St. Luke's
Episcopal Church

The Holy Eucharist

The Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 8, 2026

10:00 AM

VISION STATEMENT

We seek to form Beloved Community, which is welcoming and diverse,
with Christian worship and service at the heart.

MISSION STATEMENT

We feed people in body, mind and spirit with the love of God, in the name of Jesus,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

CORE VALUES

Beloved Community + Loving Service + Sacred Space + Spirit Filled + Sustainability

The Gathering Rite

Hymn *(standing)* Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers *H* #68

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God, most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever.**

Presider Let us pray.

People **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 *(standing)*

Holy God, We Praise Your Name *ELW* #414

Collect of the Day *(standing)*

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The Word of God

From the Hebrew Scriptures *(seated)* Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses."

He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-7

Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
That which we have heard and known,
and what our forebears have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
We will recount to generations to come
your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God, *
and the wonderful works you have done.
You gave your decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which you commanded them to teach their children;
That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn, *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
So that they might put their trust in you, *
and not forget your deeds,
but keep your commandments;

The Epistle *(seated)* 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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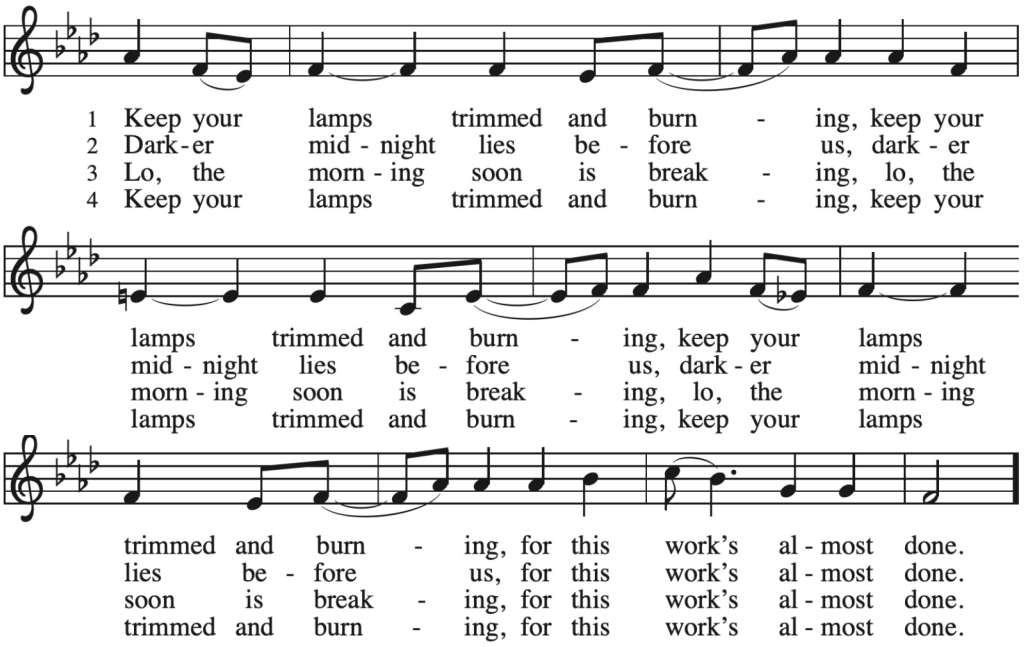
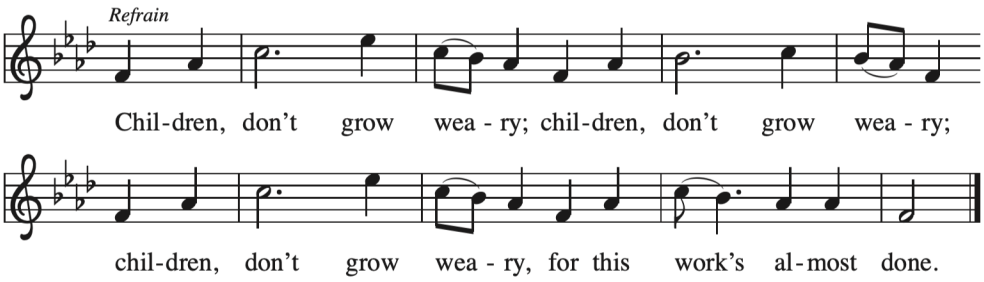
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning *ACS* #949
(standing)





THE GOSPEL *(standing)* Matthew 25:1-13

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

SERMON The Rev. Canon Britt Olson

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 human.
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.

