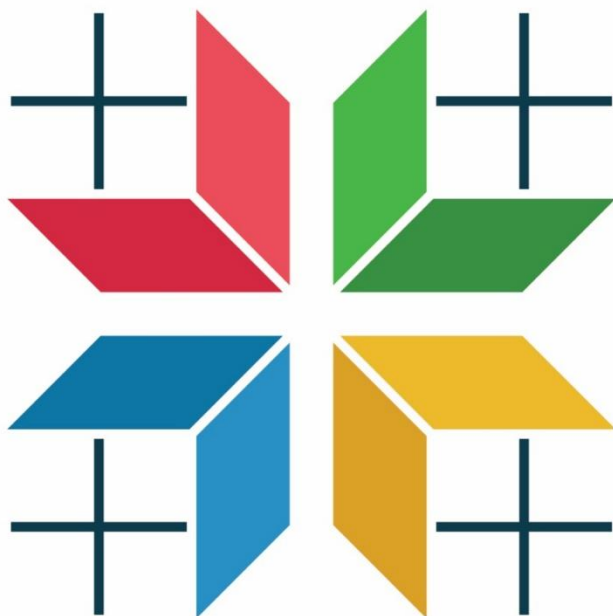




**Welcome to St. Luke's Church
Sunday, October 19, 2025**

Feast of St. Luke

**Our Vision:
To Know God and To Make Him Known**

*Visitors are not expected to participate in the offering.
We hope you enjoy visiting with us today. Please come again soon.*

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Processional Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowering meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the happy chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o’er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

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Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,

All: And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.

Celebrant: Your old men shall dream dreams,

All: And your young men shall see visions.

Celebrant: You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,

All: That he is the Lord and there is none else.

Celebrant: And it shall come to pass

All: That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.

Collect for Purity

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.

The Summary of the Law

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40)

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to the Lord.

All: 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Almighty God, you called your servant Luke to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: Grant that by the wholesome medicine of the doctrine he taught, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Praise and Worship

“I Believe”

I believe there is one salvation
One doorway that leads to life
One redemption one confession
I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

I believe in the crucifixion
By His blood I have been set free
I believe in the resurrection
Hallelujah His life is death's defeat

Chorus 1: All praise to God the Father
All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

I believe in the hope of heaven
He's preparing a place for me
Far beyond what hearts imagine
Ears have heard or eyes have seen

I believe that day is coming
He's returning to claim His bride
Light the altar keep it burning
See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

Bridge: No I'll never be ashamed
Of the gospel of Jesus Christ
How could I ever walk away
From the One who saved my life

Chorus 2: All praise to God our Father
All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit
Our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

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"Exalted Over All"

From Heaven's throne You came to us
And set Your heart upon the cross
We'll never know the sacrifice You made

For all our sin and all our shame
You took the nails and took our place
No one else could do what You have done

Chorus 1: One name is higher
One name is stronger
Than any grave than any throne
Christ exalted over all

From the grave where death would die
You rose again and brought us life
You're reigning now the Savior of the world
You're reigning now the Savior of the world

Chorus 2: The only Savior Jesus Messiah
To You alone our praise belongs
Christ exalted over all

Bridge: We'll sing Your praise, sing Your praise
We sing Your praise forever
And lift Your name, we lift Your name
Jesus over all

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“Same God”

I'm calling on the God of Jacob
Whose love endures through generations
I know that You will keep Your covenant

I'm calling on the God of Moses
The one who opened up the ocean
I need you now to do the same thing for me

Chorus: Oh God, my God I need You
Oh God, my God I need You now
How I need You now
Oh Rock, oh Rock of Ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness

I'm calling on the God of Mary
Whose favor rests upon the lowly
I know with You all things are possible

I'm calling on the God of David
Who made a shepherd boy courageous
I may not face Goliath
But I've got my own giants (Chorus)

Bridge 1: You heard Your children then
You hear Your children now
You are the same God, You are the same God
You answered prayers back then
And You will answer now
You are the same God, You are the same God
You were providing then, You are providing now
You are the same God, You are the same God

