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RITE I - HOLY EUCHARIST 8:00 AM PENTECOST 12 - PROPER 17 31 AUGUST 2025

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

Fantasy in C Major (BWV 570)

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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.

A COLLECT FOR LABOR DAY

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.** Let us pray: (Silence is appropriate.) Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; 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

JEREMIAH 2:4 –13

This is a reading not contained in the regular lectionary. Chapter 2 of Jeremiah is a series of indictments against Israel, connected by their content rather than by the fact that they originally constituted one single prophecy from Jeremiah. The verses in today's reading speak of Israel's unfaithfulness towards God, which goes back to the very beginning of its national existence when its ancestors first entered the land. They abandoned the Lord, the God who had delivered them from Egypt, and worshiped instead the gods of the land—the detested forms of Baal.

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who

handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 81:1, 10-16

A psalm of festival praise and an exhortation to worship the Lord alone.

¹ Sing with joy to God our strength* and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

¹⁰ I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,*

"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice,*
and Israel would not obey me.
12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,*
to follow their own devices.

Oh, that my people would listen to me!*
 that Israel would walk in my ways!
 I should soon subdue their enemies*
 and turn my hand against their foes.

Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, *
 and their punishment would last for ever.
 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
 and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

THE EPISTLE

HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16

In this reading Christians are urged to live moral, hospitable and charitable lives, recalling the faith and examples of their leaders, but especially the unchanging Jesus. The leaders referred to are the founders of this church who have now died. Jesus Christ, however, remains with his people, in the past, present and future. Scripture says that God will never forsake us, and, with the Lord as our helper, there is no need to be afraid.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same vesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast Bulletin p. 15

THE HOLY GOSPEL (Please stand.) LUKE 14:1, 7-14

In the Gospel Jesus tells a parable about humility and teaches his host that he should invite the poor and infirm to his feasts. Both the parable and the teaching have a still deeper significance. The reign of God is the Lord's gift which comes to those who do not presume their place in it. By his actions as well as his words Jesus' ministry shows that the kingdom is open to those whom others consider outcast. People who share in God's ruling love and justice are to have a transformed attitude toward the poor and needy.

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with

you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON THE REV. RICHARD WITT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RURAL AND MIGRANT MINISTRIES

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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

When we live God's way, both individually and as a community, we will be greatly blessed. Let us do the work of prayer that God has asked of us. We pray for The Church of South India (United) and Spouses of Diocesan Clergy.

As the body constantly breathes, may the Church, the body of Christ, constantly pray, breathing God's life into all its members and activities. The Lord is our helper: we shall not be afraid.

As a new week begins in our world, and our nation remembers Labor Day, may wrong priorities be challenged and adjusted, may our societies reflect God's concern for righteousness, true justice and responsive love, and may all leaders grow in humility, attentive to the needs of those they serve.

The Lord is our helper: we shall not be afraid.

As we call to mind our loved ones, all who depend on us, and those on whom we depend, all with whom we laugh, cry, work or play, cleanse and refresh our relationships and give us greater love, understanding and forgiveness.

The Lord is our helper: we shall not be afraid.

We think of those who are in prison, locked in cells or depression or dysfunctional bodies; we think of those in hospitals, those unable to reach medical help and those on long waiting-lists for operations; as we think of them all, we pray for them all, especially our sick and homebound, those who have asked for our prayers, those on our parish prayer list (pause), the members of our armed forces serving at home and abroad, all those affected by violence and war, for the victims in Minnesota, and for the end of gun violence. 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.

The Lord is our helper: we shall not be afraid.

We remember the dying and those who love them; we remember those whose earthly life has come to an end, and we commend them to God's undying love.

The Lord is our helper: we shall not be afraid.

With love in our hearts for God our Maker and Redeemer, we choose to walk in his ways through this day and all our days. We ask divine blessing on those who this week celebrate birthdays: *Makayla Gatlin*,

Carrie Gilbert, Dylan Schaefer; and anniversaries: Jack & Ruth Ann McSpadden.

The Lord is our helper: we shall not be afraid.

