



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

The Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist— October 18, 2026

8:00 am – Spoken 10:00 am- with Music

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

(The people's responses are in bold.)

Prelude

Jesu, joy of our desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

(based on the same chorale as Hymn 336 “Come with us, O blessed Jesus”)

Processional Hymn 518

Westminster Abbey

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: Hymnal S-280

setting by Powell

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 God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Sirach 38:1-4,6-10,12-14

Honor physicians for their services, for the Lord created them; for their gift of healing comes from the Most High, and they are rewarded by the king. The skill of physicians makes them distinguished, and in the presence of the great they are admired. The Lord created medicines out of the earth, and the sensible will not despise them. And he gave skill to human beings that he might be glorified in his marvelous works. By them the physician heals and takes away pain; the pharmacist makes a mixture from them. God's works will never be finished; and from him health spreads over all the earth. My child, when you are ill, do not delay, but pray to the Lord, and he will heal you. Give up your faults and direct your hands rightly, and cleanse your heart from all sin. Then give the physician his place, for the Lord created him; do not let him leave you, for you need him. There may come a time when recovery lies in the hands of physicians, for they too pray to the Lord that he grant them success in diagnosis and in healing, for the sake of preserving life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:1-7 (*8am: Read responsively by half verse/10am: Sung by all*)

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our /God! *

how pleasant it is to honor him with /praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Je/rusalem; *

he gathers the exiles of /Israel.

3 He heals the broken/hearted *

and binds up their /wounds.

4 He counts the number of the /stars *

and calls them all by their /names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in /power; *

there is no limit to his /wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the /lowly, *

but casts the wicked to the /ground.

(second half of the chant)

7 Sing to the LORD with thanks/giving; *

make music to our God upon the /harp.

A Reading from 2 Timothy 4:5-13

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 285

Deus tuorum militum

The Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

***People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

***People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. John M. Fountain

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

With all our hearts and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, 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, and John, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, remembering especially Raymond Massie, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We thank you for all the blessings in our lives, especially for Ryan Percival, Jodi Williston, Linda Martin, Justin Puckett, Noah Serdakowski, Scott Slocum, Scarlet Warrenbrand, Ann Atwood, Harper Bogdon, Lauren Dwyer, Victoria Kenworthy, Jan O'Kelley, Scott Woodward, Linda Morse, Luis Pagañ, and Carl Pallister who are all celebrating their birthdays this week. We also give thanks for Diane & Richard Benoit and Fern Graves & Christopher Thawley who are celebrating their anniversaries this week.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

A Litany of Lament and Hope

On the Dismantling of the Steeple of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Prayers of Lament

Leader Gracious God, for generations the steeple of St. Luke's has stood above East Greenwich, a familiar landmark, a witness to faith, and a sign of your enduring presence in our community. As we prepare to see it dismantled, we grieve the loss of something beautiful and beloved.

People **Lord, in our grief, draw near to us.**

We give thanks for those who built this steeple, for those who have cared for it, and for the generations who have looked upon it as a sign of home. We lament that what has stood for so long cannot remain as it has always been.

Lord, help us to cherish what has been.

We acknowledge the sadness and uncertainty that accompany change. As the familiar skyline is altered, remind us that grief is born of love, and that even in times of loss, you remain steadfast.

Lord, receive our sorrow and strengthen our faith.

Prayers of Hope

As the stones of our steeple are taken down, remind us that your Church is built of living stones, your people gathered in the love of Jesus Christ. Though buildings may change, your presence among us endures.

Lord, build us together as your living Church.

We pray for the architects, engineers, craftspeople, and workers entrusted with this careful work. Grant them wisdom, skill, patience, and safety. Bless their hands and guide their labor.

Lord, guide their hands and bless their work.

We look with hope toward the day when a new steeple will rise above St. Luke's, honoring the beauty of our past while bearing witness to the faith of generations yet to come. Where we see an ending, help us to trust in your promise of new life.

