

SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RITE I - HOLY EUCHARIST 8:00 AM

PENTECOST 15 - PROPER 20

21 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

PRELUDE

Prelude in Classic Style

YOUNG

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 us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee 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 8:18-9:1

This is another section from Jeremiah not used in the previous lectionary. It contains some of the most poignant and memorable utterances of Jeremiah. He expresses his own personal involvement in the foretold events. On the one hand he felt his own helplessness to do more to strike home a sense of the inevitability of coming catastrophe. Alongside this he was deeply aware that he would be personally caught up in every aspect of the suffering inflicted upon God's people. Israel, through its divine election, had a great potential, yet all of this potential was to be lost because the people lacked the will to follow in God's ways and amend their lives.

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

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

PSALM 79: 1 - 9

A prayer to the Lord in a time of grievous trouble.

- ¹ O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

**² They have given the bodies of your servants
as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.**

**³ They have shed their blood like water
on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.**

**⁴ We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.**

**⁵ How long will you be angry, O Lord? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?**

**⁶ Pour out your wrath upon the heathen
who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.**

**⁷ For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.**

**⁸ Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.**

**⁹ Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.**

THE EPISTLE

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

In this lesson disciples are called upon to pray for all, including political rulers, so that Christians may lead peaceable and moral lives. It is God's will that everyone should find salvation. Jesus is the mediator between the one God and humanity; he has sacrificed himself for the freedom of all. Paul has been appointed an apostle to make his saving work known to the Gentiles. During this period the newly born Christian movement was a tiny part of society which felt that it needed peaceful conditions to spread its gospel. It usually took a positive view of the functions of the state in maintaining peace and justice.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL (Please stand.)**LUKE 16: 1 - 13**

Our Gospel is the story of the steward who, when dismissed for mismanagement, showed himself to be very shrewd. This is followed by teaching about Mammon, that is, worldly wealth. The joke would be on us if we fastened on the details of the story.

The man's obviously dishonest behavior forces us to look more deeply for what is admirable about him—his readiness to face up to reality, together with his unquenchable hopefulness in the face of calamity. This is to be the attitude of Jesus' followers as the kingdom with its time of challenge and judgment approaches. The teaching on money suggests that disciples must know its significance, but never serve it.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

THE SERMON**THE REV. DR. BENJAMIN A. SHAMBAUGH, RECTOR**

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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

As God has taught us, let us pray for the coming of the kingdom in every situation. We pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and St. John's, Flushing.

We long for the Church to be pure and holy, alight with God's love and compassion, and free from behavior which is unworthy of God's chosen people.

God our Father: **let your kingdom come.**

We long for the nations to be wisely governed, with just laws and a sense of vision which reflects the best of human nature. We long for peace and mutual respect in each community throughout the world.

God our Father: **let your kingdom come.**

We long for our homes to be filled with God's love, so we are happy to

put ourselves out for others, to listen with full attention, and to value one another. We long to clear away anything in our life-style which competes with God for our commitment.

God our Father: **let your kingdom come.**

We long for those who feel neglected or rejected by society to know God's love and acceptance of them. We long for all those in pain and distress to be comforted and relieved, especially 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. 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 Father: **let your kingdom come.**

We long for the dying to recognize their need of God and his power to save; for those who have died, especially *for Julian & Rosalie Abbott, in whose memory the altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Merle McDonald-Aaron*, that all the deceased be judged with mercy and rest in God's eternal peace. We pray for the repose of the soul of *Ramon Torres*. God our Father: **let your kingdom come.**

We give you thanks, Lord God, for your teaching and your example which opens our eyes to your truth. We ask abundant blessing this week for *Alexandra McCormack & Adam Berger*, just married at St. Luke's, for those who celebrate birthdays, especially *Mardie Gorman, Katherine Tochilin, Richard Swanson, Philip Tutino, Sienna Bowen*; and those celebrating anniversaries: *Justin & Aimee Geehreg, John & Kathleen McNally, Charles & Michele Riggi, Conor & Katherine Tochilin, Richard & Carolina Swanson*.

God our Father: **let your kingdom come.**

O Just God, one God, we live in this world and look for the world to come. Teach us what to ask for and give us all we need. Make us life-givers with you who build your dominion here, 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 #375

Give praise and glory unto God

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

There is a balm in Gilead

ARR. HELVEY

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 Seven

ARR. RUTTER

Eucharistic Ministers: Georgiana Mellgard, Roy Parker

First Reading: Marcie Sohm

Second Reading: Marshall Watson

Prayers: Caroline Dean

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, Martin Foggo, Jeffrey Lane, Lloyd Ibert,
Mark Gregory, Mary Libby*

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School has begun 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?

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.

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.

SUPPORT RURAL AND MIGRANT MINISTRIES

You are invited to join the Rural & Migrant Ministry's Cultivating Justice Fundraising Lunch on Sunday, Sept. 28, 1-4 PM at the Sisters of St. Joseph Villa in Hampton Bays.

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PET SUNDAY

Pet Sunday is October 5, 10am service.

Mark your calendars and bring all your human and animal friends!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 3 - East Hampton Healthcare Foundation Health Fair, 10am - 2pm

October 5 - Pet Sunday, 10am service

October 9 - Second Annual Community Conversation by Zoom, 7pm

October 24 - Halloween Celebration, 6pm

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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

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

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