

The Hillside Messenger

A Message from the Rector: *St. Luke's Witness to the Lord Jesus Christ*

Our Patron Saint being St. Luke the Evangelist, whose Festival falls on October 18th, I shall explore some of the priorities associated with this saint.

First, he is one of the Four Evangelists, or authors of the four Gospel accounts in the New Testament. *The Gospel according to St. Luke* begins with a statement of the writer's awareness that he is not the first writer to document the narrative of the events of the Gospel, for in *St. Luke 1:1*, we read, "Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us" (NKJV). At the time St. Luke wrote, there were many accounts of the Gospel, even if now, in our Bible, we have only four. What happened to all those other Gospel narratives? We do not know. Either the Church regarded them as apocryphal, or they did not survive in manuscript form.

In his second introductory statement, St. Luke implies that he is himself not one of the original Apostles and eyewitnesses of Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection, but one of those to whom the "eyewitnesses and ministers of the word" (*St. Luke 1:2*, NKJV) delivered their testimony to the Gospel. Nevertheless, St. Luke acknowledges that from the first he has had a complete understanding of the Gospel events, enabling him to write "an orderly account" (*St. Luke 1:3*, NKJV). What this also tells us is that St. Luke was concerned to write an accurate, historically true Gospel narrative—he doesn't want to convey any untrue information or put any distorting spin on the truth of the Gospel. Finally, his writing has an immediate purpose: He is concerned

that the person of status whom he calls "most excellent Theophilus" (*St. Luke 1:3*, NKJV), who might have been a Roman government official only recently instructed in the Christian faith, might know for certain the facts



of the Gospel which he has been taught (*St. Luke 1:4*). Of course, it was not only Theophilus who benefitted from receiving this written record of the Gospel, but many others

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with whom it was shared and among whom it was circulated, including us who have received it as one of the books of our Bible.

The first four verses of St. Luke's Gospel account depict a saint who realizes that, though he is not the only author of a Gospel, he yet has a purpose in reflecting the historical truths of the Lord Jesus Christ's life and teaching as well as of His passion, death, resurrection, and ascension, and in making an accurate record of these for the purpose of confirming someone's instruction in the faith, a record that will be helpful for all who convert to the Christian faith or who have been taught it from their youth. What we learn from St. Luke's firm purpose to write his Gospel in order to reflect the historical and theological truths of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Gospel, so that even one Christian might have a firm grasp of his faith, is that we should ourselves have a firm purpose to know our faith—above all to know our Lord Jesus Christ and to know the Gospel by reading, learning, studying, and obeying it so that we may deliver it accurately to those with whom we share our faith. How important it is to have this steadfast resolve to know the truth of the Gospel and communicate it in a world in which so

many people are Biblically illiterate, with no knowledge of the Bible or the Gospel, and a world in which so much sin and evil abound!

One of the greatly encouraging themes of the ***Gospel according to St. Luke*** is the role of the Holy Spirit. In this Gospel, the Holy Spirit is closely linked to both prophecy and the advent of the Lord Jesus Christ, as well as to the proclamation of the Gospel after the Lord's ascension into heaven. For example, we read that John the Baptist would be filled with the Holy Spirit “even from his mother's womb” (***St. Luke 1:15c***, NKJV). The Holy Spirit enabled John the Baptist to speak as a prophet, as more than a prophet, as the forerunner of the Messiah, calling people to repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins. The Holy Spirit causes the Blessed Virgin Mary to conceive Jesus Christ, so that Jesus is called the Son of God (***St. Luke 1:35***). When St. Mary visited Elizabeth, Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit blessed Mary with this benediction:

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For indeed, as soon as the

voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.

