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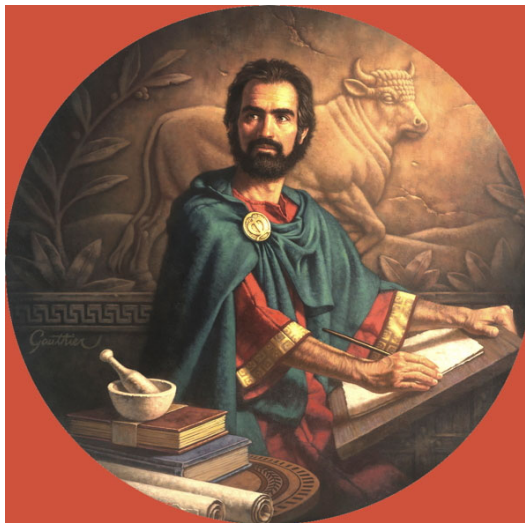
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A Message from the Rector: St. Luke the Evangelist

Since the Festival of St. Luke the Evangelist is celebrated on October 18th, it will be instructive to glean some insights both from the Gospel account that he wrote and from his life and witness as we see it reflected in other parts of the New Testament. This will mean continuing with our exposition of the Ten Commandments in a later article.

Any congregation that God leads to choose St. Luke the Evangelist as its patron saint will be concerned to reflect in its congregational life those graces, virtues, and doctrines which appear both in his life and in his writings. St. Luke was called by St. Paul “the beloved physician” (*Colossians 4:14*, KJV), and we read also in *II St. Timothy 4:11* that only St. Luke was with St. Paul when he wrote that epistle, which was probably dur-

ing his second imprisonment at Rome. From his profession as a doctor and from his ministry to St. Paul in prison, we know the love St. Luke had for people and for fellow believers. Though trained as a physician, St. Luke knew the limitations of medicine and surgery



when it came to healing people, and from the two books of the New Testament that St. Luke wrote, the *Gospel according to St. Luke* and the book of the *Acts of the Apostles*, we can discern how important it was for St. Luke to know and present

the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ as revealing both His power and grace to heal the sick supernaturally and the role of faith in such healing miracles. An example of St. Luke’s acknowledgement of the limitations of medicine in healing the sick can be seen in his description of the

woman who had a hemorrhaging illness for twelve years as having spent all her money on doctors without having been healed by any of them (*St. Luke 8:43*). By contrast, her faith in the Lord Jesus shown by her boldness in approaching Him and touching the edge of His cloak led to His divine power healing her completely.

For St. Luke the Evangelist, the Gospel is not just the preaching and teaching of Jesus Christ but the power of the Lord at work in healing the sick, casting out demons,

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cleansing lepers, opening the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf, and even raising the dead. St. Luke faithfully chronicled these same signs and wonders in *Acts of the Apostles* to show that the same power Jesus had while He lived on earth is now at work in the Church through the Holy Spirit poured out on the apostles at Pentecost (*Acts 2*). Although these healings, miracles and mighty acts of God con-

imprisonment in Rome and his sharing of the Gospel with everyone who visited him there ought to command our attention. St. Luke was not one who was taken up with the trivialities of life, nor did he regard the Christian life as an ordinary, unchallenging, humdrum existence! He was concerned to demonstrate why the Gospel ought to be carried to all nations: It brings people the outstanding Good News of salvation and forgiveness of sins through the Lord Jesus Christ's death on a cross, resurrection, and ascension into heaven!

Perhaps we can view St. Luke's role in this way. He ushers us into the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord, and Healer of all diseases. Not only does he do this expertly, but he even points to the kind of life in Christ that characterizes the dynamic and growing Church. It is a church filled, directed, and led by the Holy Spirit at every level. From St. Luke's works, it is very clear that the Holy Spirit does not lead the Church to abandon its zeal for Christ and the Gospel, its love for people, or anything that God commands us to do. The Holy Spirit does not lead us into apathy or lethargy but stirs us up to pray always and to worship, to intercede, to hear and read God's word, to share the Gospel with the lost, to share what we have with those in need, to become

involved in the work of ministry that edifies the Church, to use our spiritual gifts for God's purpose, and to persevere to the end. The riches of Christ in the Gospel, St. Luke presents are well worth sharing with the world, proclaiming the gift of eternal life in Christ for all who believe.

The Church is only a like-minded society in that it has the mind of Christ, Who leads all who seek His wisdom into the fullness of the love of God. Once we abide in Him, we will bear fruit continually (*St. John 15*), and all who hunger and thirst for the righteousness of God and for healing of their hurts will come seeking Christ in us as we reflect His love for them and for all mankind. If we are to be true to the witness of St. Luke the Evangelist, our patron saint, we must be fully acquainted with the Gospel and the faith that we profess, believing that this faith transforms a person by bringing him out of the darkness of sin and ignorance into God's marvelous light (see *1 St. Peter 2:9*). The Church in *Acts of the Apostles* reflects the Holy Spirit powerfully at work in many different ways to bring people of all nations into God's everlasting kingdom. This priority of reaching out to all people in their diversity

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In art,

St. Luke is represented by a winged ox.

This is especially appropriate because the priestly and sacrificial work of Jesus is emphasized in the Gospel of St. Luke.

