

# The Hillside Messenger

## A Message from the Rector:

### St. Luke the Evangelist, Our Patron Saint

Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, is the Festival of St. Luke the Evangelist, the Patron Saint of our Parish. To the glory of God and in commemoration of St. Luke, I intend to celebrate Holy Communion in the Chapel at 7:00 PM on that day. There are a few reasons why we should observe this Festival:

- Firstly, we honor the Lord in the celebration of our Patronal Festival.
- Secondly, this is the Saint who was also called by St. Paul “the beloved physician” in *Colossians 4:14*. Believing, as we do at St. Luke’s Chapel in the Hills, that healing is an important part of our ministry to one another and to all, we should honor St. Luke as one to whom the Lord gave a ministry and gifts of heal-

ing and also as one who as a gospel-writer, or Evangelist, recorded the Lord Jesus Christ’s acts of healing.

- Thirdly, St. Luke emphasized through his Gospel account the



fact that the Gospel is for people of all kinds, both the poor and the rich, and for both Jew and Gentile. Through the writings of St. Luke the Evangelist, we catch a

glimpse of the love of God for all people.

- Fourthly, and this is perhaps not often mentioned, St. Luke wrote with the concern of the historian for a true and accurate account of events, since he wanted the person whom he addresses as “most excellent Theophilus” (*St. Luke 1:3*) to have a trustworthy record of the Gospel in which he had received instruction as a catechumen (one being taught the Christian faith in preparation for Holy Baptism). His concern for the history of the preaching of the Gospel and for the accurate record he wanted Theophilus to have led him to write the *Book of the Acts of the*

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**Apostles** as an account of how the Lord Jesus Christ not only ascended into heaven, but also poured out the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and first disciples, leading to mighty evangelism, the Church's continuing ministry of healing by the power of the Holy Spirit, and the expansion of Christianity through the Mediterranean lands. If we are concerned about the power of the Church and of all Christians to bear witness effectively to the Lord Jesus Christ in the world today, we must reflect on the example of St. Luke shown by his life and writings and pray for the grace to continue both the work of evangelism that he did and Christ's ministry of healing which accompanied the preaching of the Gospel (*Acts* 2:22; 2:43; 4:29-30; 5:12; 5:15-16; 8:13; 14:3).

It is probable that St. Luke was a martyr, but the date and place of his martyrdom is uncertain.

The Festival of St. Luke the Evangelist first began to be celebrated in the Western Church in the eighth century (p. 253, *The Oxford American Prayer Book Commentary*). The significance of this Festival for the Church is principally to direct her attention both to the importance of St. Luke's account of the Gospel—in particular, the love and healing power of God's Son revealed in it—and to the revelation of Christ's love and healing power in the Church today so that people may receive this healing in their bodies and souls (Collect, p. 253, *Book of Common Prayer*). It is noteworthy that the Collect for St. Luke the Evangelist first highlights the love and healing power of God's Son as revealed in the *Gospel according to St. Luke* and then prays that this same love and healing power may be shown in the Church for the purpose of the healing of "our bodies and our souls." The Collect stresses the primacy of Holy Scripture as the source of the revelation of God's love and healing power. The knowledge of this grace is available to anyone who reads the *Gospel according to St. Luke*. It is not limited to the person of St. Luke himself, nor does the Collect pray for God to show His Son's healing power and love only in a particular saint, martyr, evangelist, or pastor, but in the Church. The

reason for this is that there is only one Mediator between God and man, and He is the Lord Jesus Christ (*1 St. Timothy* 2:5). In the blessed Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for healing and receive from God the kind of healing He gives us. In the original Collect for St. Luke, the emphasis lies on the wholesome medicines of St. Luke's doctrines through which God heals "all the diseases of our souls" (*The First English Prayer Book*, 1549). The Collect for the 1928 *Book of Common Prayer* broadens the scope of God's love and healing power, not limiting it to the healing of diseases of our souls only but extending it to our bodies also, reflecting the holistic perspective on healing we find in St. Luke's account of the Gospel.

For if healing is limited to the healing of one kind of illness only—be it physical, mental, or spiritual—that limitation does not reflect the fullness of Christ's healing grace and power as we find it recorded in the Gospels, including the *Gospel according to St. Luke*. Here is an example of how St. Luke himself acknowledged the limitations of medicine in healing: In his account of the woman who had suffered hemorrhages for twelve years, he mentions that no one had been able

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to heal her. A variant reading of *St. Luke 8:43* adds that she had spent all her money on doctors. Even if it is unlikely this variant reading was a part of the original text, the implication of the verse is that doctors had tried to heal her but could not. The healing abilities of doctors and medicines in ancient times were of course far more limited than they are today, but the point of the Evangelist is that people's need for Christ's divine healing has not ceased. Even today, with all the advances in medical science, there are instances where neither surgery nor medicine is able to bring complete healing to a person. There is therefore always a need for the healing gifts (*I Corinthians 12:9*) which operate through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His healing grace.

