The word “Epiphany” refers to the manifestation of a spiritual being or a moment of sudden revelation or insight. The Gospel story of the baptism of Jesus points to Jesus as a human being in whom the Holy Spirit comes in such a way that he is revealed as being both fully human and fully alive in the love of God. At Jesus’ baptism, the voice of God is heard saying, “This is my beloved son”. This Epiphany of God’s Love of and in the human Jesus offers a new beginning, a new way for us humans to see and relate to God and to other human beings. It is a beginning revelation of that Love demonstrated in Jesus’ life.

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.”
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.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE’S**

**Sunday - January 15th**
- 7:45 AM Holy Eucharist at the Chapel
- 9:00 AM Choir Practice
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist at the Church

**Monday - January 16th**
- 9:30 AM Centering Prayer

**Tuesday - January 17th**
- 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting

**Wednesday - January 18th**
- 6:30 PM Women’s Bible Study
  - Existentialism Class with the Rector

**Friday - January 20th**
- 10:00 AM Centering Prayer

**Sunday - January 22nd**
- Normal Sunday Schedule

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**In Need of Prayer of 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, contact Tami Wrice with your request at 435-901-1128 or t-wrice@hotmail.com. If you know of someone who needs Home Communion, contact our Lay Eucharistic Visitor Team by calling or emailing the Church Office. Blessings!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR.........**

**THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:**
- Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Scott, our Diocesan Bishop and for ALL the people and parishes in our diocese. Pray especially for St. Elizabeth’s Church in Whiterocks.
- All people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the people & leaders of The Church of Kenya.

**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:**

**THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AROUND THE WORLD:**
- Warm shelter and supplies for the thousands of migrants that are freezing in Belgrade.
- An end to terrorism and the wisdom to find a way to live together in peace.
- An end to the conflicts in Yemen, Ukraine, Syria, Iraq & Afghanistan and healing for all victims.
- A lasting, permanent peace between Israel & her neighbors.

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED.......**
- For Theresa Wilcox, our Women’s Gathering Leader and her family.
- And for those having birthdays this week: Quinton Rothman on Monday and Abbey Cordery on Saturday.

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**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.

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**OUR STAFF IS THERE FOR YOU!**

Please do not hesitate to contact us.
A full listing of all positions and ministries is available on the information table at the church.

The Rev. Charles Robinson, Rector
Cell Phone: 435-901-2131 Email: pastor@stlukespc.org

The Rev. Claudia Giacoma, Asst. Priest
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If your birthday does not appear on the list, please contact Beckie in the office, 649-4900 ext. 12

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The Scripture Passages
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany A - January 15, 2016

Collect of the Day: Compassionate God, whose unconditional Love is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your tenderness and wisdom, may be a continual force in their communities for mercy, inclusion and respect for the value and dignity of every human being; with Jesus, our Brother, Teacher and Lord. Amen

The Hebrew Scriptures:
Reader: Today’s reading from the Hebrew scriptures comes from the 40th Psalm. Psalm 40, classified as an Individual Lament, consists of two seemingly distinct parts suggesting to many scholars that two originally separate psalms were joined at some point to form a single psalm. In the psalm's first ten verses, the psalmist recounts God's deliverance from some life-threatening situation. Please read the passage with me by reading the parts in bold print.....
I waited patiently upon the Lord; * he stooped to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; * he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; * many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord. Happy are they who trust in the Lord! * they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods. Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! * there is none who can be compared with you. Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! * but they are more than I can count. Here ends the reading.

The Hindu Scriptures:
The scriptures of many religions speak of a coming leader who will consummate the fulfillment of the divine will on earth. He will manifest in his person the righteousness and compassion of God, and he will bring about the final defeat of evil, and establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Please read with me from the Bhagavad Gita by reading the parts in bold print......Whenever the Law declines and the purpose of life is forgotten, I manifest myself on earth. I am born in every age to protect the good, to destroy evil, and to reestablish the Law. Here ends the reading.

The Christian Gospels: John 1:29-42
Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.
John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Offerterory 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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Don’t Take Anything Personally
2nd Sunday After Epiphany A - Jan. 15, 2017

Recall that last week we examined the first of Don Miguel Ruiz’s four agreements: “be impeccable in your word.” In other words, never use the power of words, of language against yourself. Self-rejection and self-condemnation are forms of mortal sin because they deny your essential goodness and impair your ability to live in the world with love, compassion and wisdom.

Today, let’s reflect on the second agreement: “don’t take anything personally.” Ruiz begins his chapter on the second agreement with these remarkable words, “Whatever happens around you, don’t take it personally. Using an earlier example, if I see you on the street and I say, ‘Hey, you are so stupid,’ without knowing you, it’s not about you; it’s about me. If you take it personally, then perhaps you believe you are stupid. Maybe you think to yourself, ‘How does he know? Is he clairvoyant, or can everybody see how stupid I am?’ You take it personally because you agree with whatever was said. As soon as you agree, the poison goes through you, and you are trapped in the dream of hell.”

