Jesus said to his disciples, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Rather, Jesus’s parable encourages, be rich in the things of God!

**For Reflection:** How do you experience the abundance of God in your own life?
In Need of Prayer or Home Communion?
St. Luke’s Prayer Ministers are available during the 10:30 AM service to pray with you. If you would like a name added to our Prayer Chain or someone who needs Home Communion, contact Beckie in the Church Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR............
THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:
Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Scott, our Diocesan Bishop and for ALL the people and parishes in our diocese. Pray especially for The Sudanese ministry at All Saints.

OUR NATION & ITS LEADERS:
Our government leaders that they may live & work in a spirit of calm reason & cooperation on behalf of the common good.

THOSE WHO ARE FACING SUFFERING & HARDSHIP:
Robert++++ (husband of Iris Thompson), Rita++++ (Baden) Jennifer++++ (Strachan) Tom++++ (brother of Joe Cordery) Randy+++ (brother of Beckie Raemer) Phil & Robin+++ (parents of Cathy Callow-Heuser) Sharon+++ +(Christiansen) Jane+++(friend of Leslie Wood) Burr+++ +brother in law of Stacey Reko) Gabrielle+++ (daughter of Bernadette Rothman) Drew & Gilbert+++ (Bell) Gay+ (friend of Steve Raemer) Joan+++ (mother of Janet van Hartesvelt)
Dick+++ (brother in law of Derrell & Teddi Reeves) Fred+ (brother in law of Linda Sears) Eli+++ (friend of David Zinn) Bob & Dixie+ (neighbors of John Hoener) Cal & Lavon+ (grandparents of Beckie Raemer) Derrell+ (Reeves)

THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AROUND THE WORLD:
✝ Pray for our nation and the whole human community that we may find the wisdom to live in greater respect and harmony with each other and our planet home.
✝ For safety and recovery for all people effected by natural disasters throughout the world.
✝ For healing for every soul captured by fear, bigotry and resentment. May we all develop the ability to see the Sacred in those most different from ourselves.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED......
Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Jack Peebles, Cousin of John Hoener

PLEASE GIVE THANKS FOR.....
Our Layreaders and their families.

For those having Birthdays this week: Ann Fiery on Monday; Haven Weinberg on Wednesday; John Reko on Thursday and Judy Hanley on Friday.
The Collect of the Day: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Hosea 11:1-11
When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

The more I called them, the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.

I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love.
I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.

They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me.

The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes.

My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim?

How can I hand you over, O Israel?

How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion;
when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west.

And like doves from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

Here ends the reading.

Psalm 107:1-9,43
1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, * and his mercy endures for ever.
2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim * that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
3 He gathered them out of the lands; * from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
4 Some wandered in desert wastes; *
   they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
5 They were hungry and thirsty; *
   their spirits languished within them.
6 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
   and he delivered them from their distress.
7 He put their feet on a straight path *
   to go to a city where they might dwell.
8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
   and the wonders he does for his children.
9 For he satisfies the thirsty *
   and fills the hungry with good things.
43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things, *
   and consider well the mercies of the Lord.

Here ends the reading.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?"

And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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What Does the Research on Greed Tell Us?
Proper 13c - August 4, 2019

In researching the topic of greed, I found a You-Tube video of a TED Talk lecture by a social psychologist at Berkeley, Dr. Paul Piff. He and his colleagues have conducted a number of creative experiments to look at the impacts that wealth and privilege have on human behavior. Experiment #1: Think about playing a game of Monopoly. You are playing against one other person. Except in this game, the combination of skill, talent and luck that helped earn you success in games, as in life, has been rendered irrelevant because the game's been rigged and you've got the upper hand. You've got more money, more opportunities to move around the board, and more access to resources. As you think about that experience, ask yourself: How might that experience of being a privileged player in a rigged game change the way I think about myself and the other player? The study conducted at Berkeley looked at exactly that question. More than 100 pairs of strangers were brought into the lab and, with the flip of a coin, each was randomly assigned to one of two roles in the rigged game. One role was as a wealthier and advantaged person, the other not.

Those randomly assigned to the wealthy role were given two times as much money; when they passed Go, they collected twice the salary; and they got to roll both dice instead of one, so they got to move around the board a lot more. Over the course of 15 minutes, the researchers watched through hidden cameras. It was quickly apparent to the players that something was up. One person clearly had a lot more money than the other person, and yet, as the game unfolded, the researchers noted dramatic differences that began to emerge between the players. The rich player started to move around the board louder, literally smacking the board with the piece as he went around. Researchers were more likely to see signs of dominance and nonverbal signs, displays of power in celebration among the rich players. There was a bowl of pretzels positioned off to the side. Researchers tracked how many pretzels each participant ate. Soon after the game began, rich players started to eat more pretzels. And as the game went on, rich players actually started to become ruder to the other person; less and less sensitive to the plight of the poor players and more and more demonstrative of their material success, more likely to showcase how well they were doing. One rich player said, "I have money; I have money for everything. You owe me $24. You're going to lose all your money soon. I'm pretty much untouchable at this point."

