SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RITE II - HOLY EUCHARIST PENTECOST 14 - PROPER 19 14 SEPTEMBER 2025 - 10:00am

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."

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude & Fugue in G Major Schneider

OPENING HYMN #423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise St. Denio

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray: (A moment of silence.) O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

(Please be seated for the readings.)

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT LESSON

JEREMIAH 4:11-12, 22-28

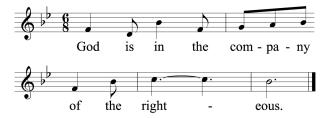
In our first reading the prophet speaks the word of the Lord: the oncoming invasion from Israel's enemies is due to the people's lack of trust and faith in Yahweh (God). The invasion comes like a cosmic conflagration. The entire universe is struck with horror at the sight. This description is found almost identical in the prophet Joel, The end is irrevocable as God has just assured.

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse— a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 14 PORTLAND PSALTER

The type of person described as a "fool" is one who ignores the sovereignty of God.



¹ The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *

All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *

to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God. **Refrain**

³ Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.

⁴ Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord? **Refrain**

See how they tremble with fear, *
 because God is in the company of the righteous.
 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
 but the Lord is their refuge. Refrain

⁷ Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! * when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Refrain

THE EPISTLE 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

In this lesson Paul gives thanks to the Lord Jesus and praise to God for the salvation of sinners, among whom Paul has led the way. The apostle recalls his acts of persecution and blasphemy against Jesus. But the Lord was merciful to him in his ignorance and unbelief, as he has been to all who have come in faith to him.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

The Ninety and Nine

BULLETIN P. 11

THE HOLY GOSPEL (Please stand.)

LUKE 15:1-10

In the Gospel Jesus tells the two parables of the finding of the lost sheep and the lost coin. The setting helps us to understand that Jesus may have told the story about the lost sheep to defend his acts of reaching out to share the invitation of the reign of God with those often regarded as beyond God's concern. In several ways it would be foolish to leave many sheep to go after one stray, but the parable emphasizes the lengths to which both Jesus and God will go to bring back one who is missing. The second story illustrates a related theme of the first: the great joy which is experienced when the lost is found.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus does not avoid the company of sinners but befriends them. Let us pray to the God who longs for all to be rescued. We pray for The Anglican Church of South America and Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors.

Thank you for all who are called to the different ministries of the Church. Bless them as they work in your service and uphold them with your power.

God our shepherd: all our needs are known to you.

Thank you for all peace initiatives and every genuine attempt at negotiation in conflict resolution. May those who govern be governed by your love; may those who lead be led by your directing; may the whole world come to know its need of you.

God our shepherd: all our needs are known to you.

Thank you, for our families and friends, those we meet each day and those we seldom see; draw all our loved ones closer to you, and search out those whose faith is fragile or fragmented. God our shepherd: all our needs are known to you.

As we recall the needs of those who are sad or lonely, lost, or afraid of what they have become, we pray for the knowledge of your love to wrap warmly around them, and your living presence to bring them to a place of safety and hope. Heal and bless 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, 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 an end of the war in Gaza, for the children and all those who are hungry, and suffering there. We continue to pray for the Episcopal Hospital in Gaza and its work and ministry in the most challenging of circumstances.

God our shepherd: all our needs are known to you.

Have mercy on those who have died. We remember the victims of 9/11 and their families and the soldiers and civilians that have died in Iraq and Afghanistan since then. We pray for *Barbara Traphagen, in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given to the glory of God by her family,* may they enjoy the eternal life of heaven, where there is no more pain, sorrow or weariness, and where every tear is wiped away. We pray for all victims of gun violence, for their families, and for the will to work to heal divisions, change hatred into hope, and end gun violence once and for all.

God our shepherd: all our needs are known to you.

Thank you for your patience with us as we seek to be your faithful followers. Bless those who this week celebrate birthdays: *Wendy Phillips, Paul Bowden, Irena Sumberac, Benjamin Shambaugh;* and anniversaries.

God our shepherd: all our needs are known to you.

God of promises, you have brought us a long way and have kept us safe in our journey to you. Hear us now, and answer our prayers with delight. Teach us to run to you for all we need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the 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 you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem #645 The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

All things come from You, O Lord, And of Your own have we given to You.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The Lord be with you. Lift up your hearts. And also with you. We lift them to the Lord. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS HYMNAL S-128 WILLIAM MATHIAS (The congregation may stand or kneel)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Luke and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI HYMNAL S-165 WILLIAM MATHIAS

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 MUSIC

Gentle Shepherd, Kind and True

HOPSON

Hymn #334

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

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POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

Let us pray: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN #470

There's a wideness in God's mercy

BEECHER

THE SENDING FORTH

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

POSTLUDE

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

ARR. CORNELL

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeffrey Sussman (First Reading), Laura Traphagen (Prayers)

Second Reading: Joan Branche Greeters: Jeanne Hutson, Mark Nelson Acolytes: Dylan Schaefer, Tina Giles Altar Guild: Lynn Jerome, Diane Tutino

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

George Kneip, Ken Miller, Evelina Langdale, Paulette Brinka, Adele Sadiq, Julie Nielson, Ed Krug, Charles Lewis, Robbie Balnis, Nick Marlin, Keith Scott, Courtney Wessling, Deidre Henderson, Ralph Gibson

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today Sunday School begins the fall session. Join Father Ben for "The Gathering" in Hoie Hall at 9:45am. Registration is open to all children from Pre-K—6th Grade. For registration forms or more info, talk to Christian Education Director Colleen Stonemetz: christianed@stlukeseasthampton.org.

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

Does Hell Exist? Join Salvatore Tocci at the Adult Forum on Sunday September 28th as we discuss Jesus' parable in Luke's Gospel about the rich man who dies and pleas to Abraham to save him from his torment in Hades. Is there a place of eternal punishment for those sinners who never repent?

PET SUNDAY

Pet Sunday is October 5. Mark your calendars and bring all your human and animal friends!

FREE YOGA CLASSES

Free Yoga classes will be offered at St. Luke's on **Thursdays at noon.** Classes are specifically designed for people in their 60s, 70s, and 80s, though all adults are welcome!

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.

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.

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.



The Ninety and Nine

Elizabeth C. Clephane Ira D. Sankey



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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)

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