's for 2026. Thank you for your generous pledges!

We are four-fifths (80%) of the way to our 2026 pledge goal.

Making this a fit time for a gentle reminder. If you have not submitted a stewardship pledge for 2026, please remember to do that as soon as you are able. And if you discern that your existing pledge could be enhanced, that will be welcome. Father Ben and the vestry are deliberating upcoming budget matters, so pledging now is very timely.

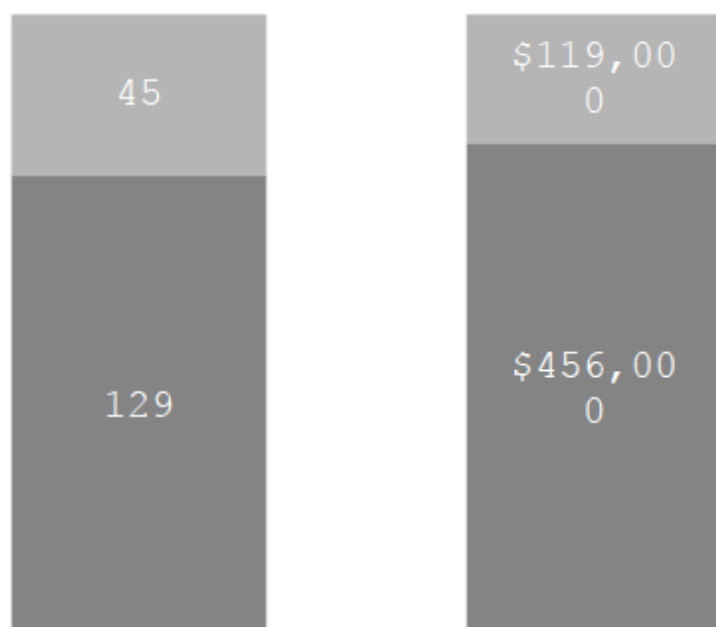
We confidently look forward to hearing from all 37 members who pledged last year that have not yet submitted their 2026 pledge. If such members collectively pledge at least the same amount as last year we will readily achieve our aims. Please consider an increment to last year's pledge to account for inflation as well as members whose ability to pledge may have diminished.

Blessings of Epiphany,
Dan Mongan, Co-Chair

ST LUKE'S 2026 STEWARDSHIP PROGRESS REPORT

■ Needed to Reach Target

■ Received



NUMBER OF
PLEDGES

DOLLARS
PLEDGED



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF EAST HAMPTON

**ANNUAL ECUMENICAL
M.L.K. SCHOLARSHIP SERVICE**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH 2026
4:00 PM
 60 Spinner Lane, East Hampton, NY 11937

M.L.K. DAY CHAIRPERSON
SISTER AMANDA HAYES

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
REV. TREVON C. FERGUSON
 PASTOR, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

"If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving."
 -Martin Luther King Jr.

BIBLE STUDY—HOW DID EARLY CHRISTIANITY IMPACT JUDAISM?

Join Salvatore Tocci on Saturday February 7th from 9:00 to 10:30 in the Vestry room as we discuss how the spread of Christianity in the Roman Empire led to the persecution of the Jews. We will read passages from the New Testament and the historical record to examine how they portrayed the Jews. Those not able to attend in person can join via Zoom.

LOOKING AHEAD - MARCH 30 - A COMBINED SEDER

WITH THE JEWISH CENTER OF THE HAMPTONS AND ST. LUKE'S -

Rabbi Josh Franklin and Father Ben are looking at opportunities to do events together before Rabbi Josh leaves to his new congregation. One of these will be a combined Seder, Monday of Holy Week in Hoie Hall. Stay tuned for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

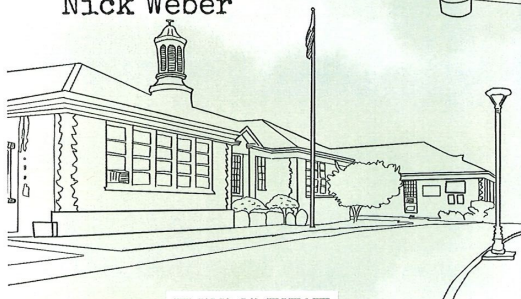
January 18 - Martin Luther King Service, Calvary Baptist Church
 January 30 & 31, February 1 - This Land Is Your Land, Hoie Hall
 February 3 - Community Dinner at EHFD, 5-7pm
 February 6 - EHMF Healthcare Fair, 10am-2pm
 February 7 - Bible Study with Sal Tocci, 9-10:30am
 February 12 - Souper Supper at Most Holy Trinity 5-7
 March 30 - Seder Supper with JCOH, details to come

Accabonac Theater Project Presents

This Land Is Your Land

By Jonathan Shoemaker

A trio of short plays
directed by
Tracey Toomey McQuade
Jonathan Shoemaker
Nick Weber

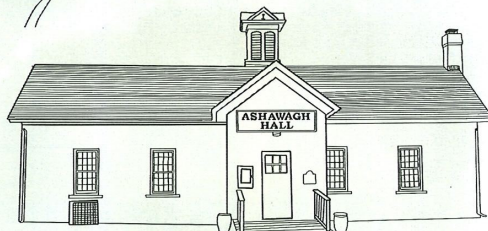


Performances

1/30 at 7pm

1/31 at 7pm

2/1 at 5pm



Hoie Hall, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, East Hampton NY

Information and tickets at
www.accabonactheater.org

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JANUARY 8 FEBRUARY 12

MARCH 12 5 TO 7 PM

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GATHER
& GRAZE**

**MOST HOLY TRINITY PARRISH HALL
BUELL LANE, EAST HAMPTON**

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

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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.



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