

# SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**RITE I - HOLY EUCHARIST 8:00 AM**

**PENTECOST 14 - PROPER 19**

**14 SEPTEMBER 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

**PRELUDES**

*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.*) O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

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

### 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

*An individual lament. The type of person described as a “fool” is one who ignores the sovereignty of God.*

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> **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.**

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

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

<sup>5</sup> See how they tremble with fear, \*  
because God is in the company of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> **Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \***  
**but the Lord is their refuge.**

<sup>7</sup> **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.**

## 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.**

**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 be to thee, O Lord.**

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 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.

#### 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 vio-

lence 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, Father 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 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 #423**

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

**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 MUSIC**

*Gentle Shepherd, Kind and True*

**HOPSON**

**HYMN #334**

*Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing*

**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**                      *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*    ARR. CORNELL

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

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***Eucharistic Ministers:*** Charles Riggi (Prayers), Caroline Dean  
***First Reading:*** Marshall Watson  
***Second Reading:*** Marcie Sohm  
***Altar Guild:*** Lynn Jerome, Diane Tutino

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**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*

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# 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](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup> as we discuss Jesus’ parable in Luke’s Gospel about the rich man who dies and pleads 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, 10am service.

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](mailto: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.

## 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.

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Also works by: Stravinsky & Mozart  
Thursday, 11 September 2025, 7PM  
The Sanctuary, St. Luke's Episcopal Church

### Beethoven Symphony #4

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



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# The Ninety and Nine

Elizabeth C. Clephane

Ira D. Sankey

1. There were nine - ty and nine that safe - ly lay, In the shel - ter of the  
 2. "Lord, Thou hast here Thy nine - ty and nine; Are they not e - nough for  
 3. But none of the ran - somed ev - er knew How deep were the wa - ters  
 4. "Lord, whence are those blood - drops all the way, That mark out the moun - tain's  
 5. And all through the moun - tains, thun - der - riv'n And up from the rock - y

fold; But one was out on the hills a - way, Far off from the gates  
 Thee? But the Shep - herd made an an - swer: "This of Mine Has wan - dered a - way  
 crossed? Nor how dark was the night the Lord passed through Ere He found His sheep that  
 track?" "They were shed for one who had gone a - stray heav'n, Ere the Shep - herd could bring  
 steep, There a - rose a glad cry to the gate of "Re - joice! I have found

of gold. A - way on the moun - tains wild and bare; A - way from the  
 from Me. And al - though the road be rough and steep, I go to the  
 was lost. Far out in the des - ert He heard its cry; 'Twas sick and  
 him back." "Lord, whence are Thy hands so rent and torn?" "They're pierced to -  
 My sheep!" And the an - gel ech - oed a - round the throne, "Re - joice, for the

ten - der Shep - herd's care; A - way from the ten - der Shep - herd's care.  
 des - ert to find My sheep; I go to the des - ert to find My sheep."  
 help - less and read - y to die; 'Twas sick and help - less and read - y to die.  
 night by man - y a thorn; They're pierced to - night by man - y a thorn."  
 Lord brings back His own! Re - joice, for the Lord brings back His own."

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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)**

## **STAFF**

**The Rev. Dr. Benjamin A. Shambaugh, Rector**

**Robert Peterson, Music Director | Tara Brinka, Parish Administrator**

**Colleen Stonemetz, Christian Ed. Director | Oscar Giles, Verger**

## **DIGITAL GIVING TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES**

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