At the end of 15 minutes, researchers asked the players to talk about their experience during the game. When the rich players talked about why they had inevitably won in this rigged game of Monopoly, they talked about what they had skillfully done to buy their numerous properties and earn their success in the game. They became far less attuned to all those different features of the situation, including that original flip of a coin, that had randomly gotten them into that privileged position in the first place. Dr. Piff noted, "This game of Monopoly can be used as a metaphor for understanding society and its hierarchical structure wherein some people have a lot of wealth and a lot of status and a lot of other people don't; they have a lot less wealth and a lot less status and a lot less access to valued resources. And what my colleagues and I for the last seven years have been doing is studying the effects of these kinds of hierarchies. What we've been finding across dozens of studies and thousands of participants across this country is that as a person's levels of wealth increases, their feelings of compassion and empathy go down and their feelings of entitlement of deservingness and their ideology of self-interest increase. In surveys, we've found that it's actually wealthier individuals who are more likely to moralize greed being good, and that the pursuit of self-interest is favorable and moral."

Experiment #2: In another study, individuals from very different income brackets were paired up and given a $10 bill with the instructions that they could share part or all of it with another person. Individuals who made less than $25,000 per year gave 44% more of their money to a stranger than did individuals making $150,000 a year or more.

Experiment #3: And yet still another experiment: the researchers looked at whether people would be inclined to take candy from a jar of candy that was explicitly identified as being reserved for children. The researchers explicitly told participants: “This candy is for children participating in a developmental lab nearby. This is for them.” And then the researchers monitored how much candy participants took. Participants who felt rich took two times as much candy as participants who felt poor.

Experiment #4: And, as a note of encouragement, in another study participants were shown a brief 2 minute film about the importance of generosity before being given money and told they could share as much or as little as they wanted with others. The data said that wealthy people’s generosity dramatically increased if they were reminded of the importance of generosity and kindness before being placed in a situation of giving or withholding.

Dr. Piff’s research as well as the teaching of Jesus in today’s Gospel story seem to indicate several things: (1) Self-interest can play a positive role in motivating people to take risks in order to start a business, pursue a particular career or something else we really want. Greed in moderation can be a good thing. (2) But be warned…..greed can easily become habitual; greed can become addictive so that no matter how much you have, you feel like you never have enough and you are always afraid of that someone is going to take something from you. (3) Greed also seems to want to bind itself to narratives of arrogance, pride and distorted self-importance. When greed takes hold of us, the suffering and deprivations of others are no longer responded to with compassion, empathy and humility. We care less and less about the quality of life of our neighbor while we more and more become focused upon our own. We tell ourselves,"People who are poor deserve to be poor. They lack the wisdom I have; they lack the willingness to work hard that I possess; they are poor because they are stupid, inferior and only want to live on the backs of hard workers like myself.” Greed never stops to recognize how much of our lives were simply given to us: family, nationality, skin color, natural intelligence, physical features, etc.

The good news is that we can chose to avoid allowing greed to grow in our hearts and minds. We can fight against the addiction to self-centeredness and arrogance by exposing ourselves to people and places that encourage the humility, generosity and compassion that are already living within us. We can venture out from our bubble of privilege to deliberately meet and come to know those with less; those not given the advantages given to us. And in doing so, we can grow in our capacity for love and joy. Blessings!
From: The Rt. Rev. Scott B. Hayashi

We are opening the diocesan Tuttle School with a free New Testament Class for all as a way of introducing our new partnership with the Iona program of the Seminary of the Southwest.

The foundation of the Jesus Movement and the idea of following Jesus walking in the way of love is not just a slogan coming from the Presiding Bishop. It is founded in the New Testament. I want us to share the New Testament with all clergy, church members, and the wider community in the free class over five Saturday mornings. I will facilitate this class one Saturday a month from September through January. Classes will be held at the Episcopal Church Center of Utah in Salt Lake City. Again all are welcome.

The Tuttle School program is a comprehensive two-year formation program for those seeking ordination to the Deaconate and for those wanting a deeper understanding of faith. As mentioned, the backbone of the school is the well-established Iona program of the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin. Classes will be conducted at the Episcopal Church Center of Utah, 75 South 200 East in Salt Lake City.

Attendance at the New Testament classes does not require enrolling in the Tuttle School program. Instead, it's a way all of us, those not seeking ordination or discernment and those who are, to learn more about Jesus, the meaning, "backstory", and history of the New Testament. I am excited to see you at the ECCU and enthusiastically invite you, your family, and your friends.

