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RITE II - HOLY EUCHARIST CELEBRATION OF ST. FRANCIS DAY BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 4 OCTOBER 2026 - 10:00 AM

*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 Cat and the Mouse

Copland

Opening Hymn #400

*All creatures of our God and King
(Verses 1-3 & 7)*

Lasst uns erfreuen

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

To every beast of the earth.

To every bird of the air.

To everything that creeps on the earth.

To everything that has breath of life.

God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. **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.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Collect Of The Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray: (*Silence is appropriate.*) Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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

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: 25-26, 28-31



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. **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**

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. **REFRAIN**



1. O God, your crea-tures fill the earth with won - der and de - light,
2. You made the pets we wel-come in; they're won - drous bless - ings, too.
3. You made the crea-tures on each farm; You know the things they need.
4. Your crea- tures live in ev - ery land; they fill the sky and sea.



And ev - ery liv - ing thing has worth and beau - ty in your sight.
 With paws and whisk-ers, wings and fins, they of - fer praise to you.
 May they grow health - y, safe from harm, and safe from hu - man greed.
 O Lord, you give us your com-mand to love them ten - der - ly.



So play - ful dol-phins dance and swim; Your sheep bow down and graze.
 O Lord, you call us to em - brace these crea-tures in our care.
 Just as a shep-herd loves the sheep, You know their joy, their pain.
 We're called to have do - min - ion here; to care for them al - ways.



Your song- birds share a morn-ing hymn to of - fer you their praise.
 May we show kind-ness, love and grace to all pets ev - ery - where.
 Lord, bless the an - i - mals we keep; may all farms be hu - mane.
 By lov - ing crea-tures you hold dear, we of - fer you our praise.

The Holy Gospel

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

Affirmation of Faith (from the Creation section of Daily Prayer for All Seasons)

**We believe in God, the creator of all life and beauty,
who blesses our journey.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who lived as a friend and savior to all he met as he traveled,
and who ate and laughed,
wept and celebrated with them in love.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who rides on the gentle breeze,
who strengthens our bindings, and who offers hope eternal.**

**We believe in the church, which stands open to all travelers,
and bears witness to the everlasting love of God.**

Prayers of the People (from Episcopal Church Resources for St. Francis Day)

Most high, omnipotent good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy. You are even more wonderful than what you have made. We thank you for giving us these pets who bring us joy. As you take care of us, so also we ask your help that we might take care of those who trust us to look after them. By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us and for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

We thank you, Lord.

For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women;

We thank you, Lord.

For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

We thank you, Lord.

For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;
We thank you, Lord.

For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets;
We thank you, Lord.

That each pet here may be treasured with care;
We pray to you, Lord.

That we may love and honor all your works, O God;
We pray to you, Lord

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, those on our parish prayer list (*pause*), the members of our armed forces, 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, Russia, Sudan, and all troubled areas of the world.
We pray to you, Lord.

That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation;
We pray to you, Lord.

For those celebrating birthdays this week: *Ivy Rose Morales, Jean Budd, Ken Detelich, Amy Blanchard, Ken Miller, Carol Simmons, Alexander Lombardo, John W. Hadden, II*; and those celebrating anniversaries: *Mark & Denise Walsh, Phil & Diane Tutino, Ken Detelich & Ken Miller, Paul & Colette Smith, Wesley & Grace Peterson*.
We pray to you, Lord.

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*.
We pray to you, Lord.

Almighty God, our great Creator, yours are the praise, the glory, the honor and all blessings! To you alone do all things belong. Be praised for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we play with and care for our pets. Be praised for making us so happy to have our pets and to have them to play with. We ask you, Lord, that we may be good to our pets always, so that they may be happy also. Help us always to take care of them so that they will be healthy. O God, your world is wonderful. May we all come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven where we shall see even more wonderful things and where we shall live and love forever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. **Amen.**

The Blessing of Pets

At this time you are invited to bring your pet forward for a blessing. We 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
(Comic Duet for Two Cats)

Rossini & de Pearsall

Joy Jones, soprano

Laura Lareano, soprano

A Prayer for our pets that have died

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.**

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 our merciful God. Amen.