When I first read those words, I had two reactions: 1st - he is absolutely correct; this is profound wisdom and 2nd - what is being recommended is probably impossible and may be based upon a flawed understanding of the relational nature of human beings. Let me suggest from the start that a compassionate understanding of this lofty picture of a mind-ego so fully differentiated that she is unaffected by the poisons being projected on her by others is to think of it as an ideal, a goal to be pursued over a lifetime. Remember that Jesus often suggested similar ideals: do not judge so that you may avoid the pain of being judged; love your enemy as yourself and do good to those that persecute you; unless you deny yourself and take up your cross (your instrument of torture and execution), you cannot follow me; etc. If I tell myself that I ought to be able to do any of these perfectly and completely, I will feel so ashamed and discouraged that I will give up and walk way. No, the idea is to aim for this kind spiritual goal, to understand the spiritual path as a life-long journey of daily practices intended to support the gradual achievement of such ideals and, thereby, the healing of one’s mind and soul.

That reminds me of a cute story….A young woman named Michelle returned home from college for a break. She noticed a paper posted on the refrigerator. It listed some goals her dad had set for himself: 1. help wife more; 2. lose weight; 3. be more productive at work. She promptly added: “Send Michelle money every month.” A few days later her brother wrote: “Make payments on car for Jason.” Then her boyfriend joined in with: “Buy Tom a Jeep.” Finally the father added a new goal to his amended list: “Practice letting the kids stand on their own two feet by being financially independent.”

Philosophically speaking, Ruiz seems to be grounded in an understanding of human nature that is highly individualistic: “Nothing other people do is because of you. All people live in their own dream, in their own mind; they are in a completely different world from the one we live in. When we take something personally, we make the assumption that they know what is in our world, and we try to impose our world on their world… Their point of view (like yours and mine) comes from all the programming they received during domestication. If someone gives you an opinion and says ‘Hey, you look so fat,’ don’t take it personally, because the truth is that this person is dealing with his or her own feelings, beliefs, and opinions. That person tried to send poison to you, and if you take it personally, then you take that poison into yourself and it becomes yours… You end up eating all of their emotional garbage and now it becomes your garbage.”

To say, “Nothing other people do is because of you [and by correlation, nothing you do is because of other people]. All people live in their own dream, in their own mind; they are in a completely different world from the one we live in,” doesn’t completely pass the sniff test. The problem is that it seems to ignore or too severely diminish the relational dimension of our nature. People like the philosopher Martin Buber and the psychiatrist Harry Stack Sullivan argued strongly that we are constantly interacting with and being influenced by one another. With respect to Buber’s “I-Thou,” the thou points to the quality of genuine relationship in which partners are mutually unique and whole. This living realization is inter-human. It emerges from the place that Buber calls the realm of “the between.” This is why Buber writes “all real living is meeting.”

Psychiatrist Harry Stack Sullivan extended his early concept of schizophrenia to a theory of personality, arguing that both normal and abnormal personalities represent enduring patterns of interpersonal relationships, thus giving the environment, in particular the human social environment, the major role in personality development. Sullivan argued that the individual’s self-identity is built up over the years through his perceptions of how significant people in his environment regard him. Different stages in the course of behavioral development correspond to different ways of interacting with others.
So I think it is a mistake to interpret Ruiz’s second agreement ("don't take anything personally") as totally achievable. As beings who are fundamentally relational, we are going to be affected and influenced by what others say and do. Ruiz is correct, however, to cheerlead for the process of self-differentiation leading to individuation described by Carl Jung. This is the life-long process of developing a solid, stable, non-anxious view of oneself and reality. To the extent that we avoid doing the mental and emotional work of developing a solid, non-fearful sense of self, we remain highly vulnerable to the negative judgments and degrading evaluations of others. Ruiz suggests an exercise to aid in the process: “Only by making an inventory of our agreements will we uncover all of the conflicts in the mind and eventually make order out of the chaos of the mitote [the vast chorus of conflicting voices speaking simultaneously to and within our mind].”

The second agreement: “don’t take anything personally.” Two key elements of the spiritual path are the recognition of the destructive potential of other people’s words and judgments of us and the uncovering of the negative self-judgments, self-evaluations with which we already agree and which fuel the power of others over our lives. We are most loving toward others and the world, most integrated in our sense of self when we are committed to agreeing with our essential goodness and acceptability.

Blessings,
Charles+

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Dear Members of the Diocese of Utah,

Diocesan Convention 2017 will be held March 31st-April 1st at the Hotel RL (formerly the Red Lion) at 161 W 600 S in Salt Lake City. The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate, will be the guest of honor during convention, at which we will observe the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Missionary District of Utah that became the Diocese of Utah. The Presiding Bishop will be the keynote speaker and will preside and preach at the convention eucharist.

The two days of convention will be held at the Hotel RL instead of at the Episcopal Commons in order to accommodate the greater number of Utah Episcopalians and friends likely to attend.