Seeing that there are always people both in and outside of the Church who need healing, how can we at St. Luke's, be instruments of Christ's healing grace? This is our Spiritual Vision (please visit [www.StLukesChapel.church](http://www.StLukesChapel.church)).

Imagine a hospital in which the doctors don't have the skills needed for their profession and some patients discharge themselves against medical advice without waiting to be healed. If we think of the Church as a hospital, this is not the kind of hospital she should be. Submission to the authority of

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***Almighty God,  
who didst inspire Thy servant  
Saint Luke the Physician,  
to set forth in the Gospel  
the love and healing power  
of Thy Son;  
Manifest in Thy Church  
the like power and love,  
to the healing  
of our bodies and our souls;  
through the same Thy Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.***

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a doctor is required of a patient just as professional knowledge, skills, and behavior are required of a doctor. If a church is to be an effective hospital, it must foster a respect for the authority of its leaders and mutual respect of members for one another. The healing that we seek to receive and of which we wish to be ministers comes from God. First of

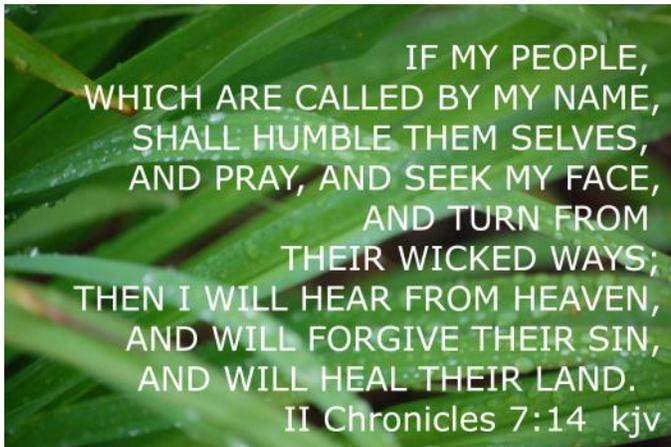
all, then, we must all love God more than we love anyone or anything else. This love will find expression in receiving from the Lord Jesus Christ the prescriptions He has given us for our health—both the word of God and the Sacraments, in particular, since our Baptism, the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Frequent reception of the Holy Communion ought to be one of our goals. (If anyone feels the service of Holy Communion is too long, he can come to the noon service of Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, or, if illness prevents even this, he can call the Rector to bring him Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.) Together with this goes a love for God's word, the Holy Bible. In this word, we find that to "fear the Lord and to depart from evil [is] health" (*Proverbs 3:8*); that the words of the Lord

bring life and healing (*Proverbs 4:22*); and that the Lord heals the backslidden (*Jeremiah 3:22*; *Hosea 14:4*). The Lord Jesus Christ's mission on earth included the healing of the sick, and through the Holy Spirit He continues to heal the sick today. To be a community of healing, we must all love

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## *Our Chapel Family Prayer List*

**O** God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for Thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way



of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness:

Archbishop Foley Beach;  
 Bishop Bill Ilgenfritz;  
 Canon Michael Penfield,  
 our Vicar-General;  
 Father Chris Parrish;  
 Deacon Peter Vogel; and  
 Deacon Linda Bracken;

also all those who serve as Thy ministers in gov-

erning our nation and state, particularly:

President Donald Trump;  
 and

Governor Jerry Brown;

as well as all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; especially those for whom our prayers are desired:

the soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, police officers, firefighters, and pilots who protect us every day; our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world;

all refugees;  
 all who have suffered loss, injury, or bereavement in the wake of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria and in the recent earthquakes in Mexico;

Tony Brown;

Kim Vogel;

Jim and Edna Davis;

Estelle Wilson;

Julia McNeely;

Joya de Rossett;

Sharon De Souza;

Debbie;

Scott;

Brittany;

Chuck;

Don Cottam;

James and Tanya Theiler;

Christian McKagan and his parents;

Lois Martins;

Dale Quinn;

Lisa;

Ben;

Marion;

Max;

Bishop Richard Boyce;

Dorian;

Kate Ward;

Kendra, Dan,  
 Emmalyn, and Dayna  
 Pack;

Ernst Hernandez;

Ray and Elodia Boreham;

Jan Martins;

Louanne Norman;

Reagan and  
 the Stanko family;

Elizabeth Ann and  
 her husband;

Stephen;

safety on the highways for all who commute, especially during rush hour;

the life and continuing longevity of St. Luke's

Chapel in the Hills;

and for all those who are in our hearts,

that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

*Please note:* This prayer list was current as of September 28th. Please contact Father Parrish to make corrections.

