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RITE I - HOLY EUCHARIST - 8:00 AM **PENTECOST 7 - PROPER 10** **12 JULY 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

PRELUDE

Piano Sonata No. 20 in G Major
Mvt. 1 - "Allegro ma non troppo"
(Op. 49, No.2)

BEETHOVEN

OPENING ACCLAMATION:

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

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.*) O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 readings from the Scripture.*)

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT

GENESIS 25:19-34

This passage begins the story of Jacob which extends through chapter 36. It announces the main themes of that narrative. The first part of our reading presents the birth of Jacob and Esau and the pre-natal mystery that marks the birth. It is already apparent here that this child of the family of promise is marked in special and problematic ways. The second part of today's passage presents the well-known interaction of the brothers, who strike a bargain of food and birthright. The two parts juxtapose the inscrutable power of God with the self-serving cleverness of human desire. We see that God's purposes are at work even when we try to undermine the divine plan with our own.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his

body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. When Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:105-112

God's instructions must become part of the life of the servant of God.

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

¹⁰⁶ **I have sworn and am determined ***
to keep your righteous judgments.

¹⁰⁷ I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.
¹⁰⁸ **Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, ***
and teach me your judgments.

¹⁰⁹ My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.
¹¹⁰ **The wicked have set a trap for me, ***
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

¹¹¹ Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
¹¹² **I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes ***
for ever and to the end.

THE EPISTLE

ROMANS 8:1-11

Paul describes the Christian's freedom from the bondage to sin and its servant, the law, he is similarly in a celebrative mood. Paul writes in the joy of freedom, the freedom of a creation whose rebellion and enmity to its God is overcome in Jesus Christ.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN #593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

THE HOLY GOSPEL

(Please stand.)

MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

Our Gospel is Jesus' parable of the sower, together with its interpretation. The story by itself may once have been used to stress how surprisingly fruitful God's power can be, quite apart from human expectations or control. With its explanation the parable was used as an allegory by early Christians to help them understand the missionary situation of the church. Because of the work of the devil and human weakness and sin, the word they preached did not always produce. But, in the right circumstances, its fruit could be anywhere from substantial to amazing.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered

away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

Seeds of God's word, sown in good soil, watered by his rain and warmed by his sunlight, produces a good crop of spiritual fruit. Gathered together as the people of God, and attentive to his will, let us pray.

Dear God, may your words of truth take root in our hearts and grow to rich maturity. May we hear your will for us and act upon it; may we take seriously our responsibility to encourage and nurture one another in faith at every age and every stage.

Eternal truth, living God: **your word is life and strength.**

Dear God, may every act of selfless giving and every search for truth be richly blessed and rewarded. Disturb assumptions and lead many to ponder more deeply the spiritual dimension of our lives. May the word of God reach all who are ready to receive it, and let us set no boundaries here as to who they might be. We pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and St. Andrew's, Saltaire.

Eternal truth, living God: **your word is life and strength.**

Dear God, make our homes places of love and growth, welcoming to all who visit them, and accepting and forgiving to all who are nurtured there. Help us through the quarrels and heartaches and remind us to honor one another as your cherished ones.

Eternal truth, living God: **your word is life and strength.**

Dear God, may all whose bodies, souls or minds are aching know the comforting and strengthening power of your companionship, and the healing work of your love. We pray for 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 end of anti-Semitism and all forms of hate, for the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Iran, and all troubled areas of the world. We pray for the dying, and their loved ones, for those who have passed through death, and the families and friends who miss them. May we be more ready to support and befriend one another through the difficult times, in the name and love of the God we worship.

Eternal truth, living God: **your word is life and strength.**

Dear God, we pray for all who are making the journey through physical death, as they put down earthly things and wake to your presence. We remember especially *Jarvis J. Slade, in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given to the glory of God by his family. We pray for the repose of the soul of Herman Dau.* Bring us all to share with them your life in all its fullness.

