In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus announcing, “The kingdom of heaven is coming upon the world, and calling disciples to follow him. For us today, participating in the coming of the kingdom of God includes showing God’s love of Creation. It means adopting practices which help to bring forth the fullness of God’s continuing creative works. In so doing we can speak of a Holy intention towards earth’s health, for its renewal—maybe even its resurrection!
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 state legislature of Utah and Arizona as they convene and make decisions about important issues. And for all people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the Church Brazil.

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), Jennifer (+++) (Strachan), Randy & Calvin (+++) (brother and grandfather of Beckie Raemer), Jane++++ (friend of Leslie Wood) Julie+++ (niece of Don Wood) Urs++++ (brother in law of Stacey Reko) Gabrielle++++ (daughter of Bernadette Rothman), Fred++++ (brother in law of Linda Sears) Derrell++++ (Reeves), Melissa & Mike++++ (daughter and son-in-law of the Jennings) Jayme+++ (sister of Felicia Lundie)

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 effecte 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……

PLEASE GIVE THANKS FOR…..
Our Mission Team Leaders and their families.

For those having Birthdays this week:
Susan Brewer on Wednesday; Luisa Hill and Lily Weinberg on Friday.

If your birthday does not appear on our list, please notify Beckie in the office so that she can add it.
The Scriptures
Epiphany 3a - January 26, 2020

COLLECT OF THE DAY:  On this Third Sunday of the Season of Epiphany, we pray that the way we live our lives will be such that people see evidence of the work of Love and Compassion Itself in this world. Empower us to serve our community as agents of healing and reconciliation; with Jesus our Brother, Teacher and Lord. Amen.

FROM THE HEBREW TRADITION:
Our passage from the Hebrew tradition comes from the 9th chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. Please read with me by reading the parts in bold print.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. Here ends the reading.

FROM THE JAIN TRADITION:
Please read with me by reading the parts in bold print.

The second of the five limited vows is Truth. It is more than abstaining from falsehood. It is seeing the world in its real form and adapting to that reality. The vow of truth puts a person in touch with his inner strength and inner capacities. In this vow, a person avoids lies, such as giving false evidence, denying the property of others entrusted to him, and avoiding cheating others. The vow is to be followed in thought, action, and speech, and by doing it oneself or by getting it done through others. One should not speak the truth, if it harms others or hurts their feelings. A disciple should, under these circumstances, keep silence. Here ends the reading.

FROM THE CHRISTIAN GOSPELS:
Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
According to Matthew. (4:12-23)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

OFFERTORY SENTENCES:
Priest: Now 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 you heart, soul and mind; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

[Hebrew & Christian scripture passages are reprinted with permission from the World Council of Churches. Passages and commentary from World Scriptures were edited by Andrew Wilson.]

Copies of the full text of the sermon are located on the Information Table in front of the sound booth [just in case your curiosity was piqued.] It will also be sent via the weekly St. Luke’s All Parish Email next Thursday. Please set your spam filter to allow emails from pastor@stlukespc.org Thanks! : )
A Big Experiment

Rami Shapiro, a rabbi, teacher, and author on Judaism and spirituality reflects on the enriching, powerful experience of interspiritual dialogue initiated by Fr. Thomas Keating (1923–2018).

In 1984 Father Thomas Keating invited a small group of contemplatives from eight different religious traditions—Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Islamic, Native American, Russian Orthodox, Protestant, and Roman Catholic—to gather at St. Benedict’s Monastery in Snowmass, Colorado, to engage in what he called “a big experiment.” [1]

The experiment was to see what would happen when meditators from different traditions meditated together and shared the spiritual insights they gleaned from their meditation. Within a few days it became clear to the attendees that while their religious vocabularies were different, their experiences were not. As one attendee put it:

I enter into meditation as a slice of American cheese: thick and solid; my egoic self intact and feeling apart from both God and creation. I return from meditation as a slice of Swiss cheese: thin and filled with holes. I know myself and all others to be a part of God. Indeed, there is no other at all, only the One, the Whole, the Ultimate Reality I am calling God. And with this sense of wholeness comes a sense of holiness, a sense of love from and for all beings. . . .

