

SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
RITE I - HOLY EUCHARIST 8:00 AM
PENTECOST 23 - PROPER 28
16 NOVEMBER 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

Cantilène
(Op. 19, No. 2)

PIERNÉ

Choral Prelude on "St. Peter"
(Op. 20, No.1)

DARKE

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.)* Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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

ISAIAH 65:17-25

In the reading from the Hebrew Testament we hear of a blessed time when God will overcome many of life's shortcomings and frustrations. A prophet wrote these words in a period after the people had returned from exile but while there was still much cause for discouragement. A new order will come for Jerusalem. No longer will children die young or workers not know the fruits of their labor. Even the animals will enjoy the new age.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and

another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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

CANTICLE 9: ISAIAH 12:2-6

A hymn of praise to the Lord, mighty in deeds, yet tender and compassionate.

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

THE EPISTLE

2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

In this lesson Paul deals with the problem of those who are so expectant that the Lord will come soon and are so meddlesome in the affairs of others that they have given up their daily work. These individuals may have believed that they were already exalted to such a spiritual plane that mundane matters were no longer a concern for them. This may seem like piety on their part, but it means they have become a problem for others. Paul reminds them of his own example and bluntly rules that such people should either work or else not eat.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil

and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #7

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

THE HOLY GOSPEL (Please stand.)

LUKE 21:5-19

In the Gospel passage the disciples are forewarned of the destruction of the Jewish temple and of great upheavals in the natural and supernatural order which must take place before the end of history. There will be persecutions and divisions in families. Individuals will appear claiming to be Jesus. While in some passages the New Testament suggests that the end and fulfillment of human time will come quite unexpectedly, here the disciples are advised of a period of great tribulation when the powers of evil will make their final onslaught. In one sense this is poetic language used to describe the undescrivable, but it insists that the ultimate meaning of life will finally be known.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words

and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.”
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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

There will be dark and dangerous times as the end approaches, but by standing firm through it all we will gain life. The Lord is always ready to listen; let us pray to him now. We pray for The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria and Grace Church, Massapequa. We pray for this week's diocesan convention.

Lord, we pray particularly for those whose faith is being battered and those who no longer pray; we pray for our education programs and our weekly worship; for our faith to be deepened and strengthened. In our community, we pray for our Latino neighbors and friends.
Keep us faithful: **firm to the end.**

We pray for those whose responsibility it is to manage the world's economy, for those who have difficult ethical decisions to make, we pray for the wisdom and courage to do what is right.
Keep us faithful: **firm to the end.**

We pray for the world our children will inherit and ask your blessing on all parents and the responsibilities they face; we ask for understanding, maturity, and the gift of laughter.
Keep us faithful: **firm to the end.**

We pray for the victims of disasters, famines, earthquakes, plagues, and war; for all who are crying and those who have no tears left. We pray for comfort, renewed strength, and available friends. We pray and ask you to heal 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 continued peace process in Gaza, especially for the children and innocent victims of war. We pray for the end of anti-Semitism and all forms of hate. We pray for those still suffering from the government shutdown, especially the hungry and those working without pay. We pray for the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Jamaica, and people right here at home.
Keep us faithful: **firm to the end.**

We pray for those who are nearing death and those who have died, especially *Frances & Robert Hillman, in whose memory the altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Susan & Milford Crandall*. We pray for the repose of the souls of *Elaine Jones* and *Jean Coakley*, and for those who have died suddenly and unprepared. We pray for mercy and forgiveness.
Keep us faithful: **firm to the end.**

We give you thanks, Lord God, that you always provide the grace we need to accomplish what you ask of us, and we know you will bless those who this week celebrate their birthdays: *Kevin Fleming, Jocelyn Bennett, Ryan Fleming, Francine Muller*; and anniversaries: *Milford & Susan Crandall*.
Keep us faithful: **firm to the end.**

O compassionate God, in Jesus, your child of promise, we know and await the life and peace of which you have assured us. We look forward in longing, hoping for ourselves and for those whom we have remembered, in the name of the same child who lives with you in the communion of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN #665 *All my hope on God is founded* Verses 1-3

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 ANTHEMS

Steal Away
Joy Jones, soprano

Arr. HELVEY

#679 *Surely it is God who saves me*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 339

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

All My Hope on God is Founded

BURKHARDT

*Eucharistic Ministers: Georgiana Mellgard (Second Reading),
Merle McDonald-Aaron (Prayers)*

First Reading: *Charles Riggi*

Altar Guild: *Merle McDonald-Aaron, Holly Whitmore*

**THE FOLLOWING REQUEST OUR PRAYERS
FOR GOD’S LOVING AND HEALING MERCY:**

*George Kneip, Ken Miller, Evelina Langdale, Paulette Brinka,
Adele Sadiq, Julie Nielson, Charles Lewis, Robbie Balnis, Nick Marlin,
Keith Scott, Courtney Wessling, Deidre Henderson, Martin Foggo,
Jeffrey Lane, Lloyd Ibert, Mark Gregory, Mary Libby, Jose, David,
Edmond L. Craig, III, Joanne, William Thorsen*

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We have received 101 pledges which total \$377,200. Our goal for 2026 is \$575,000, so there is more to be done! Remember, you can return a pledge card to the office or go to our website [here](#) to pledge anytime.

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.