A registration form is found on our diocesan website, in the newsletter, and here at:
https://ldiocese.wufoo.com/forms/klxzyv0023wpuy/

For further information email tuttleschool@episcopal-ut.org

CLASSES: September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14, January 11
All classes take place 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Episcopal Church Center of Utah.
### The Current Financial Health of Our Parish Community

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VPOD: Paul reported a vision that changed the direction of his call. I “saw a Macedonian standing and begging (me), ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us!’ (We) decided that God had called us to preach the Good News to the people there.”

Father Charles, we celebrate your courage and faithfulness in hearing God’s call many years ago to being our pastor. We rejoice that you have had this sabbatical and welcome you and Bonnie’s return to be among us.

God has commissioned us in the words of Matthew 28:19: “Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples; baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

VPOD: We invite you, Charles, and you, Bonnie to come before the Lord and accept our continued affirmation of your ministry among us. (Charles and Bonnie come to the front)

CONGREGATION (in unison) As members of St Luke's, we renew our commitment to your leadership in helping us to fulfill this great commission. May your work prosper and may our spiritual, financial, and physical support of our shared ministry increase.

VPOD: Let us pray…

CONGREGATION (in unison) O God, who made of one blood all races and nations of earth, and sent your Son Jesus Christ to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near; pour out your spirit on Father Charles and our church that we may be faithful to Christ’s commission and demonstrate your love to all of our neighbors. Bless and deepen the power of your spirit in each of us. Empower us to demonstrate the fruits of your spirit that testifies to the world that we are indeed your disciples. Amen.
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: You will find info about our church and what to expect when you visit. www.stlukesparkcity.org. There is information about our missions, finances and programs. You can view previous sermons through a link to You Tube on your phone or home computer. Go to You Tube, St Luke’s Episcopal Church Park City, UT.

AUTUMN GOSPEL GROUP FOR WOMEN 50ish & UP: Autumn Gospel meets the fourth Saturday morning of each month from 10 to noon, in members' homes. We use books as a springboard to share and discuss our own spiritual journeys at this stage of our lives. We are reading "Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others" by Barbara Brown Taylor. Please join us for coffee, fellowship and a lively discussion! For more info please call Nancy Conrow, nancy.conrow@gmail.com or 435-640-0556.

ST. LUKE’S CARE GUILD: If you or someone you know has any requests or needs, please contact Katherine at katherinemartz@comcast.net or Harriet, harrietmstephens@gmail.com, (435) 655-1888.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY: The women's bible study group is hosting our summer hike/book/potluck at Beth Souther's Deer Valley home on Saturday August 17th. We will meet at 9 am to hike, then discuss the book and share lunch. The book to read is Elaine Pagel's "Why Religion". If you have read the book and would like to join us please email Mary.Parsons@hsc.utah.edu and Bethsoutherfish@gmail.com

WOMEN’S GATHERING: We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Our August 13th gathering will be at the home of Harriet Stephens, 92 N 2000 W, Kamas, Ut. 84036, 435-655-1888. Bring a dish to share and something to drink. It will be outside, so you might want a sweater or light jacket. Please being a drink or a dish to share.

TAI-CHI: A new round of Tai Chi has started. We meet at 5:10 in the back of the St. Luke's Sanctuary. Those who attended our last session know that we have also added a strong emphasis on qigong and its emphasis on holistic healing. These two ancient health activities strongly complement each other. As in the past, sessions will meet weekly for six weeks. Each session runs about 50 minutes. A donation of $30 for the entire six-week round is requested. Former students may return at any time. Questions? Please contact Bob Casey at bob@journey4healthnow.com or call 740-398-0489.

A COURSE IN MIRACLES: Our ACIM Study Group meets every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Luke’s Library. A Course in Miracles is a curriculum focusing on forgiving grievances, leading to a change of perception (the Miracle), which leads to inner peace. Feel free to join us. For more information, call or text Ann Fiery, 304-617-5714

SHOP AT SMITH’S FOOD & DRUG & FLOURISH BAKERY WILL RECEIVE A DONATION! HERE’S HOW IT WORKS: To participate in the program, visit the Smith's Food and Drug web site, log into your account, click on INSPIRING DONATION PROGRAM, search for Flourish Bakery SLCC by name (or use HE559, the Bakery’s nonprofit number with Smith's). Every time you use your rewards card or phone number related to your account, Smith's will donate .5% of your purchase to Flourish Bakery. It's that simple! Don't have a rewards card? That's easy to fix too--just stop by the customer service desk at any Smith's Food & Drug and pick one up. Flourish appreciates your support and this inspiring program both help Flourish grow and prosper.

CONSIDERING JOINING THE ST. LUKE’S COMMUNITY? JUST WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH? Our rector would be delighted to make an appointment to meet with you. He will do his best to answer your questions and to help you to feel welcomed and included at St. Luke's. When you are ready to have a conversation, just let him know at either: pastor@stlukespc.org or 435-901-2131.

CENTERING PRAYER: Meets Friday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Library. Please join us in this contemplative practice of Holy Silence.