



The Holy Eucharist

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

10:00 AM



Saint Luke's Parish
Darien, Connecticut

Welcome!

Whoever you are and wherever you may be on your spiritual journey, we are so glad you have joined us for worship today. May you know the presence of the living God who welcomes you here. Everything you need to participate in today's service is included in this leaflet. Ushers are available to answer any questions or direct you as needed. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete and return a welcome card so we can be in touch. May God bless you now and always.

About Today's Service

Today we continue to journey through the long Season after Pentecost, sometimes also called Ordinary Time. (Ordinary not as in "typical" so much as numbers or "ordinals," as in the 20th Sunday after Pentecost.) The liturgical color is green, a reminder that it is a season of growth and renewal. We look and listen for the ways in which the Holy Spirit is inviting us to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

In the themes of the Sundays in this part of the year, we face some of the strongest challenges presented by our faith. We have reached the portion of the Gospel of Mark in which Jesus, nearing the final conflict, is preparing his followers for what lies ahead, not only for him, but also for them in the remainder of their lives. So today's Gospel is the account of the rich young man who discovers that there is more to salvation than simply following the letter of the Law. Jesus calls for a complete submission to God, even to the point of giving up everything. Only then can we gain what we really need.

The Old Testament reading from the prophet Amos presents a situation in which those who control Israel are so caught up in amassing personal wealth that they ignore the needs of the poor. That social injustice, God warns, will lead to the destruction of their society.

We are reading through the Epistle to the Hebrews during this period. This letter to early Christians presents Jesus as Savior, as high priest, and as the model for Christian living. In today's passage the writer tells us that although God's judgment lays all our failure open to God, we know that God's response is that of the merciful high priest and therefore we may approach God with confidence.

Today's liturgy is filled with challenge and with hope. We are faced with the demands of the Gospel and also with its promise of salvation to those who persevere. We are called to offer our whole selves to God's work of redemption in our own day.

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In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayers,
please observe silence upon entering the church.

“Be still and know that I am God.” -Psalm 46:10

Opening Voluntary

Rector’s Welcome

Hymn 427 *Sung by all, standing.*

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the - ter - nal Word
4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Text: German, ca. 1800; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930), alt.
Music: *Laudes Domini*, Joseph Barnby (1838–1896)

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Said by all.

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.

Song of Praise

Sung by all.

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord
God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____
_____ for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____
3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; _____ in the high vault of

depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____

you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

_____ Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! _____

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Setting: John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Collect of the Day

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Lesson | Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

Psalm 90:12-17

Sung by the Choir.

So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

Setting: Th. Norris

The Second Lesson | Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

The Gospel Acclamation *Sung by all, standing.*



Cantor Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Cantor But many who are first will be last,*
and the last will be first.

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

— Mark 10:31

The Gospel | Mark 10:17-31

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor

The Nicene Creed

Said by all, standing.

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 | Form VI

<i>Deacon</i>	In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
<i>Leader</i>	For all people in their daily life and work;
<i>People</i>	For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
<i>Leader</i>	For this community, the nation, and the world;
<i>People</i>	For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
<i>Leader</i>	For the just and proper use of your creation;
<i>People</i>	For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
<i>Leader</i>	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
<i>People</i>	For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
<i>Leader</i>	For the peace and unity of the Church of God.
<i>People</i>	For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
<i>Leader</i>	For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, our Bishops in Connecticut; and for all bishops and other ministers;
<i>People</i>	For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader Hear us Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Leader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

The people kneel. Silence may be kept.

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant stands and says

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

The Peace *Please stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Clergy and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory, we gratefully offer back to God a portion of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. To make an electronic gift today, please either visit www.saintlukesdarien.org/give or scan the QR code below with your smart phone's camera. Thank you for your generosity.



Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
-Ephesians 5:1

Offertory Anthem

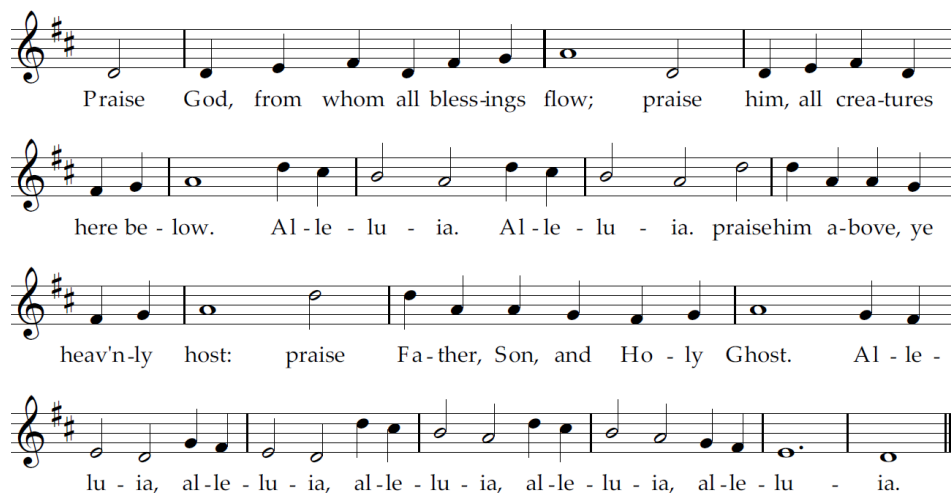
Sung by the St. Cecelia and St. Gregory Choirs.

Risen Lord! Give us a heart for simple things:
Love, laughter, bread, wine, and dreams.
Fill us with green-growing hope.
Risen Lord! Make us a people whose song is Alleluia;
whose sign is peace and whose name is love.
And to sing Alleluia.

