St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost– October 25, 2026
8:00 am – Spoken

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

(The people's responses are in bold.)

Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The 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.**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 *(Read responsively by half verse)*

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *

be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *

so **shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *

and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works *

and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *

prosper the work of our hands;

prosper our handiwork.

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

The Gospel **Matthew 22:34-46**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as

yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Malone

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 man.
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.

The Prayers of the People

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.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; remembering especially Samantha Mossey, Linda Martin, Sue Clement, Charlie Cronin, Phil B., Jennifer, Justin, Michael Heru, Patricia DaPonte, Richard Sipka, Gary Martorelli, Rosalind Waterman, Khwezi Sibeko, Jeff, Jan, Joe Barrett, Beth, John, Allison Thomson, Richard McCorkle, and Fran Gammell-Roach.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
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.

We thank you for all the blessings in our lives, especially for Martha Baker, Henley Holst, Michael Sullivan, Dan Almon, Susan Thomson-Cordle, Sydney Dwyer, Victoria Strang, Philip Facey, Michael Gemma, Christopher Gemma, and Art Hall who are all celebrating their birthdays this week. We also give thanks for Laura & Michael Sullivan who are celebrating their anniversary this week.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
People may add their own petitions

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins, through our Lord Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Exchange of the Peace

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

Stewardship Witness by Dede McGuire

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Here a proper preface is said.* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, 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 the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Communion Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome at the Lord's table. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.
If you would like a blessing rather than communion, simply indicate so by folding your arms across your chest.

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

	8:00 Participants
Celebrant	The Rev. John M. Fountain
Preacher	Rev. Dr. Jonathan Malone
Ushers:	Bill McClintick, Eric Holmsted, Dana Sparhawk, Joyce Harvey, Marcia Gladue
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Judi Nichols, Lee Hardgrove
1st Reading	Marcia Gladue
2nd Reading:	Bill McClintick
Prayers:	Jan Prifty
Acolytes:	Diane Benoit
Altar Guild	Jan Burch, Liz Fox, Fran Gammell-Roach, Julie Gemma, Arlene Serdakowski, Christoph Stretz

For those serving in the Armed Forces

Trav de Groot, Scott Marcus, Bryce Groshardt, Emily Cronin, Brad Mitchell, and Caroline Rezendes

Longterm Prayer List

Tom Gunther, Colin Beauvais, P.J. Deschenes, John W., Donna Jordan, Roz Waterman, Lisa Ferry, Ruth, Anne Cerullo, Margaret Thomson, Ethel M. Wosencroft

ST. LUKE'S NEWS

Good News for God's People

Important Dates:

- **CCK Dinner, October 26:** 5:30 PM in the Dining Room
- **Lunch on the Hill, October 28:** 11:15 AM in the Dining Room
- **Halloween Fun at Family Table, October 28:** 5:30 PM in the Dining Room
- **Evensong, November 1:** 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary
- **Women of Grace, November 2:** 7:00 PM in the Dining Room - *see below for sign-up info!*
- **Arkfull Coffee House Open Mic Night, November 6:** 6:00 PM in the Dining Room
- **Parish Office Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day,** November 11

Morning Prayer: Wednesday- Friday @ 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 28:

- **Bible Study**: 10:00 AM in the Blackburn Room
- **Holy Eucharist *with Prayers for Healing:*** 12:00 PM in the Sanctuary
- **Storytime & Lamplighters:** 4:30 PM
- **Family Table:** 5:30 PM in the Dining Room

2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

St. Luke's thrives, thanks to you!

Thank you to those who have already submitted pledges for 2027!

Your generosity and continued support help St. Luke's thrive and make our ministries, outreach, and community possible. If you haven't had a chance to make your pledge yet, we invite you to do so online using the QR code to the right.

Pledge cards will be mailed to you next week and will also be available in the Parish Office.



HALLOWEEN THEMED FAMILY TABLE - - Wednesday, October 28

Join us on Wednesday, October 28, at 5:30PM for a spooktacular Halloween-themed Family Table! Kids of all ages are encouraged to wear their costumes to Angel Choir, Storytime, Lamplighters, and Family Table for an extra festive evening.

Everyone is welcome whether you regularly participate in Wednesday programming or not! Come enjoy a meal, share some laughs, and celebrate Halloween together with our St. Luke's community. We can't wait to see everyone's costumes!