St. Luke 1:42b-45, NKJV

In the power of the same Holy Spirit, St. Mary utters the *Magnificat* (***St. Luke 1:46-55***), glorifying God not only for doing great things for her, but for remembering His covenant with Israel and exalting the humble while putting down the mighty. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is associated with prophecy in this Gospel, and it is clear from St. Luke's narrative that these prophetic messages are inspired by the Holy Spirit and relate to the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ and to the significance of His coming and of His mission as well as to the coming of St. John the Baptist. In this Gospel, ordinary people receive and share these prophetic messages by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. In St. Luke's view, prophecy is by no means restricted to the recorded writings of the Old Testament prophets. The first two chapters of his Gospel are testimony to the

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role of the Holy Spirit in inspiring prophecy in various individuals who were looking forward to the coming of Christ. The descent of the Holy Spirit in bodily form on Jesus after His Baptism (*St. Luke 1:22*) demonstrates Jesus Christ is God's beloved Son, that He has the fullness of the Holy Spirit; and that He Himself baptizes with the Holy Spirit (*St. Luke 3:16c*). It also confirms the witness of *Hebrews 1:2* that in these last times, God has spoken to us through His Son.

Besides this emphasis on the Holy Spirit, at least in the early chapters of St. Luke's Gospel, there is an emphasis on people of all classes and nations coming into God's kingdom. The Gospel is for everyone. Consider the Parable of the Good Samaritan (*St. Luke 10:25-34*), in which it is the Samaritan who shows neighborly love to the man beaten and wounded by robbers. This surely excludes exclusivism of any kind in our treatment of others. As for those who rejected certain classes of Jewish society as sinners, the Parables of the Lost Sheep (*St. Luke 15:1-7*), the Lost Coin (*St. Luke 15:8-10*), and the Prodigal Son (*St. Luke 15:11-32*) reveal God's love for the lost and His will for each one to return to Him. This love is shown in Jesus' associating with

sinners instead of keeping aloof from them.

The healing ministry of Jesus, including forgiveness, looms large in St. Luke's portrayal of the Lord Jesus Christ. So does the Lord's teaching on generosity to the poor and the danger of hoarding wealth instead of using it to help others, the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (*St. Luke 16:19-31*) illustrating this.

Perhaps a verse near the end of this Gospel sheds light on one of the great truths St.

Luke communicates about Jesus. After the resurrection of Jesus, we encounter these words: "And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures" (*St. Luke 24:45*, NKJV). The Old Testament Scriptures that are full of prophecies about the Lord Jesus Christ have to be understood if we are to preach or share the Gospel effectively. For example, in witnessing to Jewish people, it may be helpful to know the important passages that contain prophecies of the Messiah

and His passion, death, and resurrection. The Lord Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, opens people's minds to understand the Bible, and being baptized with the

***For this reason I bow my knees
to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
from whom the whole family
in heaven and earth is named,
that He would grant you,
according to the riches of His glory,
to be strengthened with might
through His Spirit in the inner man,
that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;
that you,
being rooted and grounded in love,
may be able to comprehend with all the saints
what is the width and length and depth and height—
to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge;
that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.***

Ephesians 3:14-20, NKJV

Holy Spirit empowers Christians for service and witness.

The witness of St. Luke in his Gospel is not static but dynamic. Here we find that faith is not intended to stagnate or sink into oblivion. Rather, it must be living, powerful, and active in every Christian's life. Such a faith must be reflected in all aspects of our lives, as must be the presence of the Holy Spirit.

— The Reverend
Christopher Parrish

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;

Bishop
Richard Lipka;

Canon
Michael Penfield;

Father Chris Parrish;
Deacon Peter Vogel; and

Deacon Linda Bracken;

also all those who serve as Thy ministers in governing our nation and state, particularly:

President
Donald Trump; and

Governor
Gavin Newsom;

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, coasties, 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 from wildfires and those who provide disaster relief to them;

all who are suffering from the coronavirus, all medical personnel treating them, and all those who work with the public;

Jim and Edna Davis;

Estelle Wilson;

Joya de Rossett;

Debbie;

Scott;

Brittany;

James and Tanya Theiler;

Dale Quinn;

Brian Quinn;

Mark Quinn;

Lisa;

Ben;

Marion;

Flo;

Max;

Dan and Kendra Pack;

Ernst Hernandez;

the Stanko family;

Yoshihiko and Hideko Ikegami;

Lori Anderson;

Ali Hemphill;

Lori Hemphill;

Pennel Magaw;

