Offering thanks to God doesn't mean ignoring or glossing over the presence of difficulty or suffering around us or within us. But cultivating a practice of gratitude sharpens our ability to perceive the presence of God in the midst of it all. Thankfulness for what God has done for us—out of nothing but God's sheer and steadfast love—helps dispose us toward recognizing what God is seeking to do even now. It opens us to participate in what God is working to bring about in our lives and in the world.

This day, this moment, for what do you give thanks?

Blessed be the gifts you never notice, your health, eyes to behold the world, thoughts to countenance the unknown, memory to harvest vanished days, your heart to feel the world's waves, your breath to breathe the nourishment of distance made intimate by earth. ~ John O'Dwyer.

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever. —Psalm 107.1
In Need of Prayer? St. Luke’s Prayer Ministers are available during and after the 10:30 AM service to pray with you. Our Prayer Ministers are trained to be emotionally safe, supportive and maintain confidentiality. Seek them out during Holy Eucharist or after the service. 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

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. Margaret’s Chapel, Rowland Hall School.
✓ All people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the people & leaders of The Church of The Falkland Islands.

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++++ (wife of Kevin Tischner), Alexa++++ (granddaughter of Deedee Sihvonen), Gerry ++++ (wife of Jim Brooks) Mildred & Tom ++++ (mother and brother of Cheryl Poppel) Cassie & Gabriele+++++++ (daughters of Richard & Bernadette Rothman) Claudia++++++ (friend of Beckie Raemer) Tom++++ (brother of Joe Cordery) Kelle ++++ (mother of Aimee Altizer, Susan+++ (friend of Iris Thompson) Aone++ (sister of Teddi Reeves) Trina+ (friend of Jane Hamilton) Joan+ (friend of Barbara Wine)

THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AROUND THE WORLD:
✓ Both protection for all law enforcement officers as they seek to protect the public and an end to all forms of racism, prejudice and injustice. Let compassion reign in our hearts.
✓ Comfort for the friends and families of the victims of this week’s terrorist attacks.
✓ An end to the conflicts in Turkey, Ukraine, Syria, Iraq & Afghanistan and healing for all victims.
✓ A lasting, permanent peace between Israel & her neighbors.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED……
✓ For all of Our Adult Nursery Coordinator, John Weinberg, and his family.
✓ And for those having birthdays this week: Lou Giacoma on Tuesday; Sherry Martin on Wednesday; Ann Fiery on Friday; Ryan Miller and Eric Smith on Saturday.

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 - July 31st
7:45 AM Holy Eucharist at the Chapel
9:00 AM Choir Practice
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist at the Church
Children’s Church School

Monday - August 1st
9:30 AM Centering Prayer

Wednesday - August 3rd
4:00 PM A Course in Miracles
5:10 PM Tai-Chi

Friday - August 5th
10:00 AM Centering Prayer

Sunday - August 7th
+Normal Sunday Schedule

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THOSE SERVING TODAY:

7:45 AM 10:30 AM
Altar Guild Julie Crittenden Barbara Wine
Layreaders Judy Hanley Mary Parsons
Prayers of the People Clergy
Crueller Julie Crittenden Roger Stephens
Chalice Bearers Harriet Stephens, Mary Parsons
Katherine Martz, Barbara Wine
Ushers/Greeters David & Emily Fiscus
Coffee Hour John & Karan Swanger
Tellers Leslie Wood, Ted Clayton
Vestry Person Leslie Wood 845-981-9901

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
435-513-0441 Email: giacomaclaudia@gmail.com

If your birthday does not appear on the list, please contact Beckie in the office, 649-4900 ext. 12

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.
Collect of the Day: God of Compassion, help us to labor with you and one another to create a society in which every person may find work that brings dignity, personal fulfillment and a wage adequate for the financial burdens of this life. Empower each of us to see clearly the distinction between our essential needs and our excessive desires; with Jesus, our Brother, Teacher and Lord. AMEN.

The Hebrew Scriptures:
Reader: Today's reading from the Hebrew scriptures comes from the first two chapters of Ecclesiastes. The Book of Ecclesiastes is an essay on the topic "Is life worthwhile?" Ironically, the writer answers this question in the negative. He considers the various ends or goals for which people live and finds that each of these reasons brings only vanity and frustration: Please read with me by reading the parts in bold print……Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with.

I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun.

This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it.

This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun?

For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity. Here ends the reading.

The Christian Gospels:
Luke 12:13-21
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."
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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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Many thanks to the Rev. Tim Sexton for preaching and celebrating Holy Eucharist today in the rector’s absence.
CENTERING PRAYER:
Meets on Monday mornings at 9:30 AM and 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.c.hafner@gmail.com

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

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.

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, "A New Harmony: The Spirit, The Earth, and The Human Soul" by J. Phillip Newell. 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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Will resume in the Fall. Our tradition has been to pick a book to read over them summer and get together for a Sunday brunch, hike, and discussion of the book. Our book this summer is "Crazy Christians-A Call to follow Jesus" by Michael Curry. The brunch date time and place will be announced later.Contact Mary at 645-3963 if you have questions.

TAI-CHI
Tai Chi for Arthritis and Health will