Bridge 2:
You moved in power then, God move in power now
You are the same God, You are the same God
You were a healer then, You are a healer now
You are the same God, You are the same God
You were a Savior then, You are a Savior now
You are the same God, You are the same God (Chorus)

Bridge 3:
You freed the captives then
You're freeing hearts right now
You are the same God, You are the same God
You touched the lepers then
I feel Your touch right now
You are the same God, You are the same God (Chorus)

Tag: I'm calling on the Holy Spirit
Almighty river come and fill me again
Come and fill me again, come and fill me again

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The Lessons

First Reading – Sirach 38:1-14

At the end of the reading:

Lector: Thus ends the reading.

Psalm – Psalm 147:1-11 (*read responsively*)

Lector: Praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; indeed, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

All: The Lord builds up Jerusalem, and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

Lector: He heals those who are broken in heart, and binds up their wounds.

All: He counts the number of the stars, and calls them all by their names.

Lector: Great is our Lord, and great is his power; indeed, his wisdom is infinite.

All: The Lord lifts up the meek, and brings the ungodly down to the ground.

Lector: O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praises with the harp unto our God,

All: Who covers the heavens with clouds, and prepares rain for the earth, and makes the grass to grow upon the mountains, and plants for the use of men,

Lector: Who gives food to the cattle and feeds the young ravens that call upon him.

All: He has no pleasure in the strength of a horse; neither does he delight in any man's strength.

Lector: But the Lord's delight is in those who fear him and put their trust in his mercy.

At the end of the reading:

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – 2 Timothy 2:1-15

At the end of the reading:

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Sung: **Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness;**

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 4:14-21.

All: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

At the end of the reading:

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sung: **Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.**

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The Message

Confirmation Service

The Presentation, Exhortation and Examination

Only a Bishop may confirm. The Bishop customarily sits in a chair in front of the Altar Table. The Candidates and Presenters stand facing the Bishop as their Presenters say:

Presenters: Reverend Father in God, we present these persons to receive the laying on of hands.

Bishop: Have they been adequately prepared?

Presenters: They have.

Bishop: Dearly beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be Confirmed or Received in this Church publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; become his disciples; know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church.

God's grace is imparted in Baptism, through which we are made God's children by adoption and given the Holy Spirit. By the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are enabled to be God's people for the sake of the world.

Now, these Candidates desire publicly to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and their commitment to follow him as Lord.

They also desire the strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands, that the Holy Spirit may fill them more and more for their ministry in the Church and in the world.

The Bishop then addresses the Candidates:

Bishop: Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidates: I renounce them.

Bishop: Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceptions of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidates: I renounce them.

Bishop: Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Candidates: I renounce them.

Bishop: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Candidates: I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop addresses the Congregation, saying:

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

All: We will.

Prayer and the Laying on of Hands

The Bishop stands and says:

Bishop: Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, we beseech you to strengthen these your servants for witness and ministry through the power of your Holy Spirit.

Daily increase in them your manifold virtues of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the spirit of holy fear, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Each Confirmand kneels in front of the Bishop. The Bishop, then laying his hands upon the person's head, prays:

Bishop: Defend, O Lord, this your servant _____ with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until he comes into the fullness of your everlasting kingdom.

All: Amen.

Or this:

Bishop: Strengthen, O Lord, with your Holy Spirit, your servant _____; empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of their life.

All: Amen.

The Bishop may make the sign of the Cross with the Oil of Chrism on the forehead of any receiving the laying on of hands, and may say:

Bishop: _____, I sign you with the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Concluding Prayer after the Laying on of Hands

The Bishop then says:

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

All: Amen.

The Peace

Bishop: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop: Exchange with one another the Lord's Peace.

The Offertory *(Tithes and offerings are collected at this time)*

Celebrant: Our offertory sentences are from scripture. "Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."