This email is to notify you of a special pricing structure that will allow persons not attending all of convention to join with the diocese for workshops, late afternoon reception, and dinner banquet on Friday only. Delegates and others who wish to attend both Friday and Saturday will have a different registration price.

So that your congregations may budget for the modest cost increases, the following is provided to you at this time.

Registration for Friday, March 31st, only, including workshops, reception, banquet, and keynote speech by the Presiding Bishop: $50 per person
Registration for both Friday and Saturday, including Friday events listed above and Saturday meals of breakfast and lunch, workshops, business sessions, and all registration materials: $75.00 per person

A block of rooms has already been reserved at the Hotel RL for members and friends of the Diocese at $89 plus tax per room per night. Reservations may be made for rooms now by the person who will be resident in the room or by a church office who will register that church’s attendees individually (The Diocese will not be handling any room reservations). Simply tell the reservationist that you will be attending the “Episcopal Church in Utah 2017 Convention” to get the special rate before February 17th. The hotel’s phone number is 801/521-7373. This need not be done this early, but it may.

The Holy Eucharist will be held on Saturday morning at the hotel; all persons are welcome to attend, whether registered or not for Saturday. Attendance at remaining events on Saturday require registration.

In addition to the Presiding Bishop’s presence with us at convention, he will be the preacher at the Holy Eucharist at the Cathedral Church of St. Mark on Sunday, April 2nd. It was in our cathedral that he was elected Presiding Bishop during the General Convention in 2015. All are most welcome to worship at the cathedral at 10:30 a.m. on that day.

Of course, much more information and official notifications will be forthcoming as we approach next March.
The Jesus Seminar is Coming to Salt Lake City!!!
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Arthur J. Dewey (Th.D., Harvard University) is Professor of Theology at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. A regular on PBS’s Saturday Morning Edition (WVVXU, 91.7 in Cincinnati), he is the author or editor of many works including Wisdom Notes (2016), The Gospel of Jesus (2d ed., 2014) and The Complete Gospel Parallels (2012).

Nina E. Livesey (Ph.D., Southern Methodist University) is Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies in the College of Liberal Studies at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. She is the author of Galatians and the Rhetoric of Crisis (2016) and Circumcision as a Malleable Symbol (2010).

Friday Evening and All Day Saturday - February 24 & 25, 2017

Location: Westminster College - Gore Auditorium - 1840 South 1300 East - SLC
Tuition: All Sessions - Pre-registration Rate (by Feb 10th) $60 - Individual Rate $75 at the Door
See Registration Website at Link Below for Pricing on Single Lectures
Refunds are available until two weeks before the event if requested in writing, minus a $10 administrative fee. No refunds will be given after that date.

TO REGISTER ONLINE:
https://www.westarinistitute.org/regional-programs/jsor-registration/
Thank you to all who brought food or volunteered to serve for the St. Luke’s Christian Center dinner. The young adults that we provided for really appreciated all of the food choices they had. Many were even able to take something home. Job well done! Special thanks to Linda Dugins for organizing this event. It is a wonderful way to show support of the Park City community.

St. Luke’s Church produced 8.1 kilowatts of energy during the month of December.

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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 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.

AUTUMN GOSPEL GROUP FOR WOMEN 50ish & UP: FOURTH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10:00 AM Meets on the fourth Saturday of each month, 10:00 - NOON. We are beginning a new book, "Autumn Gospel" by Kathleen Fischer. Please join us for coffee, fellowship and a lively discussion! For more info, please call Dyan Pignatelli, 435-782-3330 or Joyce Pearson, 435-659-0724.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE: WWW.STLUKESPARKCITY.ORG On the website newcomers will find info about our church and what to expect when they visit. In addition, there is information about all of 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, then St Luke’s Episcopal Church Park City, UT. Happy exploring!!!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY We will be starting our new study "Divine Dance-The Trinity and Your Transformation" by Richard Rohr. It is available on Amazon and on kindle. Beginning January 11th, Wednesday nights 6:30-8:00 PM

CENTERING PRAYER Meets Monday mornings at 9:30 AM & Friday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Jerusalem room. Please join us in this contemplative practice of Holy Silence. For any questions contact Jan at jan.e.hafner@gmail.com

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.

ART & SOUL SATURDAYS Monks and Mystics. Join us Saturday morning, February 4 at the church, 10:00 am - 12:30. St. Francis of Assisi is one of the most well-known and beloved saints of our Christian Tradition. He truly epitomizes the concept of the “dancing monk”. You are invited to discover how St. Francis’s experiences may offer guidance to deepen your own experiences of the Holy. We use paint and paper and found images from magazines, etc., to visualize and thus better appreciate our inner responses to what we discover. No previous art making experience is needed! The focus is on processes, not creating a finished product! Call or email Claudia+ for more information: giacomaclaudia@gmail.com or 435-513-0441. A SPECIAL TREAT All Saints Deacon, Anita Miner, a Third Order Franciscan, will be present to speak about the Order and how her Franciscan Rule of Life supports her in her spiritual journey.

WOMEN'S GET TOGETHER We meet the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Please bring a dish or drink to share.