Scan QR Code to RSVP



CHORAL EVENSONG FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY - - Sunday, November 1

Join us at St. Luke's on Sunday, November 1 at 4 PM for a beautiful Choral Evensong for All Saints' Day, sung by the combined choirs of St. Luke's and Grace Church, Providence. *All are welcome!*

WOMEN OF GRACE - - Monday, November 2

Please join WofG and Judy Gray, Former President of the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, and learn how to make a store bought bouquet look amazing. You will be given flowers and a vase to create your own lovely arrangement. A $10 donation is appreciated to offset some of the expense. Scan the QR code to RSVP!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

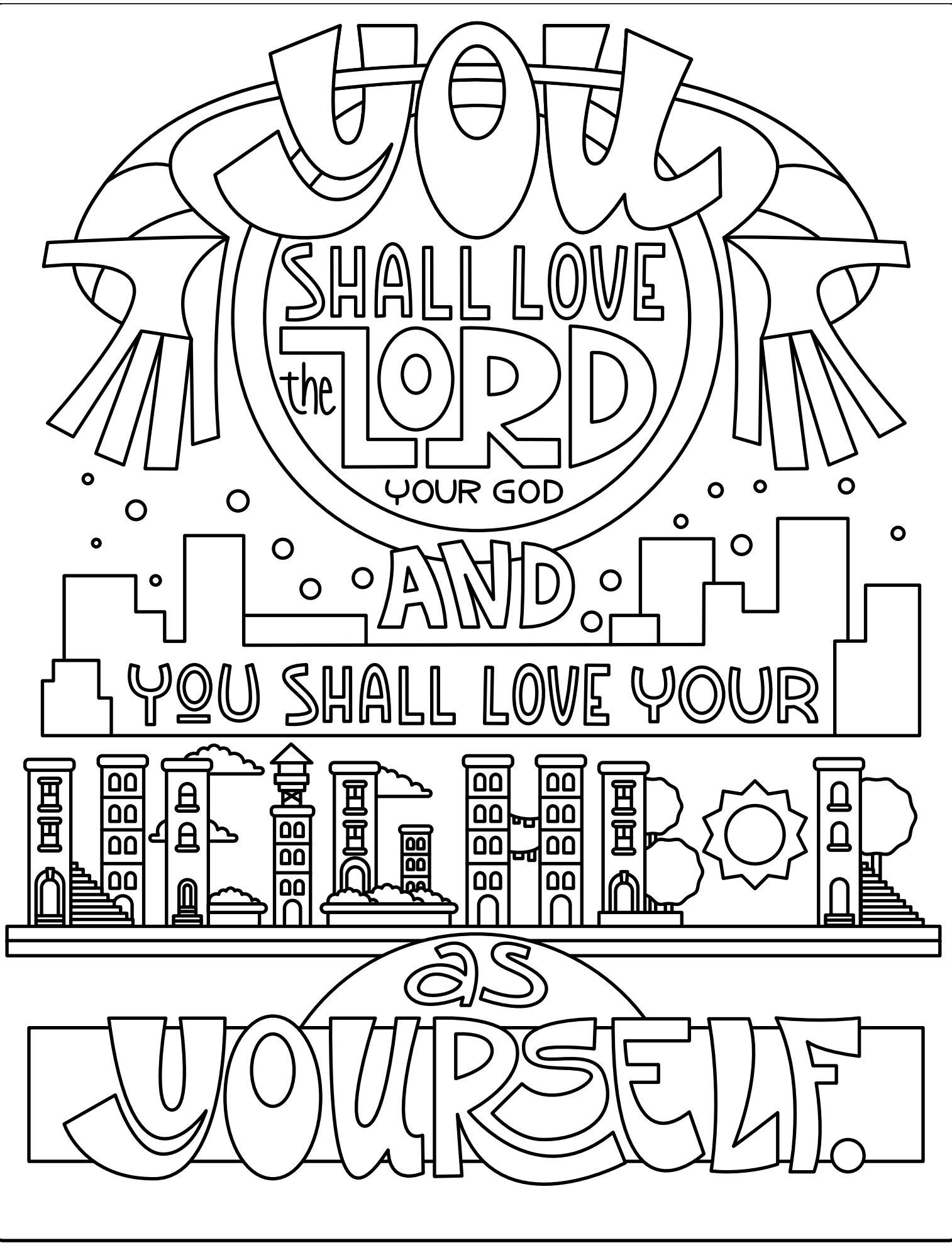
Looking ahead...



- **Wednesday, November 11:** No Wednesday Programming
- **Friday, November 13:** No Fun & Faith Friday Youth Group
- **Sunday, November 15:** Bishop's Visit & Confirmation Sunday
- **November 20-22:** Fall Youth Retreat at ECC
- **Wednesday, November 25:** No Wednesday Programming
- **Friday, November 27:** No Fun & Faith Friday Youth Group
- **Sunday, November 29:** No Sunday School

New to St. Luke's? Welcome!

We're glad you're here! Fill out our Google Form by scanning the QR code, or fill out the Welcome Card in your pew to stay connected with St. Luke's.


YOU
SHALL LOVE
the LORD
YOUR GOD
AND
YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR
as
YOURSELF.