Tracy Magaw;

Mary Frances Reeves;

Maryanne Sanchez;

Kaitlyn Lindstedt;

Brenda Terry;

Mrs. Kitt;

Jon Carter;

Marilyn;

Frank Capone;

the family of
John Jerrehian;

Rose Handwerker;

Ann and Frank MacVoy;

Gary Winiger;

Bishop Ilgenfritz;

Dave Shuman;

Barbara Busch;

Libby Codd;

Bridgitte Parrish;

Bill and Patsy Zahrt;

Maria Fernandez;

Patricia Bowers;

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 October 8th, and the people of St. Luke's will pray for each need until we are notified that it has been met. Please contact Father Parrish to add or remove names.



A Prayer for Our Congregation

O GOD, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
visit, we pray Thee,
the Congregation of St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills
with Thy love and favour;
enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel;
graft in our hearts a love of the truth;
increase in us true religion;
nourish us with all goodness;
and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same, O blessed Spirit,
whom, with the Father and the Son together,
we worship and glorify as one God, world without end.
Amen.

In Times of Great Sickness and Mortality

O MOST mighty and merciful God,
in this time of grievous sickness,
we flee unto Thee for succour.
Deliver us, we beseech Thee, from our peril;
give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick;
prosper the means made use of for their cure;
and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is,
we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



At Meetings of Convention

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God,
who by Thy Holy Spirit didst preside in the Council of the blessed Apostles,
and hast promised, through Thy Son Jesus Christ,
to be with Thy Church to the end of the world;
We beseech Thee to be with the Council of Thy Church
about to assemble/now assembled in Thy Name and Presence.
Save *the Synod* from all error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice;
and of Thy great mercy vouchsafe, we beseech Thee,
so to direct, sanctify, and govern *its delegates* in *their* work,
by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost,
that the comfortable Gospel of Christ may be
truly preached, truly received, and truly followed, in all places,
to the breaking down the kingdom of sin, Satan, and death;
till at length the whole of Thy dispersed sheep, being gathered into one fold,
shall become partakers of everlasting life;
through the merits and death of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

An Image of the Gospel Message

If you have ever wondered what the hardest part of compiling a monthly parish newsletter is, my answer may surprise you. Most people assume it is wrangling content from parishioners, but that is actually only the second-hardest part of this ministry. The most difficult part is selecting graphics to illustrate the articles.



Rejoice with Me,
for I have found My sheep which was lost!
St. Luke 15:6

To be fair, I make the task more complicated than it might otherwise be because of my own biases. I like to find pictures that portray the Scriptures as accurately as possible. Since I have never read about a halo over the head of any person mentioned in the Bible, I find myself avoiding art which depicts a halo. I've done this for the past sixteen years—until this month.

My process for finding graphics for this newsletter begins with prayer that God will help me find an image which faithfully illuminates the text. The answer I received as I considered Father Parrish's *St. Luke's Witness to the Lord Jesus Christ* was the image of the Good Shepherd. This was a surprise, because our Rector's message does not mention this particular parable. Even so (because there is no point in asking for help if I won't take it), I began my search.

There are many, many images of our Lord with sheep, and I could have selected any number of pictures which did not include the aforementioned halo, but not one of them received the same nudge from the Holy Spirit as the image you see on page 1.

Look at how beautifully and completely this image illustrates Jesus' mission to seek and rescue the lost and to bring them into an intimate, loving, trustful relationship with each Member of the Holy Trinity. It glows with the message of the Gospels.

Look at the expression on Jesus' face as He gazes at the lamb in His arms. He knows this lamb—its fears, its faults, its weaknesses. He knows that He will have to endure terrible suffering and an ignominious death for this little lamb's sake and that the lamb will still sometimes go astray, yet

He is willing to give all of Himself to save it (see **St. John 10:11, 14**). To me, Jesus looks pleased with His very good work. Surely this is a depiction of the rejoicing in heaven over a repentant sinner (see **St. Luke 15:7**). Now notice how closely He holds the rescued lamb. This lamb is treasured and protected, utterly secure in its salvation (see **St. John 10:28-29**).

