Holy Eucharist

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
THE LAST SUNDAY after PENTECOST
November 21, 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  Sonata per l’Organo a Clindro  
Luigi Cherubini  
Dr. Gukhui Han

Hymn 494 (v.1-3)  Crown him with many crowns  
Diademata

Opening Acclamation  Please stand.

Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

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.

Benedictus es, Domine  
John Rutter

1. Glo-ry to you, Lord

God of our fa-thers; you are wor-thy of praise;

glo-ry to you.

2. Glo-ry to you

for the ra-di-ance of your ho-ly Name; we will

praise you and highly ex-alt you for ev-er.
Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
The First Reading  2 Samuel 23:1-7

A reading from Second Samuel.

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

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

Psalm 132

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

Donald Busarow
St. Luke’s Soloists

REFRAIN:

Lord, remember David, and all the hardships he endured; how he swore an oath to the Lord and vowed a vow to the Mighty One Jacob: “I will not come under the roof of my house, nor climb into my bed; I will not allow my eyes to sleep, nor let my eyelids slumber; until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.” “The ark! We heard it was in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Ja’ar.

Let us go to God’s dwelling-place; let us fall upon our knees before God’s footstool.”

Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, you and the ark of your strength.

REFRAIN

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; let your faithful people sing with joy. For your servant David's sake, do not turn away the face of your anointed.

The Lord has sworn an oath to David, and in truth, will not break it: “A son, the fruit of your body will I set upon your throne.

If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, their children will sit upon your throne forevermore.”

REFRAIN

For the Lord has chosen Zion, desiring Jerusalem for a habitation: “This shall be my resting-place forever; here will I dwell, for I delight in Zion.

I will surely bless the city’s provisions, and satisfy the poor with bread.

I will clothe the priests with salvation, and the faithful in Zion will rejoice and sing. There will I make the horn of David flourish; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.

As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; but as for him, his crown will shine.”

REFRAIN
The Second Reading Revelation 1:4b-8

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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Gospel Procession He Is King of Kings

The Gospel John 18:33-37

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.
The Sermon
Silence follows the sermon.

This morning, we welcome back to St. Luke’s former Associate Rector, The Rev. Anna Olson. Anna has more than 20 years’ experience in parish leadership and faith-based organizing. She currently serves as Associate Program Director at Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary, where she oversees the implementation of a new leadership development project for the seminary’s senior students.

Affirmation of Faith  If you are able, please stand.

1 We believe in God almighty, Author of all
2 We believe that Jesus suffered, scourged and scorned and
3 We believe in God’s own Spirit, brooding all the
   things that be, Maker of the earth and heavens, Keeper
   crucified; taken from the cross, was buried—True Life
   saints within one church, universal, holy, where for-
   of the sky and sea. We believe in God’s Son,
   there had truly died. We believe that on the
   goodness frees from sin; in the body’s resur-
   Jesus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spirit
   third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then ascended
   recreation, for the breaking of death’s chain gives the life that’s
   and of Mary born, to bring an abundant life.
   to God’s right hand. Christ will come to judge and save.
   everlasting. This the faith that we have claimed.
Litany of Thanksgiving

Leader: As we gather in prayer, I invite your intercessions and thanksgivings.

(Please offer your own prayers aloud or silently.)

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

Leader: For the beauty and wonder of God’s creation, in earth and sky and sea,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To Him be praise and glory with you. Our Father and our Holy Spirit now and evermore.

Amen.
Confession and Absolution
Celebrant  Let us confess our sins to God.

People  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.

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  Now thank we all our God  Johann Cruger
Harmonized by Felix Mendelssohn Arr. Mark Hayes

Now thank we all our God,
Give thanks unto our God!

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from out mother’s arms, hath blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
Through ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in good grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, now joyfully be given,
The Son, and God who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav’n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Now thank we all our God!

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.
The Holy Eucharist

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

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:
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 sing,
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.

Sung by the cantor:
I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord; for He has been so good to me.

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  Amazing Grace (My chains are gone)  Arr. Joel Raney

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved:
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

My chains are gone. I’ve seen set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, his mercy reigns: unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures:
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

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Communion Hymn 324  Let all mortal flesh keep silence  Picardy
Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant  Let us pray.
People  Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements

Hymn 616 (v. 1-3)  *Hail to the Lord's Anointed  *Es flug ein kleins Waldvöglein

Dismissal

Deacon  Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People  Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude  *All Hail the Power  *Kevin A. Memley  *Dr. Gukhui Han

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for our planet.