Prayers of the People

The intercessor offers the petitions and all respond, **Hear our Prayer.**

The Confession

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A short period of silence will be observed.

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.

Absolution

Gratitude & Giving Testimony — Jo Burkholder

The Peace

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People offer a greeting of peace to one another.

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Special Prayers

Offertory Hymn

Take My Life And Let It Be

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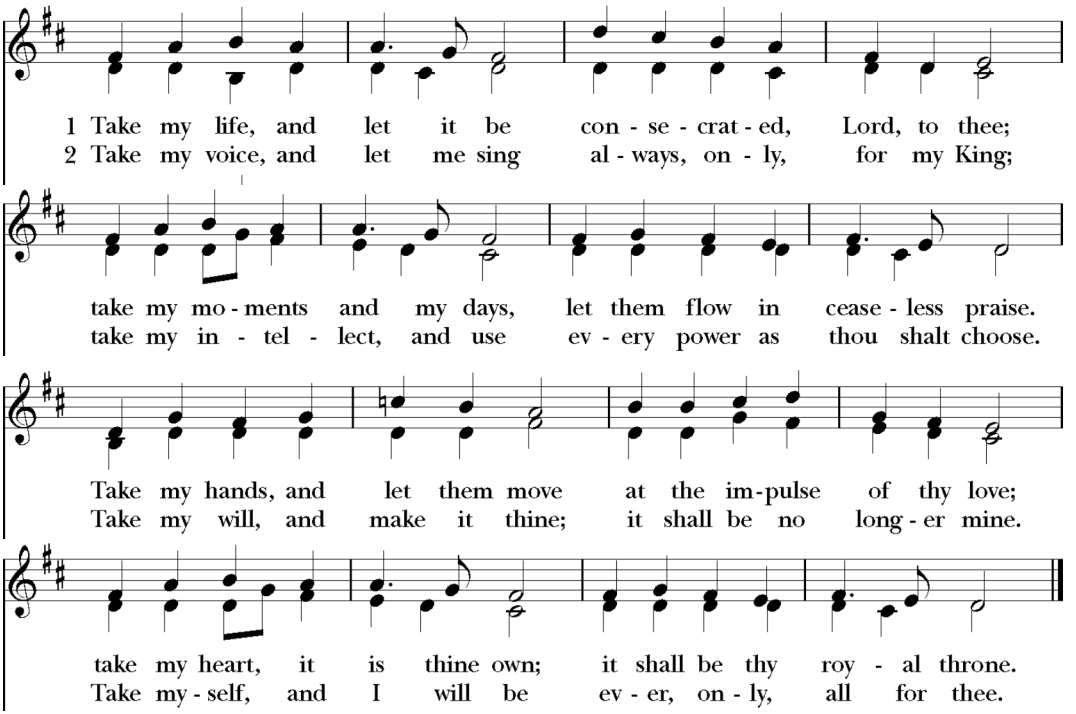


