SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RITE II - HOLY EUCHARIST PENTECOST 17 - PROPER 22 5 OCTOBER 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

PRELUDES The Cat and the Mouse COPLAND

OPENING HYMN #400 All creatures of our God and King Lasst uns erfreuen (v. 1-3, 7)

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.

Animals fill the skies, the earth and the seas. They are God's beloved creatures. St. Francis remembered this. He called the animals his brothers and sisters. Today we ask come together to ask God, our loving Father and Creator, to bless these animals, our brothers and sisters. We thank God for letting us share the earth with such wonderful and amazing creatures.

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray: O God our Creator, everything that has the breath of life gives you praise! Lord, with love and compassion, watch over our pets and all animals. Keep them in good health. Guard them against trouble. May the wisdom of St. Francis and our love for these animals deepen our respect for all your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

(Please be seated for the readings.)

THE FIRST READING

JOB 39:1-18

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. "Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass ,to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing. "Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor? "The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104: 25-31



O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
 in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, *
 creatures both small and great. REFRAIN.

²⁸ All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
²⁹ You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. **REFRAIN.**

you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth. **REFRAIN.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

O God. Your Creatures Fill the Earth

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THE GOSPEL READING

LUKE 12:13-21

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Christ.

A PRAYER FOR OUR PETS THAT HAVE DIED

Officiant: Dear God you have enlivened all the creatures of the earth with your life giving breath; nothing dies but is remembered by you and nothing lives without your grace; bless the remains of our innocent pets, and by your holy and life-giving Spirit grant them and all your creatures eternal life in your presence. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF PETS

At this time the clergy will ask God's blessings upon your pets and stuffed animal friends. If you animal is difficult to control, too large, too shy, it might be wise to hold him/her on the front lawn of the church. We also ask that you not be embarrassed if your dog, cat, bird, or stuffed animal makes noises. Just think of what we sound like to them! It is a time for all of creation to give praise to our God.

During the Blessing: Duetto Buffo di due Gatti Rossini & de Pearsall

(Comic Duet for Two Cats)

Joy Jones, soprano Carla Wesby, soprano

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends the animals, your creatures. We give thanks for your gift to us of these pets whom we have named before you this morning. Send your blessing upon each one of them and grant that the love, loyalty and comfort they give shall be returned by us in equal measure; and grant that we may learn to love all your creatures. Make us all true friends to animals and worthy followers of you.

We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. we remember those who have asked for our prayers, take their needs and provide for them, take their wounds and heal them, take their suffering and comfort them, especially 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, the Congo, Sudan, 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 pray for the members of the LDS Church in Grand Blanc Michigan, for those who died, for their families and friends, and for

all other victims of gun violence this week. We pray the will to work to heal divisions, change hatred into hope, and end gun violence once and for all.

We pray for our Jewish neighbors who are celebrating the High Holy Days. We also pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Carol Simmons, Alexander Lombardo, John W. Hadden, II, Christine Fewell, Amy Fleming, Max Goer, Johnny Hadden, III, John Watson, Alexis Vargas, Autumn Vargas; and those celebrating anniversaries: Ken Detelich & Ken Miller, Paul & Colette Smith, Wesley & Grace Peterson, Nick & Kristen Conlin, James & Francine Muller, Costas Panagopoulos & Mark Ruggiero, Frank & Marilyn Tillinghast, Steve & Connie Thomas, Brian Craig & Michael Swerdlow.

We remember those who have died, especially *John Winthrop Hadden, MD*, in whose memory the altar flowers are given today to the glory of God *by his family*. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Sifuni Mungu Maddux, McCall, Mulongoy & Mukalay, Arr. Emerson

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

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

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

FROM ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

The Lord be with you. Lift up your hearts.

And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(The congregation may stand or kneel)

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with The blessed Mother Mary, St. Luke, St. Francis, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you 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.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.** The gifts of God for the people of God.. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Hymn God of the sparrow God of the whale
Hymn Make me a channel of your peace
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HYMN 120 (LEVAS) There's a Sweet, Sweet, Spirit in this place

THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

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Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. 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 #405

All things bright and beautiful

ROYAL OAK

THE SENDING FORTH

Go in the peace to love and serve of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Converse

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeffrey Sussman, Laura Traphagen (First Reading)
Prayers: Katie Simon
Greeters: Herman Dau, Janie Miller
Altar Guild: Jen Talbot, Pat Wilson

Wine used for communion today was donated in memory of Frances, Marvin, Lawrence and Hewlett Baldwin by Anne Edgar and Dale Phillips

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, Jose, David

THE 2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS TODAY

How do I pledge? You can pledge in several ways:

Complete a pledge card and return it by regular mail. Go to the St. Luke's website at stlukeseasthampton.org and find the Pledging tab on the left side of the homepage. Click on the blue button at the bottom of the Pledging page to fill out your pledge information online.

Venmo! Donations can be sent by Venmo to username StLukesEHNY weekly, monthly or annually.

Bring your completed pledge card to the altar on "Pledge In-Gathering Sunday," which is **Sunday**, **October 19th**. A special coffee hour will follow the 8:00 and 10:00 am services.

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Come and discuss the lessons read at Sunday morning services.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are a few slots available for flower dedication on the altar. If you are interested in filling one, please contact Tara in the office at 631-329-0990 or office@stlukeseasthampton.org

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.

