St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost- November 15, 2026
10:00 am- with Music

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of Barbara Cameron in celebration of her birthday.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II WITH CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, AND REAFFIRMATION

(The people's responses are in bold.)

Prelude *Praeludium in C*, BuxWV 137 Dietrich Buxtehude

Processional Hymn 348 *O quanta qualia*

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

Anthem *Jesus, Jesus, Praise Him* and *Reach Out in Love* Traditional and Sharon Dale
The Angel Choir

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Sequence Hymn 742 (Green Hymnal: *Wonder Love and Praise*) *Omni die*

The Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

The Sermon The Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely

Presentation of Candidates

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters **We present these persons for Confirmation.**
We present these persons to be received into this Communion.
We present these persons who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
Candidate **I do.**

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Candidate **I do, and with God's grace, I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying,

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
People **We will.**

The Bishop then says,

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

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

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

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

Bishop 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.**

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

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

Bishop 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

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

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.**

A period of silence follows. Then the Bishop says,

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says,
Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him/her* for your service; and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life. **Amen.**

For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

For Reaffirmation

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen**.

The Bishop concludes with this prayer:
Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand.

The Exchange of the Peace

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Our loose plate offering today will go to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

Offertory Anthem *Praise the Lord* from *Judas Maccabeus* George Frideric Handel
arranged by Hal H. Hopson

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*)

Eucharistic Prayer A

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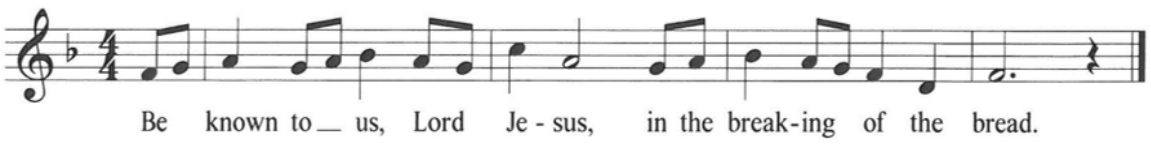
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your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

Communion Hymns **490** *Houston*
707 *Hollingside*
655 *Nyland*

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 Episcopal Blessing

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People **The maker of heaven and earth.**
Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
People **From this time forth for evermore.**

The Bishop pronounces a blessing

Processional Hymn 347 *Litton*

Dismissal

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

Postlude *Allegro maestoso e vivace* from Sonata Op. 65, No. 2 Felix Mendelssohn

Youth Confirmands

Luis Reinaldo Pagán
Charles Tiberius Knowlton
Savannah May Kerr
Audrey Nicole Levesque
Mathieu Regan Carron
Zacharie Justin Carron
Sydney Irene Butterfield
Corey Leonard Johnson
Henry William Randall
Rebecca Gray Fountain

Adult Confirmands

Gary Brent Bostick
Daniel Goff Larkin

Received

Caroline Marie Larkin
Catherine Ann McDonald Lombardi
Debra Louise Diogaurdi
Jillian Nicole Howarth
Linda Jeanne Hoyer
Luis Victor Pagán
Nanci Margaret Kleber
Raymond Frank Kleber
Cathi Brown Sloan

Reaffirmed

Patricia Joan Morokoff
Dana Karen Borgia
Katherine MacConnell Randall

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Celebrant & Preacher	The Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely
Bishop's Chaplain	The Rev. Deacon Jim Kelliher
Rector	The Rev. John M. Fountain
Pastoral Associate	The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Malone
Minister of Music	Rodney Ayers
Livestream Operator:	Bill Clement
Ushers:	Geo Borgia, Dana Borgia, Dan Larkin, Carrie Larkin, Britt Burch, Jillian Howarth,
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Betsy Fornal
1st Reading	Jillian Howarth
2nd Reading	Julie Cronin
Prayers	Jason Taylor
Acolytes	Bill Capron, Mallory Walsh, Deb Lukens
Altar Guild	Marcia Gladue, Judy Horton, Dolores Isenberg, Barbara Marshall, Stacey Nakasian, Lyn Oberg, Jan Prifty, Cathe Rezendes

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.,
Roz Waterman, Lisa Ferry, Ruth, Anne Cerullo, Margaret Thomson, Ethel M. Wosencroft

ST. LUKE'S NEWS

Good News for God's People

Important Dates:

- **Theology on Tap, November 16:** 6:30 PM in the Dining Room
- **Loaves & Fishes, November 21:** 9:30 AM at the St. Luke's then off to Woonsocket
- **Advent Wreath Making, November 22**: 11:30 AM in the Auditorium- *see E-News for more details!*
- **Lunch on the Hill, November 25**: 11:15 AM in the Dining Room
- **Parish Office Closed** - Thursday November 26th & Friday November 27th
- **Grief Support Group, November 28**: 10:00 AM in the Blackburn Room
- **CCK Dinner, November 30:** 5:30 PM in the Dining Room

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer takes place Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings at 8:30 in the Sanctuary. We pray the morning office and spend a little time afterwards discussing the daily readings. Everyone is welcome; join in as your schedule permits!



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

- **November 18:** Friendsgiving Family Table
- **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.

2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Many thanks to those who have already submitted pledges for 2027!

2027 Pledging as of 11/12/26		2026 Pledging	
Overall		Overall	
Average	3506	Average	2867
Median	2040	Median	1800
Mode	2000	Mode	1200
Total raised	382145	Total raised	639317
Left to go	267855	Left to go	0
Percentage of Total	59	Percentage of Total	103
# of Pledges	109	# of Pledges	223
# of active/new	393	# of active/new	364

St. Luke's thrives, thanks to you!