Doxology Hymn

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion

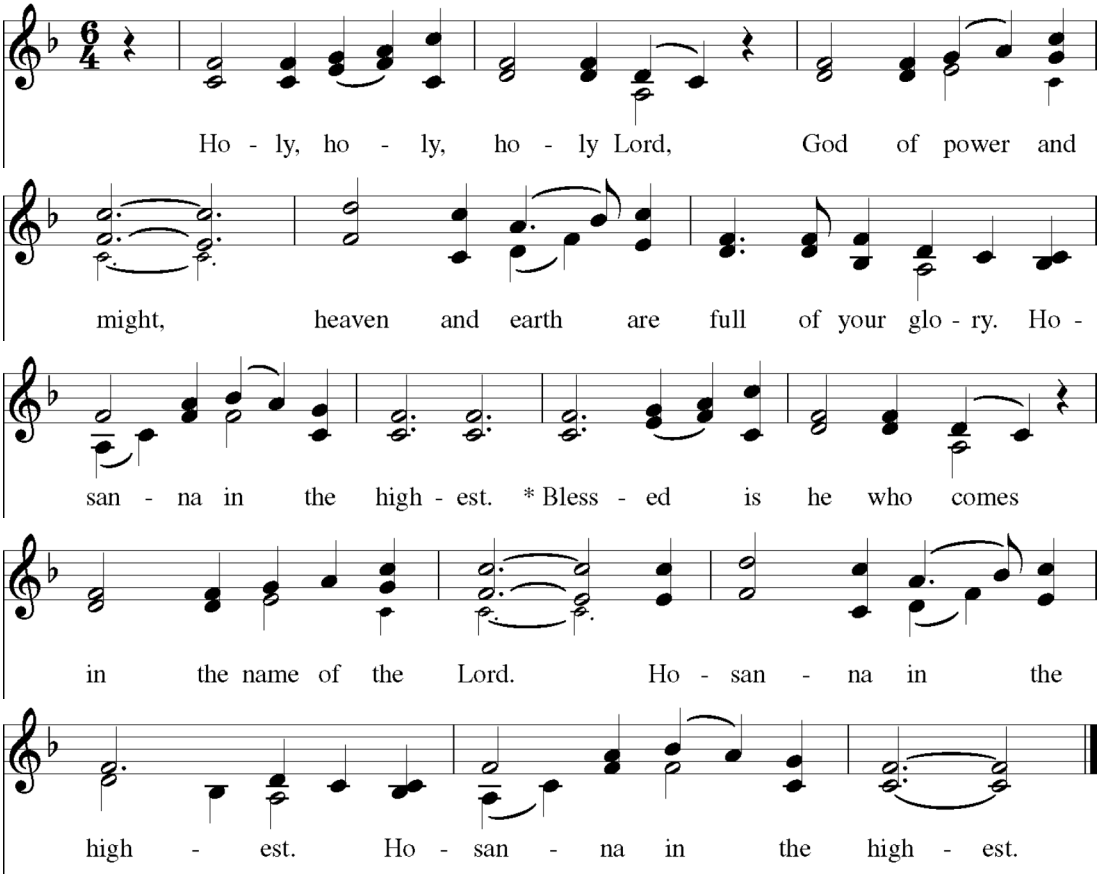
The Eucharistic Prayer *(standing)*

Presider May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks the One who created us.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is truly right to glorify you, O God, our Refuge and Strength, and to give you thanks...

The prayer continues until...

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,



The prayer continues until...

Presider ...and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you:

People **We praise you, we bless you,**
We give thanks to you,
And we pray to you, the Rock of our Salvation.

The prayer continues until...

Presider Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Eternal God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and forever.

People **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As Christ teaches us, we pray:

People **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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence may be observed.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Prayer for those worshiping at home

O Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The Invitation and Communion

Presider 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.

All are welcome to the meal where Christ is present in bread and wine. The ushers will guide you to form a line up the center aisle. You may choose to receive a sealed packet containing both consecrated wine and wafer, or you may take a piece of bread and receive the common cup. Gluten free options are available.