Lord, make all things new in your love.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Let us pray.

O God of all our days, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation: We give you thanks for the beauty of this holy place and for the steeple that has long stood as a witness to your presence in the heart of East Greenwich. Receive our grief as we part with what is familiar and beloved. Give us grace to honor the past without fearing the future, wisdom to care for what has been entrusted to us, and courage to embrace the new life you set before us. As we take down what can no longer stand, build up within us a deeper faith, a stronger hope, and a more generous love; that St. Luke's may continue to be a beacon of your grace for generations yet to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 Ruth Haynsworth

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me from The Apostles* Edward Elgar

Presentation Hymn 761 (verses 1 and 2): Green Hymnal *Wonder Love and Praise* *Holy Manna*

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: Hymnal S-125

setting by Proulx

**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.

(8am) **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

(10am) **The Breaking of the Bread** (*refrain sung by all*)

setting by Gary James



Choir: 1. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **Refrain.**
 2. One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. **Refrain.**

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.

Communion Hymns 781 (Green Hymnal *Wonder Love and Praise*)

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336

Owen
Decatur Place
Werde munter

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

Processional Hymn 493

Azmon

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.. Alleluia, alleluia.

***People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Festive Scherzo

Malcolm Archer

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	8:00 Participants	10:00 Participants
Celebrant	The Rev. John M. Fountain	
Minister of Music	Rodney Ayers	
Livestream Operator:		Taylor Wilkey
Ushers:	Harry Waterman, Bill Clement, Joe & Arlene Serdakowski, Lee Hardgrove	Margaret Clifton, Bill Capron, Paul Brookes, Craig Stenning, Neal & James McNamara
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Diane Benoit, Steve McLoughlin, Leslie Gunther	Deb Lukens, Stephanie Leite, Deborah Collins
1st Reading	Harry Waterman	Carrie Larkin
2nd Reading:	Diane Benoit	Trish Morokoff
Prayers:	Judi Nichols	Sue Gibbs
Acolytes:	Judi Nichols	Charlie Knowlton, Gray Fountain, Eleanor Fountain
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,
LCDR 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

ST. LUKE'S SUNDAY

We celebrate The Feast of St. Luke today, Sunday, October 18. Luke's life and work as a physician, historian, and evangelist is commemorated along with his unique emphasis on God's compassion and love for all people, especially women and the marginalized. We look forward to recognizing St. Luke and reflecting on the ways we mirror his example.

Following the 10 AM service, the 2027 Stewardship Brunch will be held in the Dining Room. Please join us for this informational moment and the fellowship we always enjoy when gathered together.

Important Dates:

- **Stewardship Brunch, TODAY:** in the Dining Room following the 10 AM service
 - **Theology on Tap, October 19:** 6:30 PM in the Dining Room
 - **Fun & Faith Fridays Youth Group, October 23:** 6:00 PM in the Dining Room
 - **Grief Support Group, October 24:** 10:00 AM in the Blackburn Room
 - **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 - *Floral Arranging Made Easy* - see E-News for flyer and sign-up info!
 - **Arkfull Coffee House Open Mic Night, November 6:** 6:00 PM in the Dining Room
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Morning Prayer: Wednesday- Friday @ 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 21:

- **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
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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.

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!



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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!*

CARE CLOSETS - - *'Food for Backpacks' is growing. Same neighbors, wider care.*

For the past four years, once a month, volunteers have packed and delivered bags of food to 20 local families identified by EG school social workers. **Due to increased needs, the social workers have asked us to carry more than food** — so we are adding warm clothes, school supplies, and the small urgent things K-12 students may need on a daily basis.

Whether you've packed bags for years or are joining for the first time, **please join our mailing list**. An email will then arrive each month — reply "YES" if you'd like to participate for that month. To join our mailing list, contact Bethany in the Parish Office or reach out to Caroline: cdsparhawk@gmail.com / call or text 401-316-6654

Please see the flyer in our E-News for more details about Care Closets!