Text: The Rev'd John Hencher (1931-2011)
Music: Barry Rose (b. 1934)

Presentation Hymn

Sung by all, standing.



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures
here be - low. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

The Great Thanksgiving | 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 God 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 and Benedictus

Sung by all.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Setting: Jackson Hill (b. 1941)

Celebrant

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.

All



A - men. A - men. A - men.

Setting: McNeil Robinson, II (1943-2015)

Celebrant

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

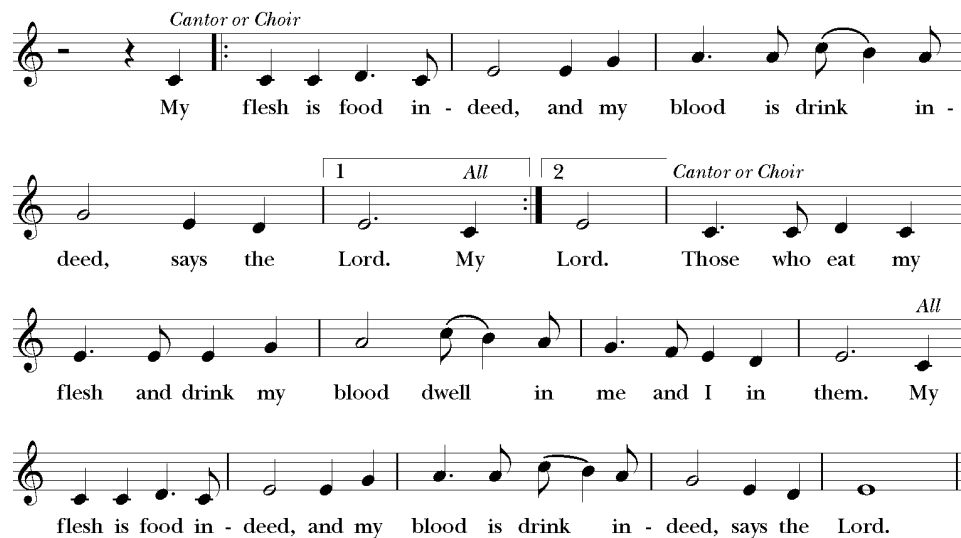
The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

*Celebrant
People*

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

The Fraction Anthem



Setting: Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

At the direction of the ushers, please come forward to receive Christ's Real Presence in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

*Communion will be administered in one kind (only the consecrated Bread) due to COVID precautions.
If you require a gluten-free wafer, please request one. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion,
please cross your arms over your chest.*

Communion Anthem

Sung by the Choir.

If religion was a thing
that money could buy,
the rich would live
and the poor would die.

All my trials,
Lord, soon be over.
Too late, my brothers!
Too late, but never mind.
All my trials,
Lord, soon be over.

Now hush, little baby,
don't you cry.
You know that man
was born to die.
All my trials,
Lord, soon be over.

Setting: All My Trials (arr. Norman Luboff)

The Postcommunion Prayer

Please kneel.

Celebrant
People

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 and Dismissal

Celebrant

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Deacon
People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 408

Sung by all, standing.



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 keep-eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
 glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
 eye ne'er sleep-eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Text: Johann Jacob Schutz (1640-1690)

Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566

Closing Voluntary

The Altar Flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Judy Kemp from her friends and family, John and Lil Kelley and Rob and Jean Kroll from their friends, and Bill Miller, whose funeral was held here at Saint Luke's yesterday.

Participants in Today's Service

Celebrant	The Rev. Derek J. Stefanovsky
Preacher	The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor
Deacon	The Rev. Susan C. Wyper
Lectors	Lise Walker, Julie Mainelli
Intercessor	Abby Shiner
Musicians	The Saint Luke's Parish Choir David Pulliam, Will Roslak
Acolytes	Matthew Bender, Abby Neumann, Jake Patterson
Ushers	Tony Larino, Chris Hughan, Walter Dodge, Michael West, Maggie Machir
Altar Guild	Audrey Ward, Faith Gray, Kristen Nelson
Flower Guild	Brenda Gregory, Emily Lyons
Flower Delivery	Hilary Thompson

DID YOU KNOW?

How do the Bible readings get picked for Sunday? The Episcopal Church follows the Revised Common Lectionary, which assigns readings from the Bible for every Sunday and feast day of the year: a reading from the Hebrew Scriptures (which we call the Old Testament), from the Psalms, from the collection of writings from the early Christian church known as the New Testament, and from one of the four Gospels. The Sunday lectionary uses a three-year cycle of readings to include much of the Bible: Year A – Matthew; Year B – Mark; Year C – Luke, with readings from John scattered throughout. When we read passages from the Bible, we are listening not only for the ways God has been revealed and people have responded in ages past, but also for the ways God is speaking to us in our own day.

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The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas, Bishop of Connecticut The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragen

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The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor

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Next Sunday | Oct. 17

Feast of Saint Luke & Consecration Sunday

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist (Rite I with hymns)
9:00 AM	Celebratory Coffee Hour
9:50 AM	Church School
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist (Rite II with choir)
11:00 AM	Celebratory Coffee Hour
5:00 PM	Come As You Are Eucharist (led by the CAYA Band) & Celebratory Reception

Upcoming Events

Oct. 16	Choral Evensong
Oct. 17	Feast of Saint Luke & Consecration Sunday
Oct. 30	Oyster Roast
Oct. 31	All Hallows Eve Family Worship
Nov. 1	All Saints' Day Evensong
Nov. 7	All Saints' Sunday & Run with the Saints 5K
Nov. 14	Remembrance Sunday & Fauré Requiem