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RITE I - HOLY EUCHARIST - 8:00 AM
PENTECOST 13 - PROPER 16
23 AUGUST 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

La cathédrale engloutie
("The Sunken Cathedral")

DEBUSSY

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.)* Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

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

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT LESSON

EXODUS 1:8-2:10

The beginning of the Book of Exodus tells how the fulfillment of Yahweh's promise to the Patriarchs of progeny and of land has made a threat to Pharaoh. He controls their birth rate and make them remain in Egypt as slave laborers, decisions contrary to the divine promise. We see Pharaoh assaulting the chosen people of Yahweh and the birth of Moses the great leader of Israel.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birth-

stool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.” Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

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

PSALM 124

A song of thanksgiving for Yahweh's salvific activity.

¹ If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

² **If the Lord had not been on our side, ***
when enemies rose up against us;

³ Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;

⁴ **Then would the waters have overwhelmed us ***
and the torrent gone over us;

⁵ Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.

⁶ **Blessed be the Lord! ***
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

⁸ **Our help is in the Name of the Lord, ***
the maker of heaven and earth.

THE EPISTLE

ROMANS 12:1-8

In this lesson Paul urges the Christians in Rome to devote themselves to God's service and to recognize that, with different functions, they are all members of one body. Instead of dead animals, they are to offer themselves as living sacrifices. Their way of life is to be quite different from worldly standards. So will they know the will of God. All are to live in humility, realizing that they have their various gifts through God's grace.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN #525

The Church's one foundation

THE HOLY GOSPEL *(Please stand.)*

MATTHEW 16:13-20

In our Gospel Peter realizes that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus then sees Peter as the rock foundation for his church and gives to him the keys of the kingdom. The passage helps us to recognize that during Jesus' lifetime and afterward there was speculation about his role. Some saw the Son of man as a kind of reembodiment of John the Baptist or another prophet. Simon is renamed Peter, which means rock, for on him and

because of this revelation the church will be built, although Jesus' messiahship must be kept secret for the present. To Peter are given the keys to open or shut the gates of the kingdom and so to make judgment.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

The Church is the Body of Christ, built on the strong rock of faith and energized by the living Breath of God. We pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa and St. Mark's, Westhampton Beach. Gathered as the Church of God, members of the Body of Christ, let us pray together.

Fill your Church, O Lord, with life and energy, spiritual health and vitality. As we feed on you, may we grow more like you; may we exercise your loving care, minister with your tenderness, serve with your humility and co-operate with our vision.

In you, O Lord: **is all meaning and truth.**

Fill your world, O Lord, with wonder at creation, recognition of our mutual human responsibility, desire for reforming what is at fault, and hope in the possibilities of living at peace with God and with one another.

In you, O Lord: **is all meaning and truth.**

Fill our homes and neighborhoods, O Lord, with the generosity and trust that allows space but is always ready to encourage and support. May we cherish our bodies, minds and spirits as temples containing your Spirit, and honor one another as people of your making.

In you, O Lord: **is all meaning and truth.**

We pray for all who are ill at home or in hospital, for all in emergency surgery or in casualty; for those who have just discovered that they have injuries or illnesses that will change their lives. We pray for the work of all who heal and comfort, all who visit the sick and counsel the distressed; those on our parish prayer list (*pause*), victims of fires at home and abroad, the members of our armed forces, 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. We pray especially for the victims of the earthquake in Colombia, and for their family members who live here.

In you, O Lord: **is all meaning and truth.**

We pray for the dying and those who love them; we pray for those who have completed this life and have made the journey through death, remembering especially *Bernard Green, in whose memory the altar flowers have been given to the glory of God by John Brancati.*

In you, O Lord: **is all meaning and truth.**

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with thankfulness and praise as we recall your faithfulness and live in your love. This week bless those celebrating birthdays: *Grace Peterson, Hersey Egginton;* and anniversaries: *Dan Mason & Anthony Gatto.*

In you, O Lord: **is all meaning and truth.**

Living God, you wish to be among us in your Son and in his church. Hear the petitions we place before you. Increase our faith that we may see your works more clearly; purify our actions that we may reveal your love more surely. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **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.**

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN #518

Christ is made the sure foundation

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 *Thou Art the Christ, O Lord*
Joy Jones, soloist

HOW/CURRY

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

Henri Frederic Amiel (1821-1881)

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind and the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever.

THE SENDING FORTH

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

POSTLUDE

Built on the Rock

YOUNG

Eucharistic Minister: *Caroline Dean (Prayers),
Dan Mongan (First Reading)*
Second Reading: *Charles Riggi*
Altar Guild: *Holly Whitmore, Pat Wilson*

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

Ken Miller, Marguerite Kelly, Patricia Bennett,, Diane Moore, Karen Barrow, Lorna Pile, Jeffrey Lane, Mark Gregory, Mary Libby, Terrence & Debra Ash, Mary Mason, George Kneip, Lydia Vassello, Balfour Sangster, Tisha Bouboulis, Eloise Hall-Kneip, Helen, Valerie Meinken, Michael Swerdlow, Jacalyn Shafer, Sherri Martin

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Father Ben will be away Thursday, August 27 through Wednesday, September 16. The Rev. Celecily Broderick from Christ Church, Sag Harbor will be leading our Sunday services on August 30 and September 13. The Rev. Fred Thayer will be leading services on Sunday September 6. While Father Ben is away, the Wednesday services will be Morning Prayer and St. Peter's services will be Evening Prayer.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

The East Hampton Clericus will be leading an Interfaith 25th Anniversary Remembrance of 9/11 at **6:30pm on September 11** at Hook Mill.

BIBLE STUDY—EACH GOSPEL HAS A DIFFERENT MESSAGE

Join Salvatore Tocci, Saturdays at 9 AM in the Vestry room. We will study the four gospels, spending four to five Saturdays on each one starting with Mark. Those not able to attend in person can join via Zoom by clicking on the link provided in Constant Contact or by contacting Sal Tocci at stocci@aol.com.

ST LUKE'S OUTREACH INVITES YOUR PARTICIPATION!

The next meeting of the Outreach Committee is open to all parishioners interested in learning more about our outreach and helping to shape future initiatives. We'll meet on **Sunday, August 30** after coffee hour (approximately 11:30am) in the Vestry Room. Questions? See Hersey Egginton, or contact him at herseyegginton@gmail.com or 646-637-4270.

WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR ITALIAN?

If you have some basic knowledge of Italian but want to learn more, then join Salvatore Tocci as we explore the language of love, emotions, and dreams. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, September 17th starting at 4 PM in the Vestry room. Please contact Sal at stocci@aol.com if you have any questions.

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

Come and discuss the lessons read at Sunday morning services.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 5 - THFM MainStage Series Opening Concert, 7pm

September 9 - THFM MainStage Series Concert, 7pm

September 11 - Interfaith 25th Anniversary Remembrance of 9/11, Hook Mill, 6:30pm

September 12 - THFM MainStage Series Finale Concert, 7pm

September 16 - Art Lecture by Jamie Sykes, 4:30pm

September 19 - Ordination & Consecration of The Rev. Dr. Adam J. Shoemaker, Tilles Center, 10:00am

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September 5, 9, & 12

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Ninth Bishop of Long Island

CHIEF CONSECRATOR

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe
Presiding Bishop & Primate of the Episcopal Church

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 | 10:00 AM

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Advance registration is required for all attendees.
Seating is limited. Registration closes Sep. 15.

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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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