(Matthew 7:21)

"Adore Him"

Love incarnate wrapped in flesh
Heaven bent to dwell with us
Oh what a mystery oh what a mystery

The sacred gift to break the curse
The Father's heart revealed to us
Oh what a joyous thing oh what a joyous thing

Chorus 1: O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him Christ the Lord
For He alone is worthy
For He alone is worthy

Behold the Lamb of Righteousness
Let every heart and tongue confess
Let all the Earth rejoice let all the Earth rejoice

Remaining no accusing voice
His resurrection power in us
Triumphant in Jesus' name, triumphant in Jesus' name

Bridge: Oh sing sing of the good news
The Heavens have opened
Let all creation praise You
(Oh) sing sing of His goodness
Oh God of Salvation
Let all creation praise You

Tag: O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord

We give You all the glory, we give You all the glory
We give You all the glory, Christ the Lord

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Doxology *[All rise]*

**Sung: Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

All: And of Your own have we given You.

The Great Thanksgiving

[We invite all baptized Christians to join us at the Lord's table. We offer communion in the form of bread, wafer, gluten-free wafer, or individually packaged juice and wafer. Once received, step left to drink from the communal cup, or step to the right to intinct (dip) the wafer.]

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Sung:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Most

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Most High

All glory power and praise

And blessing now we raise for You alone can save

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The Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved.

By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory; that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Mystery of Faith

Deacon: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord:

All: Face to Face.

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 forever.

All: Amen.

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

All: Our Father Who art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done on earth as 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 the power and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Prayer of Humble Access

All: We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.

Apart from your grace, we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Agnus Dei

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

All: Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

All: Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

All: Grant us your peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God, for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Music During Communion:

“There is a Redeemer”

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Chorus: Thank You O my Father for giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit till
The work on earth is done

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah, O for sinners slain

When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place

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“God You’re Beautiful”

I see Your beauty in this wind
I see Your beauty in the rain
I feel Your Spirit move within
I feel Your passion in the pain

Chorus: God You're beautiful to me
God You're beautiful to me

I see Your glory in the sun
I see Your power in the sky
When I behold all You've done
How could I ever wonder why

Bridge: You can be my King
Lover of my soul
You mean everything to me

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“Lord I Need You”

Lord I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus: Lord I need You, oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free, holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free, holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
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Post Communion Prayer

All: Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

And for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: All our problems

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All our difficulties

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All the devil's works

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: And all of our hopes

All: We set on the risen Christ

The Blessing

Bishop: Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, and fight the good fight of faith, that you may finish your course with joy; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

The Recessional

"Every Day"

Chorus: And every day, every day, I will sing Your praises
 And every day, every day, I will bless Your name
 And every day, every day, we will raise our voices
 'Cause every day, You are the same
 And we glorify Your name, we glorify Your name

You are God of wonders, You are God of mercy
You are God, the great I AM.
You are our defender, Your kingdom is forever
And You're coming back again (Chorus)

You alone are faithful, You alone are righteous
You alone are gracious, God
You alone are worthy, You alone are holy
You alone are Lord of all (Chorus)

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The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

This Week at St. Luke's Church, October 20th – October 26th

Monday

Creative Journaling, 6:00-9:00 PM (Tompkin's Glory Barn)
Boy Scout Troop 411, 6:30-9:00 PM (The Harbor)

Tuesday

Worship With the Word, 6:30-8:30 PM (Sanctuary)
Stage 4 Ministry, 6:30-8:30 PM (Conference Room)
Women's Group, 7:00-8:30 PM (Common Room)

Wednesday

Thursday

ADGL Mission Conference & Synod

Stage 4 Ministry, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM (Lower Conference Room)

Friday

ADGL Mission Conference & Synod

Church Offices CLOSED

Saturday

ADGL Mission Conference & Synod

Men's Breakfast, 8:30-11:00 AM (The Harbor)
Stage 4 Brunch, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (Café)

Sunday

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Prayer Team Meeting, 12:00-1:30 PM (Sanctuary)
Youth Group, 6:30-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

Upcoming

Nov. 7th – 'Meeting w/ God' service, 7:00-8:30 PM (Sanctuary)
Nov. 14th-15th – Immanuel Ministry Conference (Sanctuary)

Readings for October 26: Jeremiah 14:1-10, 19-22 Psalm 84 o 2 Timothy 4:6-18 o Luke 18:9-14
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