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

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 3

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

From **Enriching Our Worship**

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

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:

Sanctus WLP #785

Sosa

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dore you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

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(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. Peter, 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

With confidence in God’s love we pray as Jesus taught us: **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.

Communion Music

Hymn #120 (LEVAS)

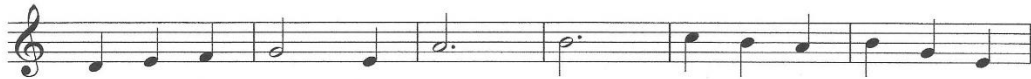
There's a Sweet, Sweet, Spirit in this place

Akers

God of the Sparrow and the Whale



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| 1. | God | of | the | spar | - | row | God | of | the | whale |
| 2. | God | of | the | earth | - | quake | God | of | the | storm |
| 3. | God | of | the | rain | - | bow | God | of | the | cross |
| 4. | God | of | the | hun | - | gry | God | of | the | sick |
| 5. | God | of | the | neigh | - | bor | God | of | the | foe |
| 6. | God | of | the | a | - | ges | God | near | at | hand |



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| 1. | God | of | the | swirl | - | ing | stars | _____ | How | do | your | crea | - | tures | say |
| 2. | God | of | the | trum | - | pet | blast | _____ | How | do | your | crea | - | tures | cry |
| 3. | God | of | the | emp | - | ty | grave | _____ | How | do | your | crea | - | tures | say |
| 4. | God | of | the | prod | - | i | gal | _____ | How | do | your | crea | - | tures | say |
| 5. | God | of | the | prun | - | ing | hook | _____ | How | do | your | crea | - | tures | say |
| 6. | God | of | the | lov | - | ing | heart | _____ | How | do | your | chil | - | dren | say |



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| 1. | Awe | _____ | How | do | your | crea | - | tures | say | Praise |
| 2. | Woe | _____ | How | do | your | crea | - | tures | cry | Save |
| 3. | Grace | _____ | How | do | your | crea | - | tures | say | Thanks |
| 4. | Care | _____ | How | do | your | crea | - | tures | say | Life |
| 5. | Love | _____ | How | do | your | crea | - | tures | say | Peace |
| 6. | Joy | _____ | How | do | your | chil | - | dren | say | Home |

Postcommunion Prayer: The Prayer of St. Francis

Let us pray: **Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we 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. Amen.

Recessional Hymn #405

All things bright and beautiful

Royal Oak

The Sending Forth

Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Alleluia. Alleluia!**
Thanks be to God. **Alleluia. Alleluia!**

Postlude

What a friend we have in Jesus

Converse

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Eucharistic Minister: *Dianne Benson (Second Reading), Lys Marigold(Prayers)*

First Reading: *Joan Branche*

Acolytes: *Tina Giles*

Greeters: *Miryana Blokar, Richard Udice*

Altar Guild: *Lynn Jerome, Diane Tutino*

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The Following Request Our Prayers For God's Loving And Healing Mercy:

*Ken Miller, Marguerite Kelly, Patricia Bennett, Diane Moore, Karen Barrow, Lorna Pile,
Jeffrey Lane, Mark Gregory, Mary Libby, Terrance & Debra Ash, Mary Mason,
George Kneip, Tisha Bouboulis, Helen, Valerie Meinken, Michael Swerdlow,
Jacalyn Shafer, Sherri Martin, Anne, George Shambaugh, Debbie, Everett Egginton,
Hugh Tilney*

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NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Is Back!

Sunday School begins each week at 9:45am in Hoie Hall for “*The Gathering*” with Fr. Ben. Classroom instruction for Kindergarten through Sixth Grade follows at 10:00am. Please contact Colleen Stonemetz, Director of Christian Education to register or for any for additional information at christianed@stlukeseasthampton.org or (631) 329-0990.

