TO OUR GUESTS - WELCOME - THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY!
St. Luke's Episcopal Church is a Christian community composed of free thinkers who include: conservatives, moderates, & liberals; agnostics, skeptics & atheists. All spiritual seekers who are searching for an approach to faith that makes the most sense to them personally are welcome here!
PLEASE NOTE: During the 10:30 worship service, we normally video-record the sermon for posting on You-Tube. Your image may be captured during recording.
To view sermons, go to You-Tube and then search for “St. Luke’s Episcopal Church Park City.”

In today’s Gospel: Jesus says to Nathaniel, before Phillip called you I (intimately) knew you” Additionally

For Reflection: Pause, breathe deeply, then consider:
How does the realization of God's presence with and in you, even as your very self was being formed in your mother’s womb impact the way you live your life today? In what ways do you
If you need pastoral support or know someone that does, please call Fr. Charles+, at 435-901-2131. Remember, Charles+ still can’t read minds so he will not know unless you tell him. Calls will be kept confidential.

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 St. David’s Church in Page, AZ. And for all people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the people & leaders of The Church of Ireland.

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), Pat+++ (Sanger), Rita+++ (Baden), Alexa+++ (granddaughter of Deedee Sihvonen), Gerry+++ (wife of Jim Brooks) Bonnie+++ (wife of Fr. Charles) John+++ (son of Dave & Nancy Garrison) Jennifer+++ (Strachan) Tom+++ (brother of Joe Cordery) Richard+++ Lori+++ (brother in law and sister of Kianna Bolton) Feryerith+++ (friend of Bob Casey), Peggy+++ (Bergmann) Sue+++ (sister of Teddi Reeves) Casey & Linda+++ (friends of Harriet Stephens) Dave & HaBi+++ (brother and friend of Beckie Raemer) Jack+++ (cousin of John Hoener) Betty+ (friend of Mary McEntire) Robert & Emily+ (father and daughter of Jane Hamilton) Joel+ (Anderson) Laurie+ (friend of Barb Wine)

THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AROUND THE WORLD:
† Pray that the human community may find the wisdom to live in greater respect and harmony with our planet home.
† Safety and recovery for all people effected by natural disasters throughout the world.
† Healing for every soul captured by fear, bigotry and resentment. May we all develop to ability to see the Sacred in those most different from ourselves.
† A lasting and permanent peace between Israel and all of her neighbors.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED……
PLEASE GIVE THANKS FOR…..
And for our Vestry Members, Karl Sears, Susan Brewer, Sharon Christiansen, Ted Clayton, Linda Dugins, Mike Fiery, Rusty Martz, Chris Munro, Bernadette Rothman, Leslie Wood and their families.

For those having Birthdays this week: Quinton Rothman on Tuesday.

If your birthday does not appear on our list our list, please notify Beckie in the office so that she can add it.

Our Parish Community Prayer list: ++ Please note that we will place a + after each name for each week the name is on our prayer list. After four weeks (++++) the name will be removed unless otherwise requested.
The Scripture Passages
Second Sunday After Epiphany B - January 14, 2018

The Collect of the Day: The experience of sensing a call from God to some specific mission, journey or lifestyle has been shared by millions around the world from all religious communities. We pray for the faith, trust and humility that will allow us to both hear our call and to respond: “Yes, Lord. Here I am. I will go and do as my heart directs;” with Jesus our Brother, Teacher and Lord. Amen.

From the Hebrew Tradition:
Our first passage is found in the 3rd chapter of First Samuel. It is a story about discernment; about having a personal experience of being called to some duty or mission. It is about the attitude one takes in response to such a call. Please read with me from the Hebrew tradition by reading the parts in bold print……Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.”

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” Here ends the reading.

From the Muslim Tradition:
Submission or surrender to God is a theme especially prominent in Islam, whose name means Submission; but it is also an important theme of Vaishnavite Hinduism, wherein surrender to Krishna is regarded as the core teaching of the Bhagavad Gita. The virtue of obedience to God is particularly significant in the Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam), which envision God as a Person who acts in history and in the lives of individuals. In Eastern religions we also find passages calling us to conform to the will of Heaven and to conform our will to the nature of Ultimate Reality. Please read with me from the Islam’s Holy Qur’an by reading the parts in bold print……Whosoever submits their will to God, while doing good, their wage is with his Lord, and no fear shall be upon them, neither shall they sorrow.

O you who believe! Be mindful of your duty to God, and seek the way to approach Allah, and strive in God’s way in order that you may succeed.

Call on God with fear and longing in your hearts: for the Mercy of God is near to those who do good. Here ends the reading.

From the Christian Gospels: John 1:43-51
Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Offertory Sentence:
Priest: My brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, when you come to the Table of the Lord, come not only to receive the presence of the Lord, but also to give your life completely to Him. As Jesus said, the Greatest Commandments are these:

People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

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Why Humility is Rationally Demanded in the Interpretation of Religious Experiences

The Cause(s) of Your Experience

Accuracy or Error?

Your Interpretations of Your Experiences & Sensations/Intuitions

Personal Experiences
Interior Sensations
Private Intuitions

SUBJECTIVE:
thoughts, emotions, states of mind, perceptions, immediate sensations

INTERSUBJECTIVE:
shared values, meanings, relationships and cultural background

OBJECTIVE:
material body (including the brain) and all matter that can be experienced through the five senses

INTEROBJECTIVE:
systems, networks, technology, government and natural environment

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