

## WHO WE ARE...

We know that when we seek to strengthen our spiritual life in Christ, we often feel alone, as if we are the only one in the struggle.

The Order of Saint Luke seeks to share the unique benefits of a religious life in holy community, by way of chapters, local groupings and other means of support.

We help each other grow closer to God through a life of discipline, worship, devotion, spiritual formation and accountability.

We affirm that intentional experiences of faith form and shape us. These experiences occur in corporate worship, devotional prayer, music, community and individual retreats, and other activities.

The Order of St. Luke brings together these disciplines and invites all to live a life of **"Lukan mutual accountability"** through our **"Rule of Life and Service."**

## ...WE ARE A RELIGIOUS ORDER.



The Order of St. Luke was formed in 1946 to encourage a recovery of Christian worship and sacramental practice. Worship and sacraments have sustained the Church since Apostolic times, and so in that tradition, we are committed to reclaim historic spiritual disciplines as a means of abiding in and fulfilling the mission of God's Church.

## ...WE ARE ROOTED IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION.

Our initial roots were in the former Methodist Church. Our moving and sustaining vision is of John and Charles Wesley. Together they sought to bring about a sacramental and evangelical revival.

Today we are United Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopal, Anglican, United Church of Christ, Baptist and many others. We are committed to the universal Church mission of becoming perfect in Christ's unconditional love.

## ...WE ARE DEDICATED TO THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE,

We magnify (lift up the centrality of) the sacraments. Baptism, once given, signifies the forgiveness of God and incorporation into the Body of Christ, the Kingdom of Heaven. The Eucharist sustains all in Christ through reconciliation and remembering the life-gift of Jesus.



We are committed, with the emerging, undivided Church, that the service pattern of Word and Table will become normative for Christian worship on the Lord's Day.



## ...AND LITURGICAL WORSHIP.

Liturgy, the "work of the people" is when we offer ourselves to God, in union with Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We invite each other to consciously and actively participate in that offering. This enriches the realm of God all around the world as it proclaims the universal Christ.

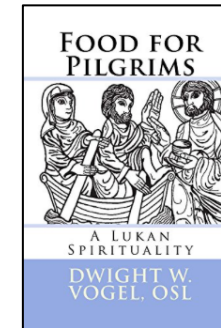
## ...WE SEEK SCHOLARSHIP,

We seek to understand not just the "how" but also the "why" of worship. Such scholarship offers the Church new ways to claim its God-given identity and mission to offer the realm of God to all.

We study and learn from the past, but we're not captives to it. Consequently, we encourage creative, expressive worship.

We encourage you to explore how Luke's Gospel informs our sacramental living with this important text:

• *Food for Pilgrims: A Lukan Spiritual Discipline.* This book defines and empowers the unique perspective of the Evangelist Luke, as it sets out the spiritual landscape of our order.



## ...EDUCATION,

We encourage a full "Worship and Sacramental" education in seminaries.

We provide learning through annual Retreats and quadrennial Convocations, bringing together leading scholars to inform, explore, and challenge.

We offer resources to local churches.

Our periodical, *Sacramental Life*, has articles on current liturgical exploration happening in congregations. It is practical and designed to address everyday questions and spiritual formation.

The annual journal, *Doxology*, publishes new works by contemporary theologians addressing current trends and developments in liturgical and sacramental theology. (See last panel)

## ...AND DEVOTION.

We are committed to the daily office in our gatherings at home and in church.



Sacramental living provides spiritual nourishment to empower us for a positive and healing witness.

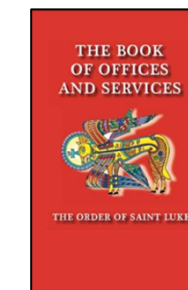
We regularly share the celebration of the sacraments, personal and devotional activities and offer instruction in the deep meaning of worship, prayer and many other devotional and liturgical activities.