St Luke's Parishioner Noemi Sanchez

Appointed to Listening Team for the New Bishop

Noemi Sanchez is a member of St Luke's, a staff member for Rural and Migrant Ministries and a volunteer with the Spanish-Speaking congregation of San Francisco in Riverhead. Bishop Adam Shoemaker has asked her to represent St Luke's, RMM and the churches of the East End on a Listening Team that will help shape the vision for his ministry in our midst. St. Luke's is the only East End congregation represented on this team. It is an honor to have St. Luke's "at the table" and to have Noemi representing us. If you have thoughts or ideas that you would like Noemi to share, please contact her at noemi@rmmny.org.

Outreach Opportunity – East Hampton Food Pantry

Our helping hands are a way of sharing God's love and blessings for others.

Volunteers are always needed to pack bags, etc. The space is small so to avoid too many volunteers at once just call the day before or week ahead when you are available.

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9am -3pm (whenever is convenient for you).

Please contact EH Food Pantry 631-324-2300, they are located at 159 Pantigo Road, East Hampton in the rear lot.

Mark Your Calendars

October 17 – Women's Retreat, 9am-4pm, St. Peter's

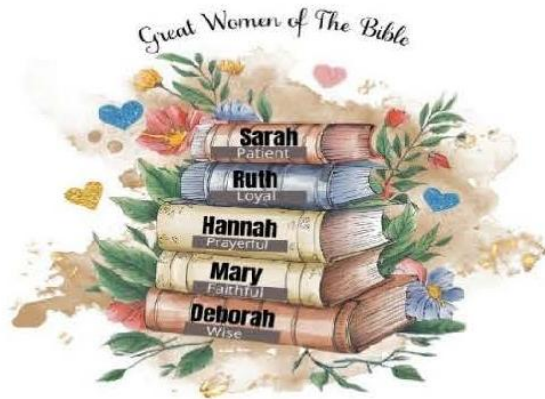
October 24 – Halloween/Dia de los Muertos Celebration/Potluck, 5pm, Hoie Hall

November 6 – EHHF Health Fair, 10am-2pm, Hoie Hall

November 13 & 14 – Diocesan Convention

November 21 – Share the Harvest Farmer's Market, 10am-2pm, Hoie Hall

*Women's Retreat
And
Pot Luck Luncheon*



*October 17, 2026 9:00am - 4:00pm
St. Peter's Chapel*

*Come be inspired by stories of the bold, amazingly strong,
and selfless women of the bible.*

*Please RSVP Colleen Stonemetz at
christianed@stlukeseasthampton.org or
631-329-0990*

*You're invited to the Celebration of
Halloween and
Día de los Muertos / Day of the Dead*



*Sunday October 24th at 5:00 pm
Pot Luck Dinner*

*Activities & Crafts for the kids (please wear your Halloween Costumes!)
and Disney's animated story of "Coco"*

*Fellowship, Food & Fun for the Adults
Contact Erika Angulo Puig @ 631-353-9909 or
Colleen Stonemetz at christianed@stlukeseasthampton.org
for additional information or questions.*

*For a special part of this celebration, we are asking the entire parish to
bring us a framed picture of your deceased family members you would
like to see on the Día de los Muertos altar. Our hope is to have this
display in Hoie Hall where we can remember them for both this day of
celebration as well as our All Saint's Day on Sunday Nov. 1st.*

Thank You!

HEY EAST END, ARE YOU READY TO VOTE?

VOTER CHECKLIST



I AM A U.S. CITIZEN



**I'M AT LEAST 18 YEARS
OLD**

**YOU CAN PRE-REGISTER
AT 16 OR 17!**



**I HAVE LIVED IN MY
VOTING DISTRICT FOR
AT LEAST 30 DAYS**

**REGISTER TO
VOTE**



**FIND YOUR
POLLING PLACE**

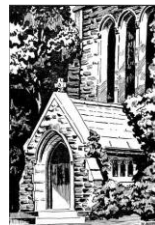


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REGULAR SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

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
John Hadden (Treasurer), Dan Mongan, Roy Parker (2027)
Caroline Dean, Hersey Egginton, Kitt Zuk (2028)
John Allman, Lucy Kazickas, Eileen O'Reilly (2029)

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

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