We pray for those in our community:
For Gary, Mona, Audrey, Betty, Joan, Debra; 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 – Miriam Ayala

For the church – For Michael our Presiding Bishop; our Bishop John;
for our clergy: Jane, Jennifer, 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. **
CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK (NOVEMBER 21 – 28)
Check the Weekly Newsletter for more information.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21: CHRIST THE KING
GRATITUDE SUNDAY: UTO IN-GATHERING
8am – Holy Eucharist in English
9:45am – Drop-in Church School for Children in the Play Area
10am – Holy Eucharist in English
12:30pm – Misa en Español

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
7:00pm – Weekly Watch: “The Card Counter” (Zoom)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 – Thanksgiving
Church Office Closed
10:00am – Thanksgiving Day Eucharist (Chapel)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26
Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27
7:30am-Noon – Homeless Ministry: Showers, Clothes & Food
Contact: Gail Mutke (gamutke@verizon.net)
Manna Meals
Contact: Patricia Waldeck (pswaldeck@cs.com)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 – ADVENT 1
8am – Holy Eucharist in English
8:30am – Advent Bible Study (Commins Room)
9:45am – Drop-in Church School for Children in the Play Area
10am – Holy Eucharist in English
12:30pm – Misa en Español
UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO) IN-GATHERING

St. Luke's United Thank Offering In-gathering is on Sunday, November 21. The United Thank Offering is a personal and family devotional program of The Episcopal Church. It is a practice in our life in Christ that begins with daily prayers and gifts of thanksgiving. These gifts of thanksgiving – coins and bills dropped in the UTO Blue Box – total between $2 and $3 million each year and are given away in the form of grants supporting the mission and ministry of the Church throughout the world. Every penny of the Offerings is allocated each year for granting. The mission of the United Thank Offering is to expand the circle of thankful people. Blue Boxes and envelopes are available in the Narthex.

In 2020, St. Luke's received a "UTO Seed Money Grant" to build our new laundry for the Shower Program and to launch a small Laundry Love project at St. Luke's. Now is our chance to offer our gifts of gratitude because the UTO has blessed us and we can help it bless others.

INSPIRING START WITH PLEDGE COMMITMENT SUNDAY
Many thanks to our 58 pledge leaders who have committed to giving $242,684 to St. Luke’s in 2022. We already are more than halfway to the Vestry Pledge Goal of $340,000. Among our pledge leaders, we have 31 increased pledges and 6 new pledges. If you have not yet made your pledge commitment for 2022, submit your card on Sunday or through the mail. “For it is in giving that we receive.”

JOIN US FOR THANKSGIVING DAY EUCHARIST AT 10AM
Thanksgiving hymns proclaim, “Come ye thankful people come,” and “we gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing” but these days few of us make time for God on Thanksgiving. Somehow feasting, family, friends, and football are the focus. This Thanksgiving, take a break from the festivities of the day, and join us in the Chapel as we offer our prayers of gratitude to God, and gather for Eucharist, which is the great thanksgiving.

ADVENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 28 & THE BOOKSTORE HAS ALL YOU NEED!
As you make your New Year’s Resolutions about how you will prepare for Christ being born in and through you, check out all the resources available for free and purchase at our Bookstore. The Bookstore has a wide assortment of materials to support you in observing a blessed season. Advent Candles, wreaths, and calendars as well as booklets with daily readings and adult and children's books to deepen your experience. Stop by on Sundays and browse our great selection!

Also, mark your calendar for Advent study and worship opportunities. Taize Advent Lessons and Carols will be on Zoom at 7:00 on December 14, and Advent Compline will be offered on Zoom every Thursday Evening at 8:30. On Thursday mornings at 10:00, we’ll gather in the Chapel for Healing Prayers and Eucharist with Bible Study following at about 10:45. We’ll also offer two special Advent Bible Studies. Deacon Steve and Dr. Nancy will return with 9am Sunday morning Bible Study in the Commins Room. And we’ll gather folks on Zoom at 6pm on Wednesdays for the Episcopal Church’s Way of Love Advent Bible Study.