It would be a joy for us to be as you are, O Lord, toward the least of things on earth. We ask for your peacefulness, your humility, your innocence, both for ourselves, and for all the world. For there is no going home to you without our brothers and sisters, and through Christ our Lord. **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 ANTHEM Sacrifice of Praise MARTIN

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

Gift of Finest Wheat Westendorf/Kreutz

Hymn #321 *My God, thy table now is spread*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty and everliving 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 in D Minor MAILLY

Wine used for communion today was donated in memory of Gina Lincks Dau by Herman Dau

Eucharistic Ministers: Charles Riggi (First Reading), Merle McDonald-Aaron (Prayers) Second Reading: Marshall Watson Altar Guild: Pat Hand, Charles Riggi

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

Lloyd A. Ibert, Mark Gregory, George Kneip, Ken Detelich, Tom Fleming, Deirdre Henderson, Jeffrey Lane, Cathy Roxbury, Evelina Langdale, Mary Mason, Roberta Moran, Helen, Nivia Maldonado Rodriquez, Ramon Torres Robles, Jim Brandi, Ann Marie Salerno, Paulette Brinka, Anne Holton, Tony Puchta, Jacki Powers, Mark D'Alessio, Luke Francis, Adele Sadiq, Julie Nielson, Ed Krug, Charles Lewis, Richard H., Joanne, Robbie Balnis

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME THE REV. RICHARD WITT

We welcome the Rev. Richard Witt as our preacher and celebrant today. Richard is the Executive Director of Rural and Migrant Ministries https://ruralmigrantministry.org/ (which includes work in Riverhead and most recently with the Caravan of Hope). He is a long-time friend of Father Ben who was blessed by having his mother in his previous congregation.

LABOR DAY BREAK

The church office will be closed for the holiday, reopening on Wednesday, September 3.

PRAYER LIST REFRESH

Our prayer list will be refreshed the first week of September. Please email the office with any names you would like to add or have remain at tower18@stlukeseasthampton.org.

THANK YOU, ST. LUKE'S!

The Outreach Committee would like to thank all those who generously donated to our Back to School Supply Drive! The response was overwhelming and supplies have been distributed to kids and families in need from Riverhead to Montauk. The basic supplies now cost families over \$100 per child. Your thoughtful donations made a huge difference. Thank you!

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.

CHOIR COMEBACK

We will have a pickup choir at the 10am service on the first Sunday of each month. Rehearsal will be after the 10am service the week before. For more information, contact Bobby Peterson.

INGATHERING EVENT

It is tradition at St. Luke's to replenish the sacramental wine by asking parishioners to buy one or more bottles of Christian Brothers Tawny Port (carried at Park Place Liquors in East Hampton) in honor of or for remembrance of loved ones, or in gratitude for blessings received. There will be an ingathering of the wine to be blessed. When a new bottle is opened, the accompanying dedication will appear in the bulletin.

COFFEE HOUR

The Pot-luck Coffee Hour has been so successful, we are keeping it going. Please continue to bring something to share! Don't forget to retrieve your serving dish/utensils at the end of coffee hour from the kitchen.



It's time to return to Sunday School!

On Sunday September 14th

We begin in Hoie Hall at 09:45

For

"The Gathering" with Fr. Ben

Registration is open to all Children

Pre-K – 6th grade.

See Colleen Stonemetz for additional information, and registration forms.

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> > Beethoven Symphony #4

Also works by: Cimarosa & Berlioz Sunday, 14 September 2025, 4PM Hoie Hall, St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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REFLECTING ON 8 DAYS, 1,000 MILES & 50 STOPS, IN HONOR OF IM-REFLECTING ON 8 DAYS, 1,000 MILES & 50 STOPS, IN HONOR OF IMMIGRANT WORKERS

What a powerful thing it is to bear witness. What strength there is when we do it in numbers.

From August 2-9, Rural & Migrant Ministry led a statewide caravan — Save New York's Rural Economy: A Journey of Empathy — to foster an appreciation for immigrants by holding up their humanity and emphasizing their essential contributions to New York's rural economy and agriculture. Our goal: To change the narrative surrounding immigration, and to deliver a message of love to policymakers caught in the vitriol of denying the humanity of immigrants — and in turn, destroying our communities, damaging our economy and threatening our collective wellbeing. Along the way, we encountered righteous people and heard stories of humanity that we will never forget. Throughout the week, nearly 2,000 people joined our core group of 15 RMM staffers, volunteers and allies. It all kicked off right here at St. Luke's!