The ox represents the sacrificial aspect of Jesus' ministry and the wings remind us that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is to travel throughout the world.

firming the word of God which they preached led to persecutions, trials, imprisonments, shipwreck, and death by martyrdom for some of the faithful, they also helped the Gospel spread throughout the Roman Empire in the first century and the centuries following. The witness of St. Luke in faithfully rendering this vivid account of the Gospel from the infancy narratives about Jesus Christ to St. Paul's

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with the Gospel must become our priority as well. God intends all to receive it. Every Church must regain its emphasis on being an instrument of God to reach all kinds of people. Healing is for all, but we must all be aware of not only the ordinary means of medical science but also the spiritual and supernatural healing God can give anyone who seeks His presence.

The vision of St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills is to be a kind of hospital for healing of the soul. What are you doing to help people come to the Lord Jesus Christ for this healing?

– *The Reverend
Chris Parrish*



*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.*

Our Chapel Family Prayer List

***This prayer list
was current
as of October 9th,
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.
Thank you!***

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 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 Joe Biden; 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, guardians, police officers, firefighters, and pilots who protect us every day;

our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world;
all refugees;
the people and leaders of Ukraine in this time of war;
Jim and Edna Davis;
Joya de Rossett;
Debbie;
Scott;
Brittany;
Tanya Theiler;
Mark Quinn;
Lisa;
Ben;
Marion;
Flo;
Max;
Dan and Kendra Pack;
the Stanko family;
Mary Frances Reeves;
Mrs. Kitt;
Jon Carter;

Frank Capone;
Rose Handwerker;
Ann and Frank MacVoy;
Bishop Ilgenfritz;
Moe Martinez;
Victoria Grace;
Sharon Veach;
Diane Ahlport;
Christina;
John and Heidi Donnelly;
Elodia Fernandez;
Jane Keppler; and
for God's solace for Akiko and the Lewis and Ikegami families as they mourn Hideko;

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.



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.

For Rain

O GOD, heavenly Father,
Who by Thy Son Jesus Christ
hast promised to all those who seek Thy kingdom,
and the righteousness thereof,
all things necessary to their bodily sustenance;
send us, we beseech Thee, in this our necessity,
such moderate rain and showers,
that we may receive the fruits of the earth
to our comfort, and to Thy honour;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Parish Postings

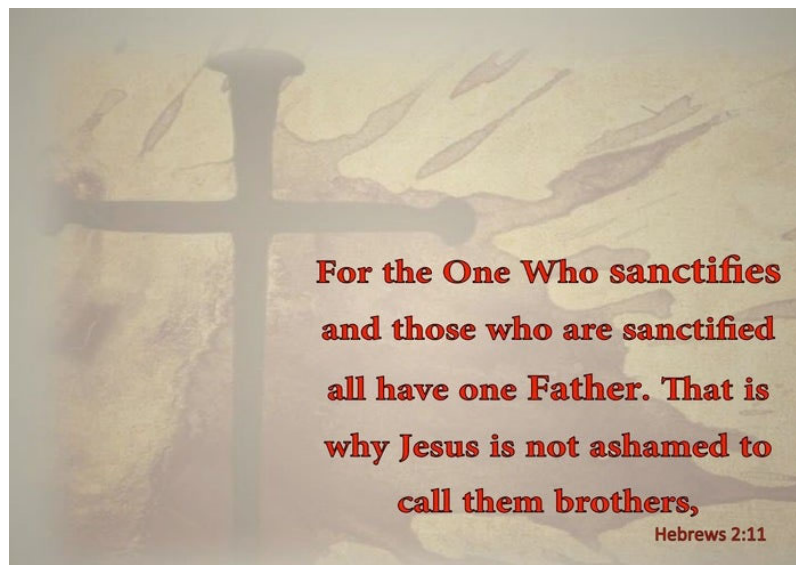
The Vestry will meet after Holy Communion and Fellowship on Sunday, October 16th. All interested parishioners are invited to observe.



Please note that our Vestry members have decided not to require facemasks at Chapel services. The choice is yours whether to wear a mask or to forego a mask when you come to the Chapel.



Father Parrish is pleased to announce that Ben Taaffe and his son Max Taaffe received baptism and became children of God on Sunday, October 2nd. We at St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills celebrate with all Heaven this joyful event! Please keep Ben and Max in your prayers as they embark upon their spiritual journeys, asking God to bless them and to strengthen them as they engage in spiritual warfare against the devil.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 2nd

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion with Holy Unction
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM

Friday, October 7th

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, October 9th

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Office of Morning Prayer
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM

Friday, October 14th

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, October 16th

Patronal Festival
of St. Luke the Evangelist (observed)
The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM

Vestry Meeting
11:30 AM

Friday, October 21st

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, October 23rd

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Office of Morning Prayer
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM

Friday, October 28th

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, October 30th

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM

Tuesday, November 1st

All Saints' Day

Friday, November 4th

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, November 6th

All Saints' Day (observed)
The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion with Holy Unction
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM





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Worship Schedule

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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 and fellowship soon!

*“A place
where the Bible is taught.”*

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

First, third, and fifth Sundays of each month

Holy Communion
(with Healing Service on First Sundays)
10:00 AM

Second and fourth Sundays each month

Office of Daily Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Please note that Holy Communion will be celebrated on Feast Days occurring on second and fourth Sundays.

If you cannot join us physically in the Chapel,
please contact Father Parrish
to be added to each service's Zoom invitation.