The Concluding Rite

Prayer after Communion *(standing)*

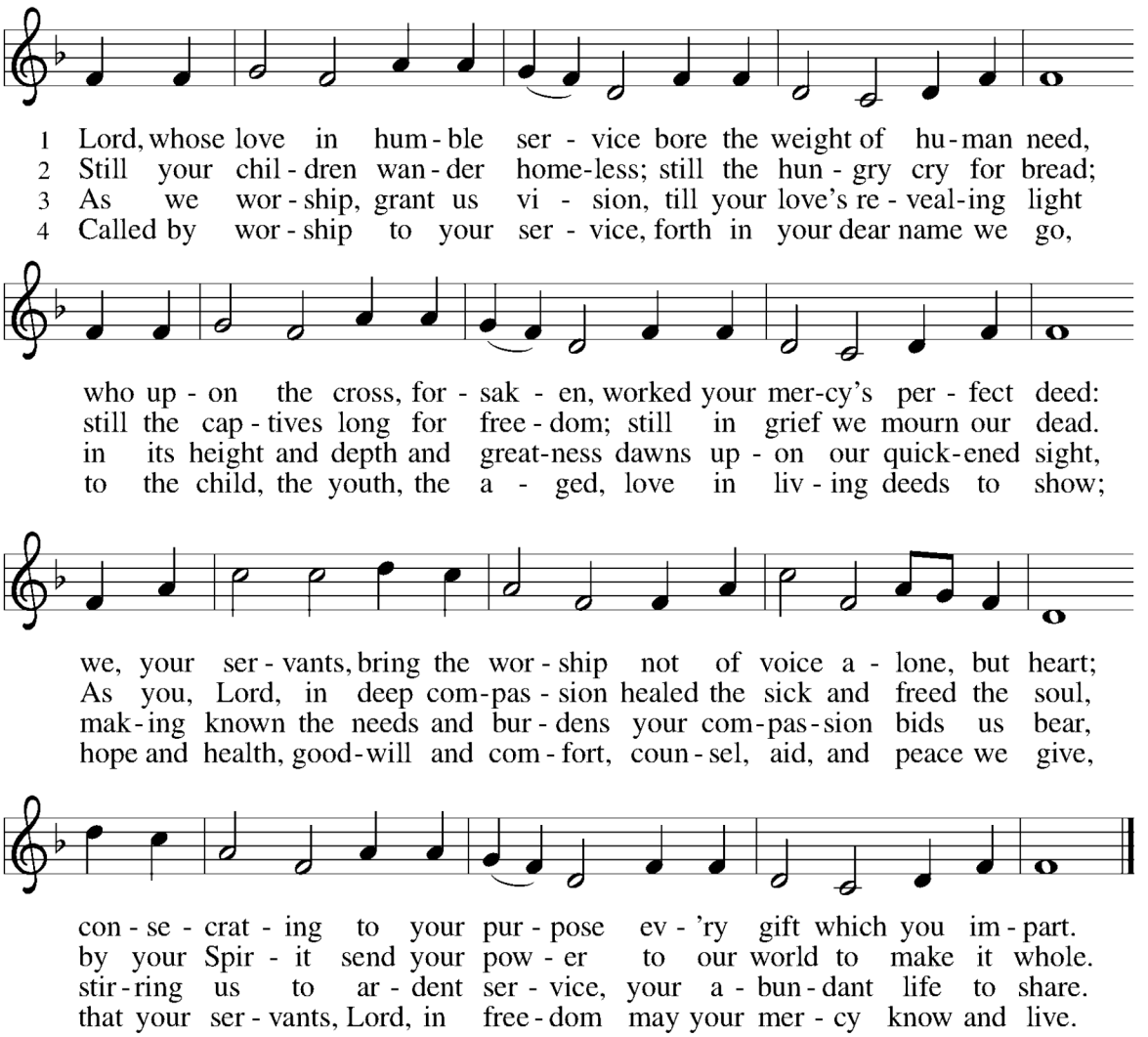
Presider Let us pray.

All **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Presider blesses the people.

Closing Hymn — Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service — *ELW* #712



Dismissal

The Presider dismisses the People, who respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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The Joys and Challenges of Giving
Today

After worship, Canon Britt will be leading an adult forum as part of our Annual Giving Campaign called "The Joys and Challenges of Giving." We will address both the spiritual and practical aspects of Christian charity. Money has the power to become godlike in our lives. The antidote lies in the discipline of giving and in the joy of generosity. We are made for freedom, community, connection, meaning and purpose. How we receive and use money can lead us toward our values or away from our best and truest selves.

Have you pondered how to respond to all the requests for donations you receive? Do you wonder how much you should give and how and when? Are you afraid that if you make a commitment, you won't be able to complete it? Has the joy of giving become a duty and obligation, rather than an offering to God? Come with your thoughts and questions.

Celebration Sunday
Sunday, November 15

Join us on Celebration Sunday, November 15, when we will bless all the gifts we have received as part of the Gratitude & Giving campaign, and gather for a community potluck luncheon at 11:30 a.m. The Gratitude and Giving Committee will provide several main dishes, and we welcome you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Whether or not you can contribute a dish, please join us—all are welcome!

Red Candles: Light for Palestine
Sunday, November 22

Guest preacher Ryan Pemberton will lead an adult forum on Red Candles: Light for Palestine, an ecumenical movement to support Palestinian Christians. St. Luke's will have an opportunity to participate in the program to stand up for peace and justice for the Holy Land.

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