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 the Rev. Dr. Antonio Gallardo at agallardo@stlukeslb.org or contact the church office at 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 Improvisation on 'Lobe den Herren'  
David Tinoco

Hymn 390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation  
Lobe den Herren  
If you are able, please stand.

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 of Praise We Have Come Into His House  
Bruce Ballinger
Collect of the Day

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

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading  Genesis 45:3-11, 15

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. Thanks be to God.
Psalm 37

Remain seated. The soloists will sing first, then the congregation will repeat.

Nancy Raabe
St. Luke’s Soloists

REFRAIN

Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

REFRAIN

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart’s desire.

REFRAIN

Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.
Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.
For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

REFRAIN

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there. But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

REFRAIN

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O Lord; you are their stronghold in time of trouble. You, O Lord, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicker and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

REFRAIN

The Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

A reading from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians.

Someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. Thanks be to God.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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

We believe in God
who is never confined to our imagining,
is never in bondage to our understanding
and never kept within our dwelling places.

Our God is the mystery
of divine and human, bound together,
of power and vulnerability,
of crucifixion and resurrection.

Our God is the wonder
of truth and compassion,
of liberation and responsibility,
of eternal wisdom and amazing grace.

We celebrate this God
who leaps free of all our boundaries in love,
stretching out beyond any barricades
and in mercy bending deep
into fragile human hearts.

(Source: Celtic Daily Prayer, Vol. 2 in the Celtic Communion service)

The Prayers of the People  Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant    O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

People   God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and oblation to God.

Offertory Anthem  O Love, How Deep  Everett Titcomb
O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
How passing thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals’ sake.
For us he prayed, for us he taught,
For us his daily works he wrought,
By words and signs and actions, thus
Still seeking not himself, but us.

All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
For ever and forever more. Amen.

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.

Offertory Hymn 581  Where charity and love prevail  Cheshire
The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving  
*Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 1*

*If you are able, please stand.*

---

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

*People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

---

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

---

**Sanctus**

*Freedom Mass*

---

9
Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

_Celebrant and People_

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

_The Celebrant continues_

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with blessed Mary, blessed Luke, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.

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  The Gift of Love  Arr. Hal H. Hopson

Through I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be giv’n by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed.
By this we worship and are freed. Amen.
The Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant  Let us pray.

People  God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and 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

Announcements

Hymn 618  Ye watchers and ye holy ones  Lasst uns erfreuen
If you are able, please stand.

Dismissal

Deacon  Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.

Postlude  Carillon de Westminster  Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
David Tinoco
*We pray for our community:*
For all those who have asked for our prayers: Amos, Debra, Kim, Shelley, Luis Eduardo, Stacy, Beryl, Gary, Charlotte, Jason, Paulina, Deming, Michelle, Debbie, Joan; for the people of Ukraine and all those working to maintain peace; for our homeless siblings; for all those whose lives and livelihoods are affected by COVID-19; for all refugees and immigrants; for an end to violence of all kind.

*For those who have died* – Wayne Byers, Joyce Coley, Maida Parker, Terri Lynn Christensen, Jane Lawler, Shirley Daniels

*For the church* – For Michael our Presiding Bishop; our Bishop John; for our clergy: Jane, Antonio, Dean, Beryl, Peter, and Steve; for our Vestry and staff.

**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. We would love to get to know you and keep you informed of the many activities happening at St. Luke's! Cards may be placed in the offertory plate or given to an usher. If you are interested in our Ministry with Young People, please get a brochure from an usher, or the table in the back of the church.**

*Today’s Coffee Hour* is hosted by Chris & Claudia Bryan Ward.

---

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27: CELEBRATE CARNIVAL**

11:00am – BILINGUAL JAZZ MASS  
*Guest Preacher*: Rev. Dr. Robert Chao Romero  
DAN COLE & GRUPO ARROYO  
PLUS VICTOR VENTO & OUR ST. LUKE'S SOLOISTS

12:30pm – GUMBO & OTHER TRADITIONAL CARNIVAL FOODS  
1:00pm – BROWN CHURCH: MISION INTEGRAL  
*A presentation on the missional power of Brown Church in the Americas.*
GETTING READY FOR LENT

No later than Sunday, February 27, bring your old Palms so that we can burn them on Shrove Tuesday, March 1. The palms, which we wave in celebration of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, become the ashes we impose on Ash Wednesday as symbols of our mortality and separation from God.

On Shrove Tuesday, we plan to host a Family-Friendly Community Pancake Supper. As with all things, we move forward with COVID-caution but our hope is that infection rates in late February will be low enough for us to invite friends and family for pancakes. Our plan is to use the Parish Hall and courtyard with Parish Hall sliders open. The evening will conclude by 7:00pm with the Burning of the Palms.

GREAT MIGRATION GROUP READING “SEE NO STRANGER”

Our next meeting will be the evening of February 21 at 7:00pm. We will be reading “See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love” by Valerie Kaur. The book is broken into 3 parts: Part One: See No Stranger: Loving Others; Part Two: Tend The Wound: Loving Opponents; and Part Three: Breathe and Push: Loving Ourselves. The book has 327 pages. The church bookstore has copies. We are continuing with Chapter 2. We will meet every third Saturday of the month.

ST. LUKE’S/SAN LUCAS LA VOICE TEAM: Wednesday, February 23 at 6:30pm

Whether you can be part of the LA Voice training on the 15th or not, join our St. Luke’s / San Lucas Team as we come together to leverage the power of our faith voices as we stand with members of our parish and beyond who are suffering the consequences of inadequate housing, economic inequality, immigration status, and systemic racism.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Ash Wednesday Worship with the Imposition of Ashes will be on March 2

7:30am & Noon
Worship at 7:00am & Noon will be in English with no music

7:00pm
Worship will be Bilingual with music and live streamed

If you won’t be able to join us at the church for Ash Wednesday Worship but want ashes, please contact the office (office@stlukeslb.org) to receive ashes for use during live streamed worship.
CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK (FEBRUARY 20 – 27)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20
8am – Holy Eucharist in English
9:45am – Drop-in Church School
10am – Holy Eucharist in English
12:30pm – Misa en Español

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Church Office Closed
7:00pm – Great Migration Group (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23
6:30pm – St. Luke’s/San Lucas LA Voice Team (Zoom)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24
10:00am – Healing Eucharist (Chapel)
10:45am – Bible Study (Commins Room)
7:00pm – Weekly Watch (Zoom)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25
4:00pm – Tea & Talk (Zoom)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26
7:30am-Noon – Homeless Ministry: Showers, Clothes & Food
Contact: Gail Mutke (gamutke@verizon.net)
9:00am – Manna Meals
Contact: Patricia Waldeck (pswaldeck@cs.com)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27
8am – Holy Eucharist in English
10:45am – Drop-in Church School
11am – Bilingual Eucharist
12:30pm – Gumbo Fest & King’s Cake
1:00pm – Brown Church: Misión Integral