Holy Eucharist

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 29, 2021   10:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Luke’s Episcopal Church!
An inclusive, multicultural community pursuing spiritual and social transformation.
Una comunidad inclusiva y multicultural, en búsqueda de transformación espiritual y social.

At St. Luke’s, we welcome and fully affirm everyone equally as children of God created in the image of God. Thank you for joining us as we resume in-person worship. Despite the changes in California guidelines, we continue to recommend that people wear masks indoors. And, we will pass the Peace by bowing, nodding, or waving from a distance. We will celebrate the Eucharist together, and the bread of Holy Communion will be given to all who would like to share in receiving the body of Christ. If you have any needs or concerns, please contact the clergy, the Rev. Jane Gould at jgould@stlukeslb.org or 562-436-4047.

Please turn off your cellphone. If God is going to speak to you during the service, other means will be used.
The Order of Service

Prelude  *Come Down, O Love Divine*  
Alfred V. Fedek  
Dr. Gukhui Han

Hymn  *436 (v.1-3) Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*  
*Truro*

Opening Acclamation  *Please stand.*
Celebrant  Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
People  *Glory to God forever and ever.*

Collect for Purity
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.**

Hymn  *With Open Hearts*  
Mary-Ellen Kish

With open hearts, open arms, open minds  there is  
wel-come in this place, there is wel-come in this space, there is  
wel-come with em-brace, with open hearts. hearts.  
A place of car-ing and ac-cept-ance,  
A place for risk-ing and af-firm-ing,  
A place for heal-ing and re-leas-ing  
A place to ques-tion and to won-der,
Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading Song of Solomon 2:8-13

A reading from the Song of Solomon.

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: “Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. Thanks be to God.
Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

The soloist will sing first, then the congregation will repeat.

Lorraine Brugh
Malek Sammour, Soloist

REFRAIN:

My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king;
my tongue shall be the pen of a skillful writer.
You are the noblest among the people;
grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever.

REFRAIN

Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever,
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.
You love righteousness and hate iniquity;
therefore God, your God has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.

REFRAIN

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia,
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
Kings’ daughters stand among the ladies of the court;
on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

A Reading  James 1:17-27

A reading from the Epistle of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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The Gospel  Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Celebrant  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles. So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon  The Rev. Jane Gould

Silence follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed  If you are able, please stand.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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*

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

**Leader**  In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

**Leader**  For all people in their daily life and work;

**People**  *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

**Leader**  For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People**  *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

**Leader**  For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People**  *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

**Leader**  For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People**  *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

**Leader**  For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People**  *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

**Leader**  For our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, and John Taylor and Diane Jardine Bruce our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**People**  *For all who serve God in his Church.*

**Leader**  For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*(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.

*Silence*

*(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.

*Silence*

*(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.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Leader and People**  *Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; 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.*

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

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

Special prayers, celebrations, and anniversaries

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

Offertory Anthem Ave verum

W. A. Mozart
Malek Sammour, Soloist

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine:
Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:
Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for man,
cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine:
Whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood,
esto nobis praegustatum, Be for us a foretaste
in mortis examine.
In the test of death.

During the anthem, please support the parish by contributing financially to the mission and ministry of St. Luke’s / San Lucas. You may contribute electronically by scanning the QR code to the right, or by placing your offering in the plate as it is passed.

Back to School Blessing
The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving  Eucharistic Prayer B
If you are able, please remain standing.

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and people
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Luke, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. Amen.

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

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.

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. This is the Lord’s Table, and all are welcome here.
The Holy Communion

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive the Eucharist. At this time, due to COVID-19 restrictions, only the bread of Holy Communion will be offered to the congregation. To receive Communion, please form a line down the center aisle. When you reach the altar rail, use the entire rail to stand or kneel around the altar rail to receive the bread, which will be placed in your hands; gluten free wafers are available. Anyone with mobility issues is welcome to remain standing in the center, or stay seated and have the clergy bring Communion to you. If you desire a Blessing rather than Communion, cross your arms on your chest. Please return to your pew by the side aisles.

Our prayer partners are in the Chapel to offer prayers with anyone who would like special prayers.

Communion Anthem  Forever with the Lord! (Words by J. Montgomery) Charles Gounod
Malek Sammour, Soloist

"Forever with the Lord!"
Amen, so let it be!
Life from the dead is in that word,
'Tis immortality.

Here in the body pent
Absent from Him I roam,
Yet nightly pitch my moving tent
A day’s march nearer home.

"Forever with the Lord!"
Father if 'tis Thy will,
The promise of that faithful word,
E'en here to me fulfill.

Be Thou at my right hand,
Then can I never fail.
Uphold Thou me and I shall stand,
Fight, and I must prevail.

So when my latest breath
Shall rend the veil in twain,
By death I shall escape from death,
And life eternal gain.