<u>COFFEE HOUR</u>
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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 5 - Pet Sunday, 10am service

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

October 24 - Halloween Celebration, 6pm

November 8 - Harvest Supper, 5:30pm



SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION NEXT THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 AT 7PM PLEASE JOIN US ON ZOOM

One of the highlights of last year's "Mission Area Priority" or MAP process was a listening session involving leaders who spoke to us about issues facing the wider community and how St. Luke's could help. The relationships created that night have continued to grow and the impact of the conversations still ripples out into our community and into our church. It was a powerful experience, so we are doing it again. Please join us for our second annual Community Listening Session on zoom, October 9 at 7 pm.

So far, we have leaders from the high school, the village and town, the police force, OLA, local food pantries, guild hall, housing, health, and other areas. The questions for the community leaders will be: What do you see as the main issues or needs facing our community? What is your perception of St. Luke's and our work in the community? How can St. Luke's support the community in general? How can St. Luke's support the work you do?

As they speak, the role of St. Luke's members is to listen and learn, not engage in dialogue or ask questions. Think of this as an opportunity for Holy Listening to our neighbors and those outside our doors who love East Hampton as much as we do.

This evening is a truly unique opportunity. The time and insights of these leaders are an incredible gift to all of us. We need as many members of St. Luke's as we can get. Please join us and encourage others to join as well.

Join Zoom to hear what they have to say: Oct 9, 2025 07:00 PM on Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86521360401?pwd=N1jlmB0mgNXKbFKwgG7mlhAEm45iVa.1 Meeting ID: 865 2136 0401 Passcode: 569478



Harvest Supper

Saturday, November 8, 2025 5:30 - 7:30pm

at the home of Lucy and Joe Kazickas

> 5 Hamlin Lane Amagansett, NY

for more info: lucykazickas@gmail.com



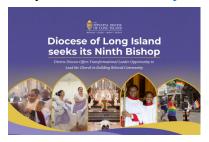
Children Welcome!

UPDATE FROM THE BISHOP SEARCH COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Joint Oversight Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, the Bishop Search Committee welcomes candidates and nominations for the diocese's ninth bishop, following Bishop Lawrence Provenzano's announcement of his upcoming retirement. The diocese, encompassing Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk counties, offers an opportunity for a transformational leader to lead the church in building beloved community while navigating the creative tensions that define modern diocesan ministry. "The Spirit is moving through our diverse diocese—from urban Brooklyn to rural Long Island, across our thirteen worship languages and eight ministry corporations—and we trust that same Spirit is drawing our next bishop toward us," said search co-chairs Dr. Lena Mullings and the Very Rev. Gideon L. K. Pollach. "Somewhere out there is the leader called to help us live into our identity as a community that thrives within creative tensions while building God's beloved community." "We need a bishop who can help us thrive within the dynamic tensions that make us who we are—like Moses, who held the tension between liberation and law-giving, or like Paul, who bridged Jewish tradition and Gentile inclusion," the diocese states in its recently published search profile. The diocese serves 128 parishes across one of the nation's most diverse regions, with worship conducted in thirteen languages. Priority ministry areas include: congregational vitality, community justice, environmental stewardship, racial reconciliation, and building beloved community. The diocese maintains robust financial resources and operates eight ministry corporations, including St. John's Episcopal Hospital and the George Mercer Jr. Memorial School of Theology.

Rather than seeking someone who will resolve complexities into simple solutions, the diocese seeks a bishop who can masterfully integrate essential tensions: balancing unity with diversity across geographic and cultural differences; grounding ministry in Anglican tradition while pioneering creative approaches; providing pastoral care while exercising sophisticated organizational leadership; and fostering abundance thinking while ensuring responsible stewardship. "We seek episcopal leadership that reflects our deep commitment to the full participation of all people in the life and ministry of the Church," the search profile states.

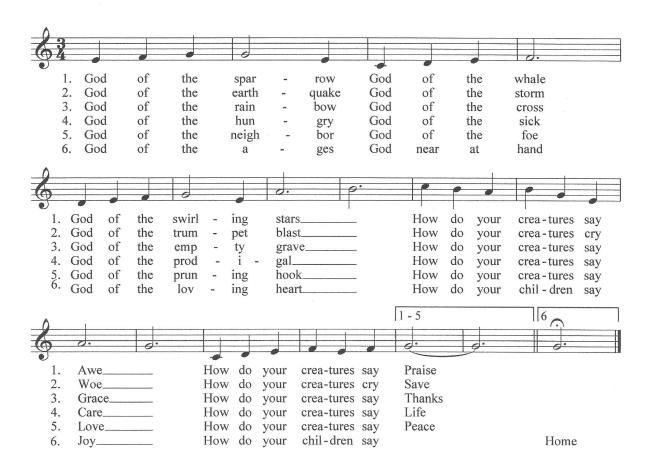
The nomination period closes October 15, 2025, with applications due October 31, 2025. The Special Electing Convention is scheduled for April 18, 2026, with ordination and consecration planned for September 19, 2026. The election process is being overseen by the Joint Oversight Committee of the Diocese of Long Island.. Candidates must be priests or bishops in good standing within the Anglican Communion with a minimum of ten years of ministry experience, including at least seven years in one call, plus experience leading an incorporated entity or serving as a board member. Questions may be directed to bishopsearch@dioceseli.org.



O God, Your Creatures Fill the Earth



God of the Sparrow God of the Whale





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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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