Turning to the lamb, we see that it is also looking into Jesus' face. That lamb is full of gratitude, love, and trust. This is the peace which passes understanding. This is life lived in, with, and for our Lord.

I love that Jesus and the lamb are delighting in being in one another's company. What perfect reconciliation! I only hope that one day I will see such an expression on my Lord and Savior's face as He looks at me.

So there it is. Yes, I know that the Parable of the Good Shepherd is not a part of St. Luke's Gospel record, and it's true: I don't like haloes in art. Even so, I hope that this image will help everyone who reads our newsletter to more deeply grasp St. Luke's witness to our Lord.

— Kim Vogel

Parish Postings

Thanks be to God! St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills, while continuing to comply with County of Santa Clara Health Department orders to slow the spread of Covid-19, is now able to offer additional opportunities for worship.

Saturday Afternoon Holy Communion October 10th, 24th, and 31st 5:00 PM

Celebrations of Holy Communion are held outdoors on the grounds of the Chapel. The sound system is used so that everyone is able to hear and fully participate in the worship. Please note:

- You will need to let Father Parrish know you plan to attend all outdoor Holy Communion services well in advance so that appropriate safety preparations may be made prior to your arrival.
- You will need to park on the right-hand side of the Chapel's main doors so that every folding chair is socially distant from the others.
- Please take a seat in whichever empty chair is nearest the altar upon your arrival, filling in the chairs from front to back, so that every worshipper's space is respected.
- All attendees must wear face masks.
- The restroom will be available for hand washing. You may wish to bring and use hand sanitizer before the service begins.
- Father Parrish will wear gloves. Holy Communion will be administered with sterilized tweezers (intincted wafer only), and the wafer will be placed in the hands of each Communicant. Communicants will come up one by one to receive Holy Communion. Please move to the open space at the rear of the chairs before unmasking to swallow Communion.
- The service will be a said service with no singing.
- A sermon will be delivered.

Father Parrish says, "I understand that some will not want to attend a service of Holy Communion under these constraints, but this opportunity is provided for those of you who do wish to attend Holy Communion, provided the necessary safeguards are in place." He further notes that a pastor in Santa Clara who has held indoor services has, in addition to risking worshippers' physical health, incurred several thousand dollars in fines on behalf of the church.



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Parish Postings

Sunday Morning Prayer Services via Zoom 10:00 AM

Our Chapel Family continues to meet via Zoom teleconferencing for Morning Prayer on Sundays at 10:00 AM. Please join us, and invite your friends!

Note: If you prefer not to appear on the teleconference, you can still join us by phoning in to the meeting.

If you are new to using Zoom, the first thing to do is download the **free** Zoom app onto your computer, tablet, or phone. Do this well before the meeting.. It only takes a few minutes. Your device should have an internet connection, microphone, and speaker. Your device needs to have a camera if you want to see the group and be seen. Of course, smartphones and most computers already have all of that. On a Mac or PC just go to **<https://Zoom.us/download>** to get the app. To get the app on your phone, go to the appropriate app store and download it.

Father Parrish will e-mail a reminder with the meeting link and password a few days before we meet for Morning Prayer. He will also e-mail the bulletin for the weeks we worship via Zoom. If you have not received an invitation to a Zoom Morning Prayer service, please ask Father Parrish to add you to the list.

Then when it's time to begin Morning Prayer, click on our meeting link. If the site asks for the meeting password, type it in. Type in your name if it asks. The site may ask if you want to connect to the meeting with video or not. Then it will ask if you want to connect with computer audio; click that, and you're all set.



The Missionary Diocese of All Saints 2020 Diocesan Synod will take place via Zoom on Saturday, October 17th, at 10:00 AM. Please pray for our elected delegates, Clark Patteson and Kim Vogel, and for our clergy, Father Chris Parrish and Deacon Peter Vogel, as they attend. (Please see *For Meetings of Convention* on page 7.)



