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  *In This Moment of Remembrance*  
Dale Wood  
Dr. Gukhui Han

Hymn 410  *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*  
*Lauda anima*

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.*

Benedictus es, Domine  
*John Rutter*

1. Glory to you, Lord  
God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise;  
glory to you.  

2. Glory to you  
for the radiance of your holy Name; we will  
praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
The First Reading  Job 42:1-6, 10-17
A reading from the Book of Job.

Job answered the Lord: “I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. ‘Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.’ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.” And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

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

Psalm 34
David Cherwien
The soloists will sing first, then the congregation will repeat.
St. Luke’s Soloists

REFRAIN:

I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God’s name together.
I sought the Lord who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.
Look upon the Lord and radiant, and let not your faces be shamed.
I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

REFRAIN

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord, and delivers them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!
Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

REFRAIN

The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the broken hearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.
Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord delivers them from every one.
God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.
Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will be punished.

REFRAIN
Gospel Processional  We are often tossed and driv’n

1. We are often tossed and driv’n on the restless sea of time,
2. We are often destitute of the things that life demands,
3. Trials dark on every hand, and we cannot understand,
4. Temptations, hidden snares often take us unaware,

1. Somber skies and howling tempest oft succeed a bright sunshine;
2. Want of food and want of shelter, thirsty hills and barren lands;
3. All the ways that God would lead us to that blessed promised land;
4. And our hearts are made to bleed for many a thoughtless word or deed;

1. In that land of perfect day, when the mists have rolled away,
2. We are trusting in the Lord, and according to His word,
3. But He guides us with His eye and we’ll follow till we die,
4. And we wonder why the test when we try to do our best.

By and by when the morning comes, When the saints of

God are gathered home, We’ll tell the story

how we’re overcome; For we’ll understand it better by and by, by and by.
The Gospel  Mark 10:46-52

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews

Silence follows the sermon.

Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews is Deputy Director & Chief Faith Officer of the Faith in Action National Network. He is an American Baptist minister and President of the Alliance of Baptists, a theological home for progressive Baptists in pursuit of God's justice and partnership in mission. He also is a member of the Auburn Senior Fellows program, which equips and gives a platform to top faith leaders on the frontlines for justice.

Affirmation of Faith If you are able, please stand.

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

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader       Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may commit to heal and defend the earth; pour your blessing upon all in leadership that they might honor your creation, and for all who work for the good of the planet.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings in our lives and in the world you have made.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Comforter of all the earth, sustain all those who desire or need your presence and help [especially ________________].

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died [especially ________________].

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Presider       Eternal God, the light of all who know you, come and fill our hearts with your love. Help us speak when many keep silent, help us stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and charity, until your kingdom comes and heaven and earth rejoice in everlasting glory; through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*(source: Anne Kelsey, *SCLM 78th General Convention Liturgies Honoring God in Creation)*
Confession and Absolution

Celebrant  Let us confess our sins to God.

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

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

Offertory Anthem  Jesus is the Way

When all is lost, in Him we’re found. When troubles come, we will not fear. Jesus is the Way. Jesus is the Way.
When we have reached out journey’s end, Jesus is the Way. Jesus is the Way.
We’ll spend eternity with our friend. Jesus, He is the Way.

Karen Crane

Jesus is the Way. Jesus is the Way. We know the Lord is always near. Jesus, He is the Way.

He is the Way, the Truth, the Life, He is the Way. Jesus, He is the Way.

Leading us homeward ev’ry day. Leading us homeward ev’ry day.

Keeping us ever in His sight. Keeping us ever in His sight.

He is the Way. Jesus is the Way. He is the Way. He is the Way.

We walk in peace, the Lord our guide. He is the Way, the Truth, the Life,

Jesus is the Way. Jesus is the Way. Leading us homeward ev’ry day.

Forever in His love abide. Keeping us ever in His sight.

Jesus, He is the Way. Jesus, He is the Way.

He is the Way, the Truth, the Life,

Leading us homeward ev’ry day. Jesus is the Way. He is the Way!

Keeping us ever in His sight.

