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RITE I - HOLY EUCHARIST - 8:00 AM PENTECOST 8 - PROPER 11 19 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

Prelude & Fugue in G Major

SCHNEIDER

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.)* Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 28:10-19A

The story of Jacob's dream is given to us. It is the combination of two differing sources of old Hebraic material that comprise the Book of Genesis. The original intent was to explain the origin of the holy place, Bethel, which was venerated before Israel arrived in Canaan. This story is also used in the context of Jacob's journey and inserted the patriarchal promise. The promise of personal safety to Jacob was further expanded in his vow to return to the holy place.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

PSALM 139:1-9

With marvelous wisdom God alone perceives the heights and depths of life.

¹ Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

² **You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

³ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

⁴ **You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.**

⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

⁶ **Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?**

⁷ If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

⁸ **If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

⁹ **Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.**

THE EPISTLE

ROMANS 8:12-25

In this reading Paul contrasts present suffering with the hope of the glory that is yet to be revealed. The apostle understands the whole of creation to be linked with human destiny. As it shares in the penalty of slavery to mortality and corruption, it will, through our freedom as children of God, participate in our full redemption. This is our saving hope, still unseen, but for which we now have the first fruits of the Spirit.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by

the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN #424

For the fruit of all creation

THE HOLY GOSPEL *(Please stand.)*

MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

The Gospel is the parable of the wheat and the weeds, for which Jesus then provides an explanation. The story points to a mystery: why there is both good and evil in life.

The parable may at one time have been used to suggest that it is not so easy for humans to know what is good and what is bad from the divine perspective. In a strangely mixed world one must carry on with patience. The allegorical explanation emphasizes the judgment which will take place in the end at the hands of the Son of Man.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the

weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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 justice is always blended with mercy and loving kindness, so that we have real hope. Let us draw near to the just and merciful God, and pour out our concerns for the Church and for the world. We pray for The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan and St. Thomas of Canterbury, Smithtown.

Lord our God, as we join the unending cycle of prayer on our planet, turning through time and space, we rejoice in your upholding, your mercy and forgiveness. In all our small-mindedness we ask your in-breathing, so that we learn to look with your vision and act with your wideness of compassion.

God of mercy: **hear us as we pray.**

Lord our God, be present at all meetings and negotiations, where feelings run high, and many lives are profoundly affected by the decisions made. We pray for real communication which listens to needs and appreciates difficulties, so that we may live on this earth together in harmony and peace.

God of mercy: **hear us as we pray.**

Lord our God, we pray for this community and the particular problems it faces; for communities split apart by conflict or crushed by tragedy; we pray for those involved with court proceedings; may our judicial system uphold your principle of justice with mercy.

God of mercy: **hear us as we pray.**

Lord our God, we pray for those who have a hard time in this life; for those with ongoing health problems, and all who are caught up in war and deprivation. We pray for a just and realistic sharing of our resources, and courage, support and healing for all who suffer. We lift up to you in our prayers 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, Russia and all troubled areas of the world.

God of mercy: **hear us as we pray.**

Lord our God, we pray for those who have died and now see their lives as they really are, remembering especially *Richard Talmage Perkin, in whose memory the altar flowers are given to the glory of God by his family.* We pray for the repose of the souls of *Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman, Lorenzo Salgado Araujo and Joan Sebastian Guerrero.*

God of mercy: **hear us as we pray.**

Heavenly Father, 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 this week those celebrating birthdays: *Jan Willem van Bergen Henegouwen, Greg Mansley, Sierra Semb, Kristen Bilka, Dianne Benson, Elaina Mansley, Jessie Buttonow, Katie Simon;* and anniversaries: *Will Ameringer & Kevin Byrne, Louis O'Neal & Tina Giles, Stephen & Regina Lynch.*

God of mercy: **hear us as we pray.**

O Master of might and merciful Judge, in our weakness we turn to you for help. Hear us, and come to our rescue. You have promised to hear our prayers if we raise them in the name of Jesus, and so we do. In Jesus' name we pray. **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 LEVAS #220

We are climbing Jacob's ladder

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 ANTHEM *All Who Are Led by the Spirit*
Laura Laureano, soloist

JONCAS

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

Toccata in D Minor

MAILLY

Eucharistic Minister: Charles Riggi (*First Reading*),
Georgiana Mellgard (*Second Reading*)

Prayers: Roy Parker

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,
George Kneip, Lydia Vassello*

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ART AND THE OLD TESTAMENT

Please join Jamie Sykes, a retired art history teacher, on **Thursday July 23 at 4:00pm (new time)** 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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

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.

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

Come and discuss the lessons read at Sunday morning services.

FELLOWSHIP EVENT—JUST A FEW SPACES LEFT

Tour of Wych's Bloom Garden and Apothecary
on Thursday, July 30
Amagansett

We will start at 12pm with sandwiches at Martha Murray's and proceed to Christina Winters' Wych's Bloom around 1pm. Signup sheet is in the fireplace room.

Inspired by the historic apothecary and physic gardens of medieval monasteries and Renaissance Europe, Christina's gardens are organized not by color or botanical family, but by how plants support the human body. More than sixty medicinal species—many native to the Northeast—grow here in dedicated garden beds for the respiratory, digestive, nervous, reproductive, skin, and immune systems.

There will also be an opportunity to make one simple herbal remedy to take home.

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Summer Office Hours: Mon. - Th. 9am - 4pm, Fri. 9am-Noon

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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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