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  *Vom Himmel Hoch, Da Komm Ich Her (From Heaven Above To Earth I Come)*  
Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau  
Dr. Eveline Eng

Hymn 1  *Father, we praise thee, now the night is over*  
*Christe sanctorum*

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

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&\text{With open hearts, open arms, open minds there is} \\
&\text{welcome in this place, there is welcome in this space, there is} \\
&\text{welcome with embrace, with open hearts, hearts.} \\
&\text{A place of caring and acceptance,} \\
&\text{A place for risking and affirming,} \\
&\text{A place for healing and releasing} \\
&\text{A place to question and to wonder,}
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Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. Thanks be to God.
Psalm 125
The soloist will sing first, then the congregation will repeat.

Donald Busarow
Harlee Balajadia, Soloist

REFRAIN:

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which

cannot be moved but stands fast forever.

The mountains surround Jerusalem; so you surround your people, O Lord,
From this time forth forevermore.
The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just,
So that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

REFRAIN

Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart.
As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers;
But peace be upon Israel.

REFRAIN

A Reading  James 2:1-10, 14-17

A reading from the Epistle of James.
My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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The Gospel  

Mark 7:24-37

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

People  
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

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; for our clergy: Jane, Dean, Beryl, Peter, and Steve; for our Vestry and staff; and for all bishops and other ministers.
People  For all who serve God in the 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 Maria

Ave Maria, piena di grazie il Signor e teco.
Tu sei benedetta fra le donne,
Tu sei benedetta fra le donne.
E benedetto il frutto del ventre tuo Gesù.
Maria! Maria!
Ave Maria, piena di grazie. Ave!

Sancta Maria, Madre di Dio,
Prega per noi peccatori, peccatori,
A desso e nell'ora della nostra morte,
Della nostra morte.

Maria, Maria,
Prega per noi
A desso, e nell'ora della nostra morte!
Maria! Maria, prega per noi, Maria!

Amen!

Hail Mary, full of graces the Lord and with you.
You are blessed among women,
You are blessed among women.
And blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus.
Maria! Maria!
Hail Mary, full of graces. Ave!

Sancta Maria, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners, sinners,
Now and in the hour of our death,
Of our death.

Maria, Maria,
Pray for us
Now, and at the hour of our death!
Maria! Mary, pray for us, Mary!

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.
The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose:

1. It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with praise and singing.

2. Ears of the deaf shall hear and rejoice with praise and singing.

3. Tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with gladness.

4. Ground will become a pool and the dry land springs of water.

The Holy Eucharist

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

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our 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 *Walk Together Children*  
Traditional Spiritual arr. Moses Hogan  
Harlee Balajadia, Soloist

(Refrain)
Oh, walk together children, don’t you get weary,  
Walk together children, don’t you get weary,  
Walk together children, don’t you get weary,  
There’s a great camp meetin’ in the promised lan’.

(Refrain)
Gonna walk and never tire,  
Oh, walk and never tire,  
Gonna walk and never tire,  
There’s a great camp meetin’ in the promised lan’.

Communion Hymn *Heal me, hands of Jesus*  
Sharpe

1. Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain: remove my fear and bring me peace again.
2. Cleanse me, blood of Jesus, take bitterness away; let heaven’s serenity be mine, for Jesus brings me peace!
3. Know me, mind of Jesus, and show me all my sin;edis
4. Fill me, joy of Jesus: anxiety shall cease and store my hope, remove my fear and bring me peace today.
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 493** O for a thousand tongues to sing

Dismissal

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

Postlude Victory Through Faith

Cover image: Michael Cook, *Crumbs of Love*, 2009
The **Aumbry Candle** is given to the Glory of God In celebration of Harry & Susan Holgate’s grandson, Janek B. Buczkowski.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

For Beryl, Ernie, Joan, Ron, Sue, Harry, Ruth, Kim, Gordon, Paul, Loretta, Betty, Arcelia, Bill, Tom, Kay, Sandra, Audrey, Caroline, Laura, Cassidy, Nicole, Gus, Kathy, Carl, Nesi; for our homeless brothers and sisters; 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* – Gordon Thomas, Dodie Filler

*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. 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.**

**AUMBRY CANDLE & FLOWER DEDICATIONS OR REMEMBRANCES**

Donating to the Aumbry Candle or Flower Fund is a wonderful way to honor someone who has died, to celebrate a special occasion, or to give thanks for blessings. Candles are $10 and checks may be made to St. Luke’s with "Aumbry Candle" noted on the check. We spend $100-$150 a week on flower arrangements but donations of all amounts are greatly appreciated. Checks may be made to St. Luke’s with “Flowers” in the memo line. We print dedications and remembrances each week as we receive them. Contact the office (office@stlukeslb.org) with questions or for more information.
CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK (SEPTEMBER 5 – 12)
Check the Weekly Newsletter for more information.

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 – LABOR DAY
Church Office Closed

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
10:00am – Healing Eucharist (Chapel)
10:45am – Bible Study (Commins Room)
7:00pm – Weekly Watch (Zoom)
8:30pm – Compline (Zoom)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
4:00pm – Tea & Talk (Zoom)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
7:30am-Noon –
Homeless Ministry: Showers, Clothes & Food
Contact: Gail Mutke (gamutke@verizon.net)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
8am – Holy Eucharist in English
11am – Bilingual Worship
12:30pm – Ministry Fair (Parish Hall)

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 signup sheet at the Welcome Table if you would be willing to host a Coffee Hour in the weeks ahead.

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
11:00AM BILINGUAL WORSHIP
12:15PM MINISTRY FAIR

Invite your friends as St. Luke's launches our Fall Season
Masks are required & food will be offered in single servings

PLEASE HELP THE ST. LUKE’S LB GIVES TEAM!
St. Luke’s hopes to raise $10,000 through the One Day (September 23) Giving Campaign — LB Gives. We are the only church invited to participate in LBGives 2021. To achieve our $10,000 goal, we need everyone in the parish using your email and social media platforms to ask your friends, colleagues, neighbors, and family to give. It’s a one-time ask, and we’ll make our $10,000 goal through a combination of gifts from longtime friends of the Shower Program as well as contributions from your social network eager to support you in making a difference in our community. Check out our LB Gives site link to LB Gives Showers page. Please contact the office (office@stlukeslb.org) if you are willing to be an LBGives Partner on September 23. We need many LBGives Partners to help us reach our $10,000 goal in support of the Shower Program.