Knowing as I am known,
How shall I love that word,
And oft repeat before the throne,
“Forever with the Lord!”
Communion Hymn Lord, I want to be a Christian

Post-Communion Prayer
Celebrant Let us pray.
People Holy and loving God, 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

Hymn 556 (v.1-3) Rejoice, ye pure in heart

Dismissal
Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude There is a Fountain

Cover image: Marc Chagall, Song Of Songs IV, 1958
Back to School Blessing

Leader: Thank you, God, for the chance to go back to school. As we return to classrooms, may we all stay safe and healthy; and may we make the most of the opportunity to be together again in a learning community.

Leader: Be with our teachers, administrators, and parents as they guide us into the new school year. Give them the tools and energy they need to create engaging ways for all of us to learn and grow.

Leader: Help us to open our hearts and minds to new ideas, new friends, new teachers and coaches, and new ways of learning. Show us how to seek joy in all things, and when we have a hard time, remind us that you are by our side. When our teachers and caregivers seem worried and wary, help them to be gentle with themselves.

Leader: Each day remind us of the reasons why we teach, and the importance of our vocation. Lighten our hearts so that we rejoice in the creativity and opportunity of each moment. When classes and days don’t go as planned, give us patience to trust that all will be well. When students seem disengaged, remind us that we all are doing our best. And when students shine at unexpected times and in unexpected ways, remind us to notice and celebrate.

Leader: As administrators and staff, nurture our creativity as we lead, support, and care for educational institutions. In the midst of abundant and often changing rules and procedures, help us to remain patient and productive.

Leader: As we begin to experience the uncertainties and opportunities of this school year, let us rejoice in the small things, and open ourselves to the glimpses of grace. When the stress of our lives gets to be too much, allow us to find space to breathe and know you are with us through it all.

Celebrant: God of joy and light, pour out your blessing upon all of these people involved in creating and supporting vibrant learning communities – students, teachers, administrators, staff, coaches, and parents. Bless their backpacks, Chromebooks and computers, virtual and physical classrooms, keyboards and chalkboards, school buildings, and everything else that helps create strong and safe learning environments for everyone. May each of you be a blessing and light in your new year! Go and light up the world! Amen.
The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Joyce and Glenn Howard in celebration of their ten great grandchildren, including the latest, Faith Elizabeth, born August 17 in North Carolina.

Please contact office@stlukeslb.org or speak with Ethel Sanford if you would like to dedicate Altar Flowers in celebration of something or someone or as a memorial.

COFFEE HOUR CONVERSATIONS
If you have time this morning for a 1-1 conversation with one of our leadership listeners, please check in with Ann Burdette at the Welcome Table in the courtyard. Also, if you are new or visiting, Ann would be happy to answer questions and introduce you to others. Even if you can't stay for long, introduce yourself to someone you don't know; grab a quick cup of coffee; or browse the shelves of the bookstore. And, there's a sign up sheet at the Welcome Table if you would be willing to host a Coffee Hour in the weeks ahead.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY
For all essential workers, all who have lost income due to COVID-19, all infected by the Novel Corona Virus and all suffering from depression, anxiety, and isolation due to COVID-19.

For Beryl, Ernie, Joan, Ron, Sue, Harry, Ruth, Kim, Gordon, Paul, Loretta, Betty, Arcelia, Bill, Tom, Kay, Sandra, Audrey, Caroline; for our homeless brothers and sisters; for all refugees and immigrants; for an end to violence of all kind. For those who have died – Dr. Young Kwon, Steve Krieger; For the church – For Michael our Presiding Bishop; our Bishops John and Diane; for our clergy: Jane, Dean, Beryl, Peter, and Steve; for our Vestry and staff.

LET US PRAY WITH YOU
In worship on Sundays and Thursdays, we name in prayer those who have asked us to hold in prayer and homebound members of our community. Our practice is to keep people on the list for 4 weeks unless asked to take someone off sooner or keep them on longer. Please, email the office (office@stlukeslb.org) or Sister Susan Alice Metzmaker (sametzmaker@aol.com) to add someone to our prayer list. Also, on Sunday mornings, please join our prayer partners in the Chapel for prayers of intercession, assistance, and thanksgiving.

**If this is your first time visiting us, please fill out the yellow Visitors Card found in the front of your pew or at the back of the church. Cards may be placed in the offertory plate or given to an usher. **

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK (AUGUST 29 – SEPTEMBER 5)
Check the Weekly Newsletter for more information.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29**
8am – Holy Eucharist in English
10am – Holy Eucharist in English
11:30am – Church Cracked Open
(Weekend 4-Week Group)
12:30pm – Misa en Español

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**
10:00am – Healing Eucharist (Chapel)
10:45am – Bible Study (Commins Room)
7:00pm – Weekly Watch (Zoom)
8:30pm – Compline (Zoom)

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**
4:00pm – Tea & Talk (Zoom)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**
7:30am-Noon – Homeless Ministry:
Showers, Clothes & Food
Contact: Gail Mutke (gamutke@verizon.net)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**
8am – Holy Eucharist in English
10am – Holy Eucharist in English
12:30pm – Misa en Español