

THE ORDER OF SAINT LUKE®

*A dispersed community of people
seeking to live the sacramental
life*

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Membership in the Order of Saint Luke lies in the daily living out of the Rule of Life and Service.

If you sense an inner nudge to share a life of discipline, prayer, and community (both dispersed and assembled)

then The Order of Saint Luke may be the “place” to live out that commitment.

In making the vows of membership, we declare:

- I will affirm the apostolic hope
- I will live for the Church of Jesus Christ
- I will magnify the sacraments
- I will seek the sacramental life
- I will promote the corporate worship of the Church
- I accept the call to service as put forth by the discipline of the Church and the Order of Saint Luke
- I will faithfully abide by the rules of the Order and will indicate my commitment by study, service, gifts and practice

The payment of gifts and tithes is to support the work of the Order *but is not the basis for membership.*

WHO WE ARE
A RELIGIOUS ORDER

The Order of Saint Luke was formed to bring about a recovery of vital worship and sacramental practice which has sustained the Church since its formation in Apostolic times. At the same time, we seek to recover and practice the essential spiritual disciplines of the Church as a means of perceiving and fulfilling the mission for which the Church was formed.

...STARTED IN METHODISM AND ECUMENISM

The Order of Saint Luke was founded in 1946 in the former Methodist Church. Our moving and sustaining source is that vision of John and Charles Wesley who sought to bring about a sacramental as well as evangelical revival in the church.

Evolving over 75 years we hold the vision ecumenically. We are United Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopal, Anglican, United Church of Christ, Baptist, Catholic and other denominations. We support the universal Church's seeking to become perfect in love for the life of the world.

...DEDICATED TO SACRAMENTAL

We magnify (lift the importance of) the sacraments. Baptism is the sacrament, once given, which incorporates persons into the Body of Christ for service. The Eucharist sustains the lives of all Christians by remembering the life-gift of Christ.

We believe that the Church is the redemptive Body of Jesus Christ, preserving and reforming Christ's Body.

We support the commitment of the emerging undivided Church that the service of Word and Table will become normative for Christian worship on the Lord's Day.

...AND LITURGICAL

Liturgy is the “work of the people” in offering the worship of the Church to God, in union with Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. This

is most richly effected when the entire people may consciously, fully and actively participate. We make faithful use in all our ministries of the rites of the Church, historically and ecumenically grounded, which enable us to express our worship in unity with the universal Church.

...SCHOLARSHIP

While worship engages the subjective part of our being, it is, first and foremost, an objective activity initiated by the Holy Spirit in our thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God through Jesus Christ. We believe that we must understand the “why” as well as the “how” if we are to lead the Church into claiming more fully our God-given identity and mission.

We know that the worship practices and forms of the past have value to inform and amplify our present efforts, but we are not captives of any ancient texts and esoteric practices. We embrace the tension of historical and ecumenical order and unity with a necessary freedom and flexibility in the local settings led by lay and clergy together.

Committed to the use of the daily office when we gather and in our dispersion in home and church, we provide resources for daily prayer with the whole church. *The Book of Offices and Services* contains liturgies, hymns and songs, and the rites used by the Order. *A Lukan Book of Hours* provides basic forms of Morning and Evening Prayer, along diurnal and night services for the seasons of the Christian year. *A Lukan Book of Feasts* for the festal days of the year is a companion volume. We offer an online daily office. (<https://saint-luke.net/wado>)

...EDUCATION

We support the efforts of the Church-at-large to increase worship and sacramental education in the seminaries. Additionally, we offer opportunities for learning through annual

Retreats which bring together leading scholars in these fields.

Our journal, *Doxology*, offers peer reviewed juried articles on liturgical and sacramental theology, articles that address everyday worship praxis and spiritual formation, and book and media reviews.

...PRACTICE

We believe that life in the sacraments provide spiritual nourishment that empowers us to live a positive and healing witness for the life of the world.

We share in the celebration of the sacraments with frequency and regularity and offer continuing instruction in their meaning and implication.

As Christians seek to strengthen their spiritual lives, they often feel alone, as if they were the only ones in the struggle. The Order of Saint Luke seeks to share the religious life in community, both in chapters, online groups, and other ways of supporting one another. We assist persons to grow closer to God through a life of discipline which includes ongoing spiritual formation.

We believe we are formed or shaped by our intentional experiences in faith. These are found in corporate worship, community and individual retreats, devotional exercises of prayer, music or other intentional exercises. The Order of Saint Luke brings together these disciplines for our members and invites them to mutual accountability to the Rule of Life and Service.

Visit our website at <https://saint-luke.net/>
There you will find out more about our life, our Rule and history, membership, opportunities for sharing in our life together and OSL publications.

We look forward to meeting you and exploring your sense of vocation for religious life, through a Time of Inquiry.

For those who don't seek a religious vocation, we invite you to become a Friend of the Order.

The abbot of The Order of Saint Luke is Sr. Heather Josselyn-Cranson, OSL.



Novitiate and Membership

The Order of Saint Luke offers a process by which you can explore life in the Order of Saint Luke. Think of it as “trying on new shoes” to see if they fit!

There are two stages or times: **Inquiry** for several months with a companion member of the Order. If there is mutual discernment of readiness to pursue membership, the Inquirer becomes a **Final Discerner** for a time leading to the first public profession of vows.

For initial contact and information, contact Br. Louis Serra, Companion for Seekers, Inquirers and Discerners (hdlep@cox.net).

Publications:

A major effort of the Order of St. Luke is in providing printed resources for all those who lead worship. Our catalogue is available on line and includes publications both for the academy and for local church leaders.

We provide members with three periodicals:

- *The Font* (sent digitally to members),
- *Doxology* (print and online).

Our books in the fields of liturgical education and practice, spirituality and prayer published by OSL Publications are available on our website (<https://oslpublishations.org>) and on Amazon. A few titles are available in ebook/kindle digital format.

