St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost– October 25, 2026
10:00 am- with Music

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AND HOLY BAPTISM

(The people's responses are in bold.)

Prelude *Prelude and Fugue in G* attributed to Johann Sebastian Bach

Processional Hymn 680 *St. Anne*

Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

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.**
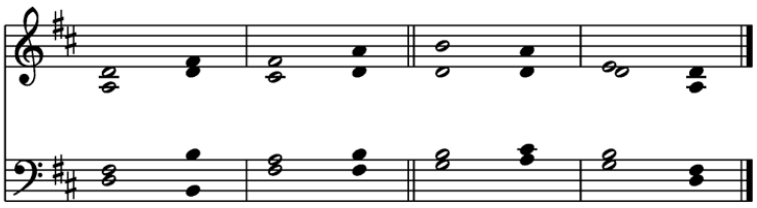
A Reading from Deuteronomy 34:1-12

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 *(Sung by all)*

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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1 Lord, you have been our /refuge *
from one generation to a/nother.

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 af/flicted us *

and the years in which we suffered ad/versity.

16 Show your servants your /works *

and your splendor to their /children.

(*second half of the chant*)

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be u/pon 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.**

Sequence Hymn 605 *Sharpthorne*

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

HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says
The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying
Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *N.* in their life in Christ?
People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says these or similar words
Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation
Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Children are welcome to come forward for the blessing of the water and baptisms.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then pours water upon, the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant and People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Celebrant says Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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

Offertory Anthem *O how amiable* Ralph Vaughan Williams

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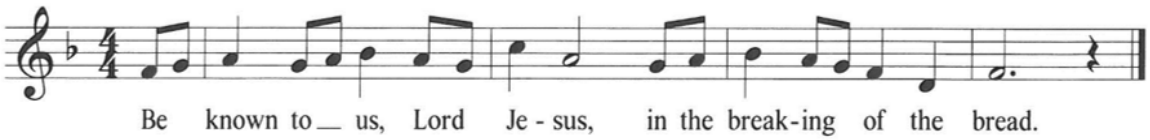
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your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

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 609 *Gardiner*
517 *Brother James' Air*
505 *O heiliger Geist*

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 610 *Blaenhafren*

Dismissal

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

Postlude *Voluntary in C* Henry Purcell

We rejoice in the children baptized today. We give thanks for

Philip Montgomery Jackson, his parents Virtue & Peter Jackson,
and godparents Rachel Bettencourt, Courtney Blalock,
Robert Markelewicz Jr., and Anthony Dumville;

Francis Minkailu Jackson, his parents Virtue & Peter Jackson,
and godparents Rachel Bettencourt, Courtney Blalock,
Robert Markelewicz Jr., and Anthony Dumville;

and Robert Karim Jackson, his parents Virtue & Peter Jackson,
and godparents Rachel Bettencourt, Courtney Blalock,
Robert Markelewicz Jr., and Anthony Dumville.

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	10:00 Participants
Celebrant	The Rev. John M. Fountain
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Malone
Minister of Music	Rodney Ayers
Livestream Operator:	Jeff Levesque
Ushers:	Gary Schweizer, Joseph Gomes, Bill Warburton, Patricia Warburton, Michael Anderson
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Paul Brookes, Betsy Fornal
1st Reading	Deb Lukens
2nd Reading:	Dan Larkin
Acolytes:	Audrey Levesque, Savannah Kerr, Charlie Knowlton
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

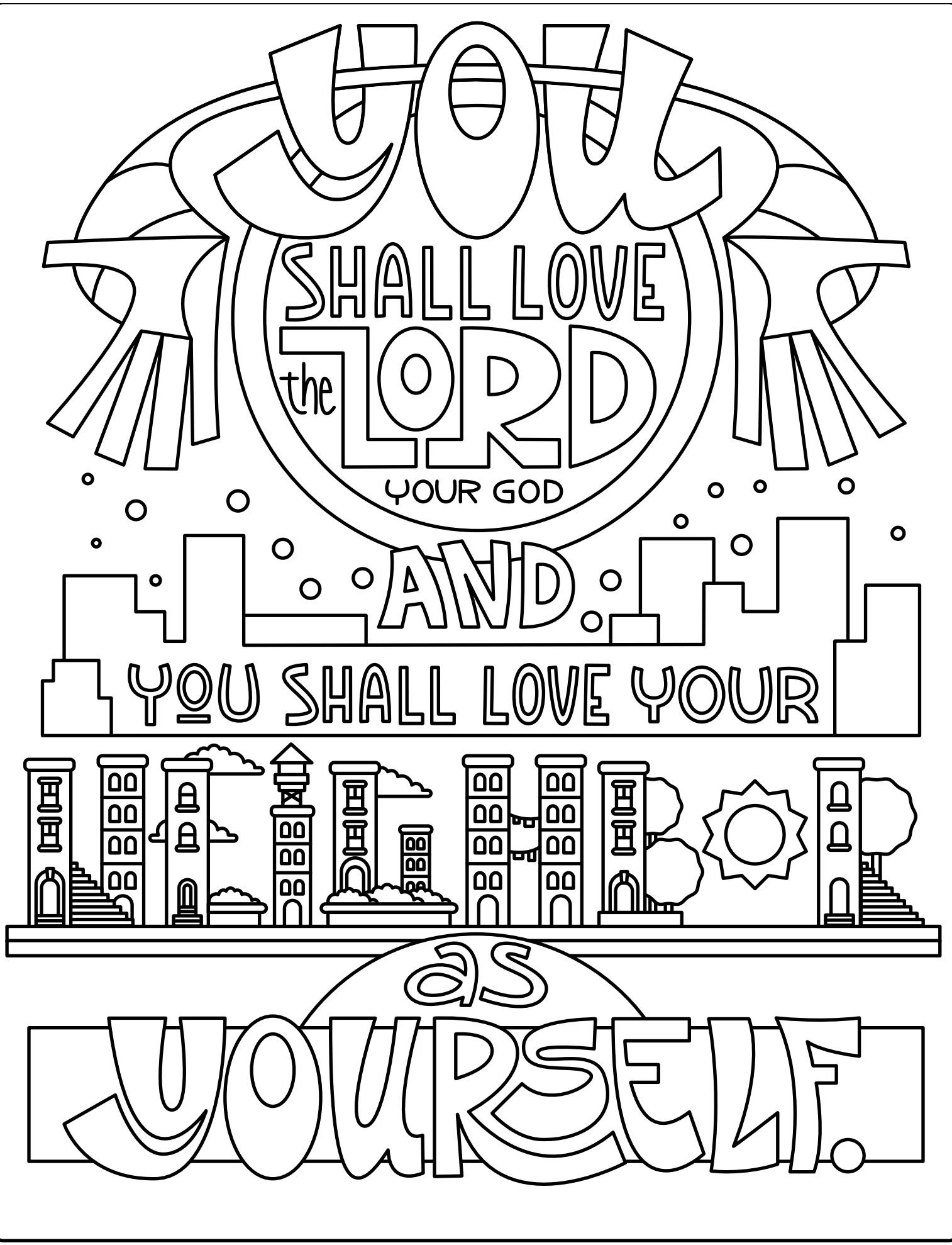
Looking ahead...



- **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

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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.