

SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RITE I - HOLY EUCHARIST 8:00 AM

PENTECOST 17 - PROPER 22

5 OCTOBER 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

The Swan (Le Cygne)
(from The Carnival of the Animals)

SAINT-SAËNS

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.*) Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son 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 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

²⁵ O LORD, how manifold are your works!

in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁶ **Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.**

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.**

³⁰ You hide your face, and they are terrified;
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

³¹ **You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.**

THE EPISTLE

ACTS 4:32-35, 5:1-11

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry

you out.” Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN LEVAS #213

Children of the Heav’nly Father

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.**

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

God hears our distress and our crying, and feels it with us. Knowing that God hears our prayers, let us share our concerns with him for the Church and for the world. We pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania and Iglesia de San Francisco.

O God, we pray for all in lay and ordained ministry, as they labor for the growth of your kingdom on earth; keep them strong in the faith, provide them with the energy and resources they need, and inspire them daily with your love.

Lord, you are our hope: **you are our strength.**

We pray for those we have upset or angered, and those who have upset or angered us; we pray for those who worry us, and those we love but seldom manage to see.

Lord, you are our hope: **you are our strength.**

We pray for those who are far from home and those for whom it is too dangerous to return home; we pray for the lonely, the unhappy, those in pain and those convalescing, 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 those who died in the church in Michigan last week, for the victims, their loved ones, and for that congregation. We pray for all victims of gun violence, and for the will to work to heal divisions, change hatred into hope, and end gun violence once and for all.

Lord, you are our hope: **you are our strength.**

We remember those who have come to the end of their earthly life, especially *John Winthrop Hadden, MD, in whose memory the altar flowers are given to the glory of God by his family*, and for those whose lives feel bleak and empty without them. We pray for mercy and peace and comfort.

Lord, you are our hope: **you are our strength.**

Thank you, Lord, for being there beside us through all the dark and rocky places in our lives. We pray for our Jewish neighbors who are celebrating the High Holy Days. Also bless this week those who celebrate birthdays: *Carol Simmons, Alexander Lombardo, John W. Hadden, II, Christine Fewell, Amy Fleming, Max Goer, Johnny Hadden, III, John Watson, Alexis Vargas, Autumn Vargas*; and 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.*

Lord, you are our hope: **you are our strength.**

Hear our prayers, O Lord, as you hear and understand the unspoken thoughts of our hearts and minds, and grant their fulfillment 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 HYMN LEVAS #120

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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 HYMN #338

Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants

THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

BCP 833

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 & 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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

Eucharistic Ministers: *Caroline Dean (Second Reading),*

Dan Mongan (First Reading)

Prayers: *Merle McDonald-Aaron*

Altar Guild: *Jen Talbot, Pat Wilson*

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, Edmond L. Craig, III
Wine used for communion today was donated in memory of
Frances, Marvin, Lawrence and Hewlett Baldwin
by Anne Edgar and Dale Phillips*

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

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!

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](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86521360401?pwd=N1jlmB0mgNXKbFKwgG7mlhAEm45iVa.1)

Meeting ID: 865 2136 0401 Passcode: 569478

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.

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

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.


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



The St Luke's Fellowship Committee
is hosting a **Pot Luck**

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!

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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

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