## OUR CHAPTER WORSHIP...

At every gathering we celebrate the Eucharist, and often Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Compline (End of Day Prayer), depending on the time and location of the meeting.

All are welcome at our worship and all other Chapter activities.

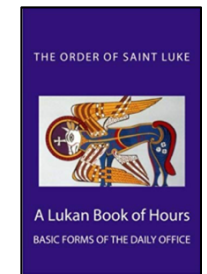
We have developed extensive worship resources that initially draw from the UMC Book of Worship, UMC Hymnal, and many other sources. Our main resources are the following books. (We have extras, so you don't need to purchase them beforehand.)



• *The Book of Offices and Services* is a full volume of worship resources and includes many useful liturgies, hymns and songs that are regularly used by the Order.

Referenced and indexed, it includes liturgies, hymns, psalms and services of reconciliation, healing, profession of vows, alternative Eucharistic prayers and creeds, and much more.

• *The Lukan Book of Hours* has Morning and Evening Prayers all Church seasons plus daily prayer services for both individuals and corporate worship. It is a complement of *The Book of Offices and Services*.



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NOTE: Also available is a *"Lukan Book of Feasts and Holy Days"* that rounds out this series of powerful worship resources.



## THE ORDER OF SAINT LUKE

*A dispersed & gathered community of men & women seeking to live the sacramental life of God in Jesus Christ.*

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print clearly. Thank you!)

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please put me on the email list.
- I'm interested in an **Order of Saint Luke Accountability Group** near me.
- I'd like to learn more about the Order.
- I would like to start the Inquiry Process.

Please tear off and hand this to an OSL member or contact: **Br. George Martzen, Cal-Pac Prior**

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## Becoming a Brother/Sister in the Order



Membership in the Order of Saint Luke requires faith in God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, and a daily living of our:

### “Rule of Life and Service”

We are called to:

- Affirm the apostolic hope.
- Live for the church of Jesus Christ
- Magnify the Sacraments
- Seek the Sacramental Life
- Promote the corporate worship of the church.
- Accept the call to service found in the discipline of the Church and the Order of Saint Luke
- Abide by the rules of the Order and live out our commitment through regular study, service, gifts and practice.

If you are led to our life of discipline, prayer and community, (both dispersed and assembled) the Order of Saint Luke may be the “place” to live out that commitment.

In order to provide a time of prayer and reflection on this decision, there are two stages of membership:

- **INQUIRY:** a time of exploration and discernment with a companion member of the order leading to the status of **Initial Member** of one year’s duration.
- **PROFESSING MEMBER:** Marked by a public profession of vows and the living out of the Rule of Life and Service.

For further information and conversation, please contact: Br. Terry Van Hook, [terry@agapejourneys.com](mailto:terry@agapejourneys.com), OSL - So. Calif. & Hawaii Chapter, Formation Officer.

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## Periodicals & Publications:

A major effort of the Order of Saint Luke is in providing printed resources for all those who lead worship and seek the disciplined life of spirituality inspired by St. Luke, the Evangelist.

Our three periodicals are

- *The Font* (sent digitally to members)
- *Sacramental Life* (print and digital)
- *Doxology* (online)

Our books in the fields of liturgical education and practice, spirituality and prayer are published by OSL Publications.

Our catalogue is available on-line at [www.saint-luke.net/osl-publications](http://www.saint-luke.net/osl-publications) and includes publications both for members, the academy and for local church leaders. They are also available on Amazon. (Some are available in e-book/kindle format.)

Please Note: Gifts and Tithes to support the work of the Order are always helpful but not required for membership.

## You Are Welcome!

We invite you to visit our website for more on our Rule and history, our life together and the OSL publications.

We look forward to meeting you and exploring your call to a vocation of religious life, through a time of Inquiry and Self-examination.

For those who don't seek a religious vocation, we invite you to become a Friend of the Order. Join us, for the glory of God!!



Sr. Elizabeth Moore, OSL,  
The abbot of the Order of Saint Luke.

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