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## Saint Luke's Church Resumes Full Schedule of Worship Services This Sunday, Sept 20

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Saint Luke's Episcopal Church is resuming a full lineup of worship services beginning Sunday, Sept. 20. Rev. Ryan Fleenor, the new pastor, said care has been taken to keep the services safe for parishioners.

- an announcement from St. Luke's Church

"Throughout the summer we had wonderful outdoor services," Fleenor said, "and we also researched, prayed and prepared diligently to safely resume indoor worship once summer's over, in addition to enriching our online programs.

## **Worship Services and Formats**

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"Sept. 20 will be 'Kickoff Sunday' for our new programs. We are offering a wide range of formats to meet the full range of people's spiritual needs while protecting their safety during the pandemic," he said.

The Sunday lineup begins with an **8 a.m.** worship service which will be held outdoors as long as weather permits, followed by a service inside the church at **10 a.m.** and then a "Come As You Are" family service at **5 p.m.** in the Anderson Youth Community Center.

Both the 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. worship services will be live-streamed and can be accessed via <u>the church</u> <u>website</u>, where you'll also find detailed information and program registration.

Programming will continue throughout the week, with live-streamed morning prayer services Monday through Friday, musical Compline services with the Saint Luke's choir live-streamed on Thursday evenings, and a virtual Bible study on Tuesday evenings.

"In the 'new normal' everyone's routines have changed, but the need to gather together for worship, fellowship and support has only grown deeper," Fleenor said. "We seek to reach people where they are, in the way and at the time which will be most meaningful to them."

For more information, go to the church website or email info@saintlukesdarien.org.

## **New Pastor**

Prior to coming to Saint Luke's this summer, Fleenor was vicar of Saint James' Church in Manhattan.

"The people of Darien have been wonderfully welcoming to my husband Dan and me," he said. "It's only been a couple of months, but we already feel totally at home here.

"Most importantly," Fleenor said, "you can feel God's presence in this dynamic church, with its vibrant community outreach programs.

"Saint's Luke's is deeply rooted and grounded in God's love, and I am excited about all the ways we'll grow together in faith over the coming months."