Haven't pledged yet? Use the QR code above to pledge online. You can also submit a pledge card to the parish office in person, or by mail.

LOAVES & FISHES -- Saturday, November 21

Loaves and Fishes is a collaborative food ministry supported by St. Luke's and several local churches. Through your generous donations and support, we are able to continue serving our neighbors in need. On the third Saturday of each month, St. Luke's provides hamburgers and other meal items to individuals in Woonsocket. Guests receive a bagged lunch and a hot meal. Seasonal clothing items are also available.

The next run is on November 21, and we are asking for long-sleeved T-shirts, sweatpants, hoodies, body wipes, white socks and underwear for men and women. We have also added toiletries to include shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and hand warmers. It is appreciated if all donations of food and clothing can be in the St. Luke's kitchen by 9:30 AM on November 21, 2026.

Please see the November 8th E-newsletter for more details and to use the SignUpGenius link for donations.

Your generosity is most appreciated. It allows St. Luke's to continue helping those in need.

Advent Blog Series – 2026

Beginning November 29 and running through December 25

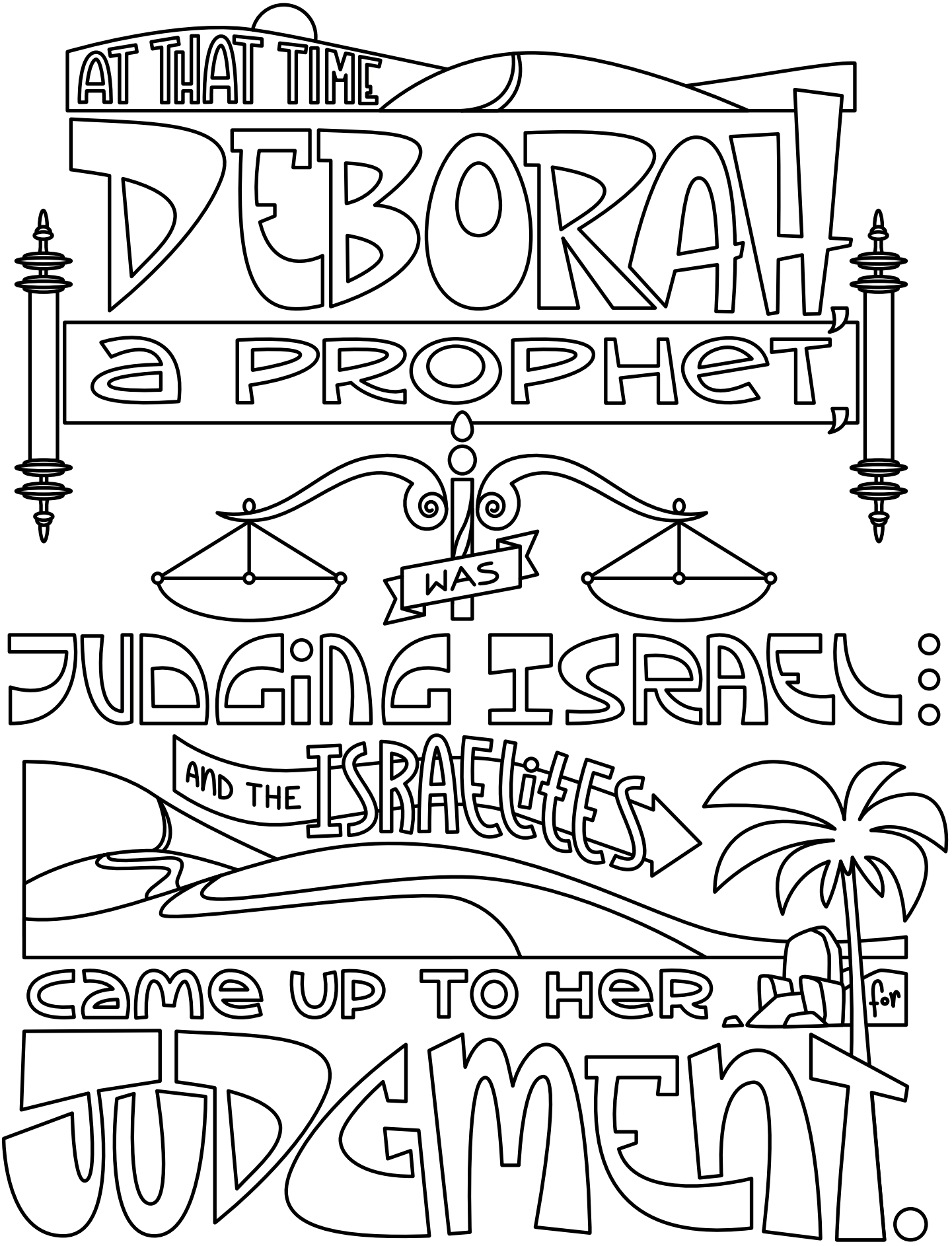
In what has become a tradition at St. Luke's, parishioners are invited to read, reflect, and write on daily readings.

Interested in writing a blog? Contact Betsy @ efornal@aol.com

2026 Advent Blog

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DEBORAH
A PROPHET,
WAS
JUDGING ISRAEL:
AND THE ISRAELITES
CAME UP TO HER
FOR
JUDGMENT.