During the first few years of the Snowmass Conference, a series of agreements arose among the attendees. Father Thomas compiled the first eight and brought them to the group for consideration. With lots of conversation and some editing, the Snowmass Conference Eight Points of Agreement came into being. We include them here as a way of sharing a contemporary expression of perennial wisdom arising not from ancient texts but from the lived experience of contemporary mystics—women and men who, while coming from specific traditions, dare to step beyond them to see what is on its own terms.

The Eight Points of Agreement

1. The world religions bear witness to the experience of Ultimate Reality, to which they give various names.
2. Ultimate Reality cannot be limited by any name or concept.
3. Ultimate Reality is the ground of infinite potentiality and actualization.
4. Faith is opening, accepting, and responding to Ultimate Reality. Faith in this sense precedes every belief system.
5. The potential for human wholeness—or, in other frames of reference, enlightenment, salvation, transcendence, transformation, blessedness—is present in every human being.
6. Ultimate Reality may be experienced not only through religious practices but also through nature, art, human relationships, and service to others.
7. As long as the human condition is experienced as separate from Ultimate Reality, it is subject to ignorance and illusion, weakness and suffering.
8. Disciplined practice is essential to the spiritual life; yet spiritual attainment is not the result of one’s own efforts, but the result of the experience of oneness with Ultimate Reality. [2]

It took us until the late 20th century to say such things, and now we almost see them as obvious. There is indeed an evolution of consciousness and a convergence of consciousness that does not need to dismiss or dilute any one tradition.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMENS BOOK STUDY

The women's bible study group started a new book on January 15, 2020. We are studying Richard Rohr’s Falling Upward.

We meet on Wednesdays in the library from 6:30-7:45. Please let me know if you can join us this time. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Mary Parsons at Mary.Parsons@hsc.utah.edu.
ATTENTION ALL USERS OF TITHELY
If you make your donations through tithe.ly, and you made a change in your giving amount for 2020, please remember to log in to your account verify that the change has been made. Beckie was able to update your giving amount. However, if you cover the fees, you need to log in and check that box. Beckie is unable to do that part. If you need any help with this, please contact Beckie and she will be happy to help you with that. You can reach Beckie at beckie@stlukespc.org or 435-649-4900 ext. 12

PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RECTOR'S NEXT BOOK DISCUSSION:


When: Each Wednesday at 4:00 PM

Where: The Church Office Area

Preparation: Please purchase a copy of the book through your favorite bookstore.

The book discussion is the St. Luke's Beer & BS gathering for early 2020. Please bring your favorite beverage and snacks to share. All are welcome and all perspectives will be respected.

Questions? Contact me at pastor@stlukespc.org or 435-901-2131.

Art and Soul Saturday

Friendship with God

2020 Sessions begin the first Saturday of February, Feb. 1st, 10:00 am until noon.

(Based on images from the Episcopal Church in the Visual Arts’ exhibit “Friendship with God”)

A variety of art materials will be used to reflect on images from the exhibit, making connections with the image and your own life experience, your hopes and dreams. There is a $5 fee for materials. Register at giacomaclaudia@gmail.com or call or text Claudia+ at 435 513 0441
ALL PARISH POTLUCK LUNCH DURING OUR ANNUAL CELEBRATION -
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND:

This year we have two ways to sign up for our Annual Meeting Pot Luck. There will be a sign up at church and I am attaching a link to sign up via Sign Up Genius. Using the sign up will help us get a feel for what will be coming in and helps to ensure we end up with a nice variety of dishes. You may also email or call me directly and I can add your name to the list. As always, everyone is welcome to attend even if you are unable to contribute food. There is always plenty at the table.

I will need assistance with set-up and clean-up. There are slots on the sign-up. The more the merrier and the lighter the load. Please either email Katherine or cut and paste the link into your browser to sign up online. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F45ADA9238-potluck

Thank you for all of your help. Katherine Martz, katherinemartz@comcast.net, 435-602-9690.