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the Lord wholeheartedly, love one another deeply, and be a people both obedient to God's word and prayerful. If visitors and strangers coming to our services can really say, "Truly, the presence of the Lord is among you," we shall have come a long way to showing people the Lord Jesus Christ by whom they can be healed.

The need for healing of all kinds is most apparent in American society. Racism and prejudice, divisions of class and economic status, and political divisions are all symptoms of a nation which needs the love of God and the healing of God. For some, even the importance of patriotism is overshadowed by injustices in society which are not being corrected. Football players kneeling instead of standing at the sound of the national an-

them are a signal of protest, but we certainly need people who will kneel in prayer for the healing of our nation and of society. Since we have St. Luke as the Patron Saint of our Parish, let us give ourselves to God in fervent prayer for the healing of ourselves, of the Church, of society, and of the United States of America.

– The Reverend  
Christopher Parrish

## Parish Postings

**The Vestry** will meet on Sunday, October 1st, immediately following the worship service. The meeting is open to all.



Please join your Chapel family for our Patronal Festival of St. Luke the Evangelist on Wednesday, October 18th. Father Parrish will celebrate Holy Communion at 7:00 PM.



**Joanna's Circle** will meet on Saturday, October 21st, at 10:00 AM for a

time of prayer, fellowship, and mutual support in living according to Christian principles. Any interested woman is invited to join us! We will meet at Le Boulanger, 301 Main Street in Los Altos.



It is the custom of the parishioners of St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills to remember all those of our family and friends who have gone to be with the Lord when we observe All Saints' Day. To that end, please give your list of remembrances to Father Parrish by Sunday, October 29th. Thank you!



**Father Parrish** is seeking Lay Readers to assist him with our worship services. Any confirmed parishioner is eligible to serve, and training will be provided. Please prayerfully consider joining this important ministry.



If you would like to have a favorite hymn sung on a particular Sunday, please let Father Parrish know the week before. If it is not in the *1940 Hymnal*, be sure to give him a clean copy of the music and lyrics. Thank you!

## *Upcoming Events*

### **Sunday, October 1st**

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Bible Study: Colossians 3*

9:15 AM

*Holy Communion with Healing Service*

10:00 AM

*Vestry Meeting*

immediately following the worship service

### **Sunday, October 8th**

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

*Bible Study: Colossians 4*

9:15 AM

*Office of Morning Prayer*

10:00 AM

*Holy Communion*

noon

### **Sunday, October 15th**

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Bible Study: Zechariah 1*

9:15 AM

*Holy Communion*

10:00 AM

### **Wednesday, October 18th**

Festival of St. Luke the Evangelist

*Holy Communion*

7:00 PM

### **Saturday, October 21st**

*Joanna's Circle*

meeting at Le Boulanger

301 Main Street

Los Altos

10:00 AM

### **Sunday, October 22nd**

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Bible Study: Zechariah 2*

9:15 AM

*Office of Morning Prayer*

10:00 AM

*Holy Communion*

noon

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### **Sunday, October 29th**

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

All Saints' Day memorials deadline

*Bible Study: Zechariah 3*

9:15 AM

*Holy Communion*

10:00 AM

### **Sunday, November 5th**

All Saints' Day observed

The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

*Bible Study: Zechariah 4*

9:15 AM

*Holy Communion with Healing Service*

10:00 AM



**And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, came behind Him, and touched the border of His garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanchèd.**

**And Jesus said, Who touched Me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with Him said, Master, the multitude throng Thee and press Thee, and sayest Thou, Who touched Me?**

**And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched Me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of Me.**

**And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before Him, she declared unto Him before all the people for what cause she had touched Him, and how she was healed immediately.**

**And He said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.**

***St. Luke 8:43-48***



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## Worship Schedule

# St.

Luke's Chapel in the Hills is a traditional Anglican parish which uses the 1928 edition *Book of Common Prayer*. We invite you to join us for worship soon!

*"A place  
where the Bible is taught."*



*Biblical in teaching.  
Liturgical in worship.  
Loving in practice.*

### First Sunday of each month

Holy Communion with Healing Service  
10:00 AM

### Second and fourth Sundays each month

Office of Daily Morning Prayer  
10:00 AM

Said Holy Communion  
noon

Please note that both services on Feast Days occurring on these Sundays will be Holy Communion.

### Third and fifth Sunday each month and Feast Days

Holy Communion  
10:00 AM