Eternal truth, living God: **your word is life and strength.**

Dear God, the rain and sunshine, the growing and harvesting, sing to us of your faithful love, and we offer you our thankful praise for all your gifts to us. Bless those who this week celebrate birthdays: *Mary Laughlin, Frank Milza, IV, Carolina Schaefer, Conor Tochilin, Peter Wilson, Pat Hand, Kattie Fragola, Diane Dreher;* and anniversaries: *Sidney & Dorothy Field.*

Eternal truth, living God: **your word is life and strength.**

Blessed and praised are you, O God, for the word of your mouth. In your mercy, listen to all who call to you in faith. Let your word find root in our lives. We pray in the name of your child Jesus, who lives with you in the power of the Spirit, 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 Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN #58

*Almighty God, your word is cast like a seed
upon the ground*

PRESENTATION PRAYER

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER I**BCP 333****THE LORD'S PRAYER****BCP 336****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 HYMN #440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

HYMN #627

Lamp of our feet

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.**
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Major

BACH

Eucharistic Minister: Merle McDonald-Aaron (Prayers),
Georgiana Mellgard (Second Reading)
Altar Guild: Charles Riggi, Holly Whitmore, Courtney Wood

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

*Ken Miller, Marguerite Kelly, Sydney Bowden, Patricia Bennett,
Diane Moore, Karen Barrow, Lorna Pile, Jeffrey Lane, Mark Gregory,
Mary Libby, Terrance & Debra Ash, Mary Mason, Amy Sullivan*

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL FAIR!

Thank you to our fair chairs, volunteers, underwriters,
and everyone who made yesterday's fair a wonderful success!

LEGACY SOCIETY RECEPTION JULY 24

The new St. Luke's Legacy Society will have its first annual reception for its members at 4:30 PM on Friday, July 24 in Hoie Hall. The purpose of the Society is to recognize and encourage gifts that provide for the long-term financial needs of the St. Luke's. The Society's membership includes all those who have made St. Luke's the beneficiary of bequests or other forms of similar planned giving in any amount. It will also include all those who have donated \$10,000 or more to St. Luke's capital and building funds.

FELLOWSHIP EVENT

On **Thursday, July 30 from 1 - 3pm**, there will be a tour and workshop of Christina Winters' amazing herb garden in Amagansett. Space is limited so please sign up on the sheet in the fireplace room or at Cof-

fee Hour.

BIBLE STUDY – THE 39 ARTICLES OF RELIGION (PART 2)

Join Sal Tocci on **Saturday July 25 starting at 9 AM** in the Vestry room as we finish examining the statements that form the basis of Episcopalian faith. We will examine the scriptures and church history that lie behind the articles dealing with original sin, salvation, predestination, baptism, and transubstantiation. Those not able to join in person can do so via Zoom by clicking on the link provided in the weekly Constant Contact or by contacting Sal at stocci@aol.com.

ART AND THE OLD TESTAMENT

Please join Jamie Sykes, a retired art history teacher, on **Thursday July 23 at 4:30 PM** in the Vestry Room for a class focused on several of the most famous paintings and sculptures inspired by the Old Testament. The discussion will explore how different great artists, inspired by these remarkable narratives, created wonderful—though often very different—interpretations of the stories. A discussion of these great works of art may also inspire a deeper understanding of the message of the biblical readings.

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

Come and discuss the lessons read at Sunday morning services.

HAMPTONS JAZZFEST AT ST. LUKE’S!

On July 19 at 3:00pm, Marta Sanchez performs a solo piano concert. Born in Madrid, Spain, and based in New York City, Sanchez is a pianist, composer, and bandleader. She has released multiple recordings of original music and has performed internationally in jazz and improvised music settings. This concert presents Sanchez in a solo piano format featuring original compositions and improvised performance. Join us for our first JazzFest concert in Hoie Hall as part of Hamptons JazzFest and the McIver Solo Piano Series as part of the 2026 Hamptons JazzFest season. Tickets available at www.hamptonsjazzfest.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 15 - Pianofest, Hoie Hall, 5:30pm
July 19 - Hamptons JazzFest, Hoie Hall, 3:00pm
July 24 - Legacy Society Reception, Hoie Hall, 4:30pm
July 25 - Bible Study, Vestry Room, 9:00am
August 15 - Bible Study, Vestry Room, 9:00am

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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

John Hadden (Treasurer), Dan Mongan, Roy Parker (2027)

Caroline Dean, Hersey Egginton, Kitt Zuk (2028)

John Allman, Lucy Kazickas, Eileen O'Reilly (2029)

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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