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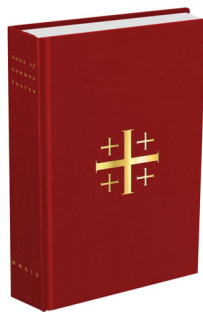
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The Vestry will meet on Sunday, October 18th, at 11:30 AM. The meeting will take place via Zoom following Morning Prayer at 10:00 AM and a period of fellowship. Any interested parishioner is invited to attend (just remain on the teleconference from Morning Prayer).



The Catechism Class will begin meeting via Zoom on Friday, October 23rd, at 2:00 PM. The class will meet weekly for eight sessions, each lasting 30 to 45 minutes. Father Parrish is offering this class as part of the Chapel's renewed focus on evangelism and discipleship. Participants will delve into what it means to be a Christian and learn how to share the Gospel. The class is open to all who are interested, whether already confirmed or preparing for Confirmation at the next visit of the Bishop. Please let Father Parrish know if you would like to join this class.



It is the custom of St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills to remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the Lord at our celebrations of All Saints' Day. Please send your memorials to Father Parrish by Tuesday, October 27th, so that they may be included in the bulletins for Holy Communion and Morning Prayer. Thank you!



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St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills will celebrate All Saints' Day 2020 with two worship services:

Holy Communion on the Chapel Grounds
Saturday, October 31st
5:00 PM

Morning Prayer via Zoom
Sunday, November 1st
10:00 AM



Please note that Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 1st, at 2:00 AM. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!



As we cannot pass the Alms Basin during teleconference worship services, please mail your tithes and offerings to:

St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills
26140 Duval Way
Los Altos Hills, California 94022-4413

Thank you!



Our ongoing ministry collecting non-perishable foods for the Downtown Palo Alto Food Closet is particularly important for our neighbors who are financially insecure during the Covid-19 pandemic. If you are able to make donations to the Food Closet, please do. The need is urgent. There are three ways you can help:

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- ...# **Bring food donations** to the Chapel when you come to an outdoor celebration of Holy Communion and place them in the wicker basket for delivery to the Food Closet.
- ...# **Take grocery donations** to the Food Closet yourself. The Food Closet is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM (Thursday to 6:30 PM). Donors may bring groceries and distribution items to the Food Closet at 425 Hamilton Avenue in Palo Alto on the All Saints' Church campus. Use the side door which is located to the left of the trash area to avoid the line.
- ...# **Send a monetary donation** to the Food Closet in care of All Saints' Church (please make the check payable to All Saints' Church and write *Food Closet* on the memo line):

All Saints' Episcopal Church
555 Waverley Street
Palo Alto, California 94301



Upcoming Events

While the Chapel itself remains closed in compliance with State of California and County of Santa Clara Shelter in Place orders to slow the spread of Covid-19, we continue to meet online for Morning Prayer and fellowship on Sundays and have been granted permission to meet outdoors for Holy Communion on Saturday afternoons. Please see *Parish Postings* for instructions on joining us for these services.

Sunday, October 4th

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Office of Morning Prayer via Zoom
10:00 AM

Saturday, October 10th

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion on the Chapel Grounds
5:00 PM

Sunday, October 11th

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Office of Morning Prayer via Zoom
10:00 AM

Saturday, October 17th

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Missionary Diocese of All Saints Synod via Zoom
10:00 AM

Sunday, October 18th

Festival of St. Luke the Evangelist
The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Office of Morning Prayer via Zoom
10:00 AM

Friday, October 23rd

Catechism Class via Zoom
2:00 PM

Saturday, October 24th

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion on the Chapel Grounds
5:00 PM

Sunday, October 25th

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Office of Morning Prayer via Zoom
10:00 AM

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Friday, October 30th

Catechism Class via Zoom
2:00 PM

Saturday, October 31st

Festival of All Saints
The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity
Holy Communion on the Chapel Grounds
5:00 PM

Sunday, November 1st

Festival of All Saints
The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity
Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 AM
Office of Morning Prayer via Zoom
10:00 AM

Tuesday, November 3rd

Election Day





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Non-Pandemic Worship Schedule (We live in hope!)

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, third, and fifth Sundays of each month

Holy Communion
(with Healing Service on First Sunday)
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.