Our 1,000-mile journey from the Atlantic Ocean to Lake Erie took us through communities across New York State, from the South Fork of Long Island, through the Hudson Valley and Capitol District to the North Country, along the Canadian border, all the way to Buffalo. Along the way, we supported local businesses, and led 50 vigils at farms and farmers markets; historically significant locations such at the Harriet Tubman Home, Frederick Douglass Burial Site, Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter (a World War II internment camp) and the Women's Rights National Historical Park; churches and synagogues; Congress members' offices, courthouses and colleges; parks and nursing homes; state welcome centers, child care centers and federal detention centers. We took this journey because a critical conversation is taking place right now in Washington, D.C., and across the country about the treatment of immigrants, and specifically, farmworkers. True to our mission, RMM has sought to uphold the truth that our communities are far stronger when we are cherishing one another than when we are abducting people. Our Caravan drew attention to this debate, not as a form of protest, but as a public witnessing that was carried out as much in the traveling from place to place as in the vigils themselves.

People took notice: At every stop, we were enthusiastically received

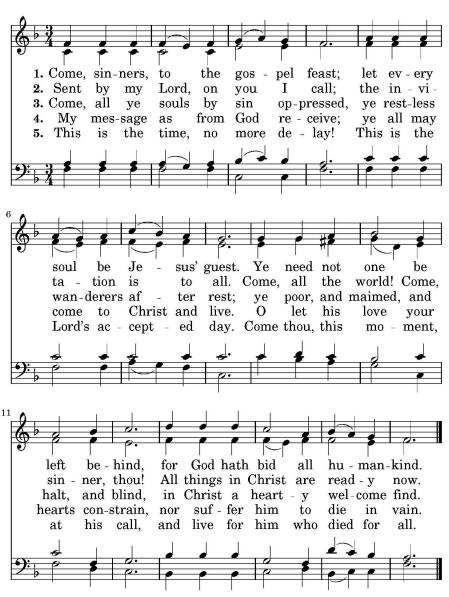
by community members who share our call to justice. We were greeted with cheers and applause; passing traffic honked in support of our sign-covered vehicles, flashing peace signs and thumbs-up. In the Hudson Valley City of Kingston, we were welcomed at Old Dutch Church by nearly 200 souls and a marching band! Most everywhere, folks went out of their way to thank us for being among them and calling attention to the oppression of immigrants, and the destruction of rural economies brought about by their persecution. Some 20 media reports featured the Caravan — in print, on the radio, on television, and on social media — amplifying our message even further.

We were also met, infrequently, with opposition: Occasional jeering, taunting, name-calling, and in one instance, being chased by a loud car with a Trump flag that encircled us at a gas station. But for each case of aggression, there were instances of love, welcome, acceptance and gratitude for our arrival. We know that those folks may be loud, but they are outnumbered. And they only served to strengthen our resolve to share a message of hope.

Across isolated communities throughout the state, we were struck by the effort and determination of so many people who seek justice; they imbued us with energy, inspiration and the will to continue our work. And, importantly, the Caravan helped us build support and partnership for RMM's ongoing programs. As we ended the Caravan at Trinity Church in Buffalo, we — and the people we traveled and gathered with — remained determined to continue the journey of working for justice. We will not back down from our call for empathy and justice, because this work is too important, and there is too much at stake. To all those who participated in the Caravan, we are beyond grateful for your collaboration, your support, and your heart.

We'd like to thank the Immigration Research Initiative for their partnership and for providing important information about the effects of mass deportations on New York farms and communities, as well as data about agriculture across the state. (Some facts and figures from IRI: There are an estimated 57,000-67,000 farmworkers in New York, and more than 30,000 farms; the market value of New York agriculture is \$8 billion each year; New York State is the country's No. 1 producer of yogurt, No. 2 producer of apples, No. 2 producer of wine and No. 5 producer of milk.) A number of co-sponsors also joined RMM in the Caravan initiative: New York State Catholic Conference, Episcopal Diocese of New York, Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, and more.

339 Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast



United Methodist Hymnal 339

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747 (Lk. 14:16-24)

MUSIC (HURSLEY, LM): Katholisches Gesangbuch, ca. 1774; adapt. from Metrical Psalter, 1855

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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

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