IF YOU HAVE NOT TURNED IN YOUR MINISTRY AND MISSION REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT BOOKLET, TODAY IS THE DEADLINE.

Annual Report

Our Annual Celebration is scheduled for Sunday February 2nd. That is next week. Please send Beckie a brief report (with photos if possible) of the accomplishments of your ministry/mission during 2019, your hopes for 2020 and how someone interested can learn more and/or get involved.

Please send it TODAY.

Beckie’s email is beckie@stlukespc.org. Thank you!!!
WE NOW HAVE THE 4 VESTRY NOMINATIONS NEEDED

The following have consented to be nominated for election to the St. Luke’s Vestry: Don Wood for the 1-year term vacated by Deb Walters and Kate May, Jerry Brewer and Emily Fiscus for 3-year terms. The Parish By-Laws require that during our Annual Celebration we ask if there are additional nominations desired. If none are heard, we will accept these 4 by acclamation. Let each of them know that you are grateful for their willingness to serve.

Our Annual Celebration will following a 10:30 service of Morning Prayer on Sunday, February 2nd. The meeting will begin at approximately 11:45.

We will have a parish potluck lunch that day so please be prepared to bring an entree or dessert to share with others.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OR RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION?

Bishop Hayashi will make his annual visitation to St. Luke’s on Sunday, March 1st. If you would like to officially join the Episcopal Church or receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, March 1st is the day as both require the Bishop’s participation. For details and more info, contact Charles+

A BIG THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE CHRISTIAN CENTER MEAL TUESDAY EVENING:

Thanks to everyone at St. Luke's who contributed to another fun and successful dinner at the Christian Center! A good time was had by all....our visitors as well as our amazing volunteers. Much appreciation to those who donated food and their time to this great community event!

Gratefully,
Linda Dugins
Christian Center Mission Coordinator

ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

Our deepest appreciation to Suzanne Pretorius who has generously volunteered to act as Co-Administrator and Liaison for the Vestry for the St. Luke's Community Garden... THANK YOU, Suzanne!

(Our gratitude also extends to both John Hoener and Krissa Bolton, both of whom expressed a willingness to serve if needed. Thank you so much!)
You can now make a donation directly from your mobile phone, computer or a tablet.

Go to our new website: www.stlukesparkcity.org
to make a one time donation or set up a recurring donation from a credit card or checking account.

You can also text the word "Give" to 385-219-4489 to make a donation right from your phone.

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.

DONATIONS WELCOME
No energy to climb up to the attic to put away all your Christmas decorations? Or cleaning out closets to make room for all your Christmas gifts? Please consider donating your extra Christmas decorations or unwanted items to our Missions Table. All proceeds go to support local non-profits or St Luke's ministries. Just leave your items under the table (or on the table, if there is room) and we will make them available to support our mission fund. Thank you!

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.

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 GATHERING:
We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Bring an appetizer and a drink to share.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY:
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CHRISTIAN CENTER FOOD PANTRY:
Please bring canned goods and non perishables to St Luke's as we will be making regular donations to the Christian Center's food pantry. Please donate only the kinds of foods you would want to feed your own family. Let's fill the red wagon each week in the foyer! PCIS senior, John Reko, will be picking up our donations and making regular deliveries to the Christian Center. Thanks for supporting this important ministry!

ROAD HOME
The Road Home is in need of volunteers, January and February, to serve the men lunch and dinners at the MRC, located in South Salt Lake. You can sign up individually, with friends or as a group. The time goes quickly and the men are so appreciative. Below is the link for the signup! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084dacaf2aa2f94-mens1 Thanks so much.

PLEASE JOIN ONE OF THE ST. LUKE’S DINNER GROUPS (a.k.a. Shepherding Groups)
There are numerous dinner groups at St. Luke’s that meet a few times each year for conversation and friendship building. If you would like to participate in one of our parish’s dinner groups, please contact Beckie in the Church Office at 435-649-4900 Ext. 12 or at beckie@stlukespc.org. All are welcome!