SAL TOCCI CLASS

Want to go to heaven? Just as with any destination, you must know where it is before you can get there. Did Jesus say that heaven was “up there” somewhere in the sky? Join Salvatore Tocci as we explore what Jesus said about heaven in the gospels and how Paul and the church fathers changed its meaning. Our trip to heaven will take place on **Friday, November 21st from 9:00–10:30am** in the Vestry room.

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!

NO THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE HERE THIS YEAR

In order to allow Father Ben to visit family, we will not be having a Thanksgiving Day service at St. Luke's. We will have Thanksgiving music and prayers at our services on Sunday, November 23.

TURKEYS FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER

Our neighbors in faith and location, The First Presbyterian Church, East Hampton, has asked us to provide the turkeys (as many as 8!) for the community Thanksgiving dinner they prepare and serve on Thanksgiving. Consider those less fortunate when you're doing your Thanksgiving shopping and purchase a second turkey to share with our struggling neighbors. Bring it to St. Luke's or First Presbyterian during business hours this month and it will be roasted and served to an appreciative crowd on Thanksgiving!

A SPECIAL APPEAL FROM THE SPRINGS FOOD PANTRY

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of The Springs Food Pantry. Because of the recent cutbacks, we have decided to give our recipients IGA gift cards, so families have the dignity and flexibility to shop for their own holiday needs.

St. Lukes could help us by holding a special monetary collection prior to Thanksgiving to help offset the cost of these **Thanksgiving gift cards**. Based on the number of families we expect to serve, our total cost this year will be **\$14,125**. The gift cards—given in denominations of **\$25, \$50, and \$75**, depending on family size—would be presented on Wednesday, Nov. 26 along with our normal distribution of pantry staple groceries, fresh produce, fruit, milk and eggs.

Another thoughtful way St. Luke's could contribute would be by providing **sweet treats**—cookies, pies, cake or pudding mixes—that we could distribute to families during the Thanksgiving or Christmas holidays.

We're so grateful for your willingness to partner with us in caring for the community.

Holly Reichart-Wheaton, Director & Chairperson
springsfoodpantry@gmail.com

NOVEMBER OUTREACH FOR FOOD INSECURITY

This month please consider donating to the East End food pantries to help those in our community who can't afford basic food needs. St. Luke's will match your donations from our Outreach budget. Note which of the three area pantries you want your donation to go to on the memo line of your check and we'll do the rest. Thank you for your continued generosity.

HELPING ALL LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

In this period when SNAP Benefits are ending and Federal workers and contractors are not getting paid, the need in our community is greatly increasing and our local food pantries are in need of help. Because they buy in bulk, the best way to help is through financial support rather than donation of food items. The food pantries, with links to the donation pages, are listed below. Volunteers are always welcome as well.

East Hampton Food Pantry

159 Pantigo Road, East Hampton, NY 11937 (631) 324-2300

Food Distribution: Every Tuesday, 1-6pm

<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/EastHamptonFoodPantryInc/donate.html>

Springs Food Pantry

5 Old Stone Hwy, East Hampton, NY 11937 (631) 324-4791

Food distribution and pick up is every Wednesday, 1:30 - 6:30pm

<https://www.springsfoodpantry.com/donations>

The Montauk Food Pantry

St. Therese Parish Center 67 South Essex Street Montauk, NY 11954

Food distribution is Every Other Tuesday -- November 4, 18;

December 2, 16, 30

Walk-up and Drive-Thru visits are welcome from 3:30-6:00pm

<https://www.montaukfoodpantry.org/donate/>

Long Island Cares (several locations)

<https://www.licares.org>

HELP FOR JAMAICA

Balfour Sangster, pastor of the Church of God 7th Day Jamaican congregation that worships in St Peter's Chapel in Spring, has sent an urgent appeal for hurricane relief in the aftermath of the catastrophic impact of Hurricane Melissa. His hometown of Savanna La Mar, where he and Sonia own a house and where many of his family still live, was among the hardest hit. 90% of the houses in the area are without a roof, houses built of lumber were all blown down, and many of his immediate relatives, many with school-aged children, are homeless and in need of urgent food supplies and water. While items are being shipped down, the greatest need is financial.

The Church of 7th Day is soliciting assistance, with a goal of raising \$100,000. Checks may be made out to Balfour Sangster, 98 Fort Pond Blvd, East Hampton, NY 11937. Thank you for your generosity. Sonia will be going to Jamaica at the end of the month and Balfour will be going in December. They have still not heard from all of their family, including Balfour's 85-year-old sister, Josephine. Please keep her and the people of Jamaica in your prayers.

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.

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

November 22 - Share the Harvest Farmer's Market, 10am-2pm

December 5 - EHHF Health Fair, 10am-2pm

December 6 - Bible Study, 9-10:30am, Vestry Room

December 6 - Advent Celebration, 6pm

December 19 - Hamptons Festival of Music Christmas Concert, 6pm

December 21 - Christmas Pageant, 10am service

THANKSGIVING MARKET!



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22

10AM - 2PM

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18 JAMES LANE, EAST HAMPTON



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Christmas at St. Luke's Episcopal Church

DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE:

4:00 PM - Christmas Eve
Eucharist Service

6:30 PM - Eucharist Service
at St. Peter's Chapel, Springs

10:30 PM - Candlelight Eucharist Service

DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY:

10 AM - Eucharist Service

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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

Your time, talent, and treasure are vital for St. Luke's to bring the Good News of Christ Jesus to the people of East Hampton and the world. You can contribute via the QR code below or by using Venmo (@StLukesEHNY). Or you can support our ministries by giving via our parish website: www.stlukeseasthampton.org.



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