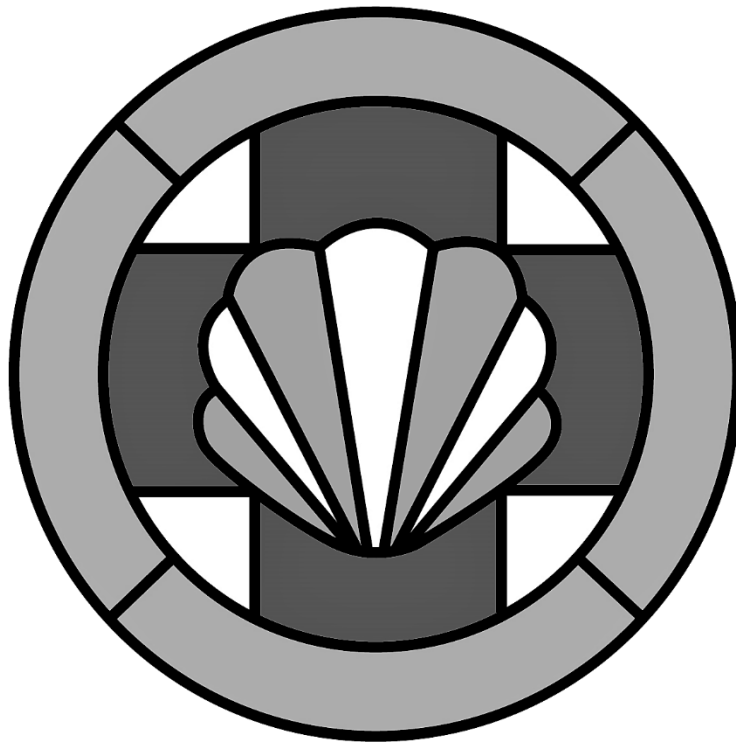


Morning Prayer

Sunday, August 10, 2025



St. Luke's Eastport

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Welcome to St. Luke's Eastport

We are glad to have you worshiping with us today. If you need any assistance, please see one of the greeters. If you are a guest, please fill out a Welcome Card and hand it to the priest or a greeter after the service.

Large print booklets are available upon request.

Congregational Health. We are taking precautions to minimize transmission of Covid-19 and other illnesses as we gather for indoor worship. Masks are not required, but those attending in person are very welcome to wear masks if they feel more comfortable doing so. Weather permitting, some windows will be opened to provide greater ventilation. Please refrain from making physical contact (i.e., handshakes or hugs) with those outside your household, including during the passing of the peace, unless you are sure that it is welcome.

Hybrid Worship. Whether worshiping in person, on Zoom, by phone, or through Facebook Live, we gather as one community. Our worship services are publicly available as a live video stream at www.facebook.com/stlukeseastport. The front of the sanctuary and the first pew on the right-hand side are visible on video.

Offering. As part of our worship, offerings are received to support the work of the Church locally, nationally, and globally. Offerings may be placed in the plate, given online, or mailed to the Church Office. For online giving, scan the QR code to the right or visit www.stlukeseastport.org and click on "Giving". Blue online giving cards are also available in your pew and may be placed in the plate as a tangible sign of your online gift.



Children. All ages worship together at St. Luke's. The Children's Corner is reserved for our youngest worshipers and their caregivers.

Restrooms. Two non-gendered restrooms are located downstairs. Please see a greeter if assistance is needed.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**
and **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**
People **[Alleluia.]**

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Come, let us adore him.

Officiant **Come, let us sing to the Lord; ***
and **let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**
People **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving ***
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Psalm Appointed

The Psalm may be read together, or responsively by whole or half verse.

Psalm 33:12-22

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

At the end of the Psalm, the Celebrant and People say

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Response after reading

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant Let us read together the First Song of Isaiah.

Celebrant **Surely, it is God who saves me; ***
and **I will trust in him and not be afraid.**
People **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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a

homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Response after reading

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant Let us read together the Song of the Redeemed.

Celebrant **O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
and great deeds are they that you have done, *
People surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 12:32-40

The Reader announces the lesson as "A reading from the Gospel of Luke and concludes with "here ends the reading."

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Homily

After the homily, silence may be kept.

The Apostles' Creed

Please stand as you are able.

<i>Officiant</i>	I believe in God, the Father almighty,
<i>and</i>	creator of heaven and earth;
<i>People</i>	I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
	He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
	and born of the Virgin Mary.
	He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
	was crucified, died, and was buried.
	He descended to the dead.
	On the third day he rose again.
	He ascended into heaven,
	and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
	He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
	I believe in the Holy Spirit,
	the holy catholic Church,
	the communion of saints,
	the forgiveness of sins
	the resurrection of the body,
	and the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Please be seated.

The Prayers

<i>Officiant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us pray.

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.

*Officiant
and
People* Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Day by day we bless you;
We praise your Name for ever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today;
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy;
For we put our trust in you.
In you, Lord, is our hope;
And we shall never hope in vain.

The Officiant says the Collect of the Day –

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Officiant O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray also for the special needs and concerns of this church community.
Dear God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, who has guided St. Luke's for
Your purposes, we thank You for your many blessings. Continue to guide
and strengthen our life together; help us to be open to new possibilities and
transformation in our leadership, stewardship and vision.

For the Anglican Communion, especially _____.
For the Diocese of Maryland, especially _____.

For those on our parish prayer list, especially _____.
And for those we name at this time, aloud or in our hearts.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

The people may add their own petitions.

Give to the departed eternal rest [especially _____].
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Officiant Let us pray together the Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

*Officiant
and
People* **Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to
make our common supplication to you; and you have promised
through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered
together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O
Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in
this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life
everlasting. Amen.**

*Officiant
People* Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

“We’ve come this far by faith”

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Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26