Jennifer Palmer stewardship testimony Oct. 11, 2026.

"Good morning. Thank you, Father Noah, for inviting us to share what Christ & St. Luke's means to our family.

I started coming here in the third grade with my parents and twin sister. Today, I sit in these pews with my husband, Tobin, my mom, Pam and our friends the Lewis'. We give because we are deeply grateful.

This church holds the milestones of our lives. My sister and I grew up acolyting here. Even after we went off to college, Mr. Grice somehow always knew when we were back in town for the weekend and would recruit us to serve.

Tobin and I were married here. Our children were baptized and confirmed here. They were acolytes too. Our oldest daughter was married here, and their son has been baptized here, too. Christ & St. Luke's is so woven into our children's lives that when they come home to visit, they happily wake up early just to join us for this service.

The church has been here through the difficult times as well, after 9/11 when Tobin was recalled to active duty twice. When we lost our fathers and grandparents. And now as Tobin's mom is in hospice and our son-in-law faces serious illness.

There is a common misconception that the diocese funds our church. In reality, it is this congregation that supports the church, so that the church can support the diocese and our wider community.

We give because Christ & St. Luke's has always been here for us—and we want to ensure it is always here for everyone else, too. Thank you."