He is the Way. Jesus, He is the Way.
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  

**O Christ, the healer we have come**  


| 1. O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for  |
| 2. From every ail-ment flesh endures our bodies  |
| 3. How strong, O Lord, are our desires, how weak our  |
| 4. In conflicts that destroy our health we recog-  |
| 5. Grant that we all, made in one faith, in your com-

health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to
clam-or to be freed; yet in our hearts we
know-ledge of our-selves! Re-lease in us those
nize the world’s dis-ease; our com-mon life de-
mu-ni-ty may find the whole-ness that, en-

be re-stored, when reached by love that never ends?
would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep-est need.
heal-ing truths un-con-scious pride re-sists our selves.
clares our ills: is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
rich-ing us, shall reach the whole of hu-man-kind.
The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving  Eucharistic Prayer C
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 our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:
And so, Holy God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.
Lord God of our Ancestor: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Hannah, Deborah, Miriam, and Mary; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, holy God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.

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*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.

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*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  *For the Bread which You Have Broken*  César Franck  arr. Mark Schweizer

For the bread which you have broken,  As our blessed ones adore you,
For the wine which you have poured,  Seated at our Father’s board,
For the words which you have spoken,  May the Church still waiting for you
Now we give you thanks, O Lord.  Keep love’s tie unbroken, Lord.
By your call to heav’n above us,  In the world to which you send us,
Hallow all our lives, O Lord.  Let your kingdom come, O Lord. Amen.

Communion Hymn 671 (v.1-3)  *Amazing grace!*  New Britain

Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant*  Let us pray.

*People*  Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.  (*Prayer of St. Francis*)

The Blessing

Announcements

Hymn 691  *My faith looks up to thee*  Olivet

Dismissal

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

Postlude  *Bind Us Together*  Arr. Joel Raney  Dr. Gukhui Han

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The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God In memory of Susan Holgate’s mother, Mary Westfall Graham.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY
For Ronald, Teresa, Luis Eduardo; 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 – Mary Westfall Graham
For the church – For Michael our Presiding Bishop; our Bishops John and Diane; 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 (OCTOBER 24 – 31)
Check the Weekly Newsletter for more information.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24
8am – Holy Eucharist in English
9:45am – Drop-in Church School for Children in the Play Area
10am – Holy Eucharist in English
Guest Preacher: Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews
11:30am – BIPOC Lunch with Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews
12:30pm – Misa en Español
1:45pm – Becoming Beloved Community Workshop with Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28
10:00am – Healing Eucharist (Chapel)
10:45am – Bible Study (Commins Room)
7:00pm – Weekly Watch (Zoom)
8:30pm – Compline (Zoom)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29
4:00pm – Tea & Talk (Zoom)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30
10:30am-2:30pm – Join in the Creation of our Día de los Muertos Altar

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31
8am – Holy Eucharist in English
9:45am – Drop-in Church School for Children in the Play Area
10am – Holy Eucharist in English
12:30pm – Día de los Muertos Misa en Español
1:45pm – Día de los Muertos Fiesta
TODAY WE WELCOME GUEST PREACHER
REV. MICHAEL-RAY MATHEWS

Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews is Deputy Director & Chief Faith Officer of the Faith in Action National Network. Today, he will preach at 10:00am, join BIPOC members of St. Luke’s for lunch in the Commins Room at 11:45am, and lead a bilingual Beloved Community Training for the entire congregation at 1:45pm. Please join us TODAY for this afternoon's Becoming Beloved Community events with Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews.

JOIN DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS REMEMBRANCE

With almost 800,000 deaths due to COVID-19 this year, all of us have lived in the midst of death. Many of us have lost a loved one to COVID or other causes. Día de los Muertos offers a time of Remembrance and Relationship. It celebrates the reality that death does not separate us from those who have died. Please email to office@stlukeslb.org names and photographs of friends and family who have died whom you would like included on our Día de los Muertos Altar. Everyone is welcome on Saturday, October 30 as we create our Altar, and on Sunday, October 31 at 12:30 as we call out the names of the dead.

COME CELEBRATE THE SAINTS WITH BAPTISM

On Sunday, November 7 when we celebrate the Saints, we will read the names of members of St. Luke’s who died this year, and we will welcome new members into the Body of Christ through baptism. If you are interested in baptism, talk with the clergy TODAY. In addition, please complete a baptism registration form, available from the ushers or the church office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION GATHERING – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 6:00pm

Our next Baptismal Day will be All Saints Sunday, November 7, at 10:00am. On that day, we truly will weave together the living and the dead as we remember those who have died, and welcome new members into the body of Christ. On Tuesday, November 2 at 6:00pm, anyone interested in being baptized, as well as baptism sponsors such as parents, guardians, and Godparents are asked to attend our Baptism Preparation Gathering. We'll meet in Room A101 in Building A, accessible from the 7th Street parking lot. Before the gathering on the 2nd, please complete a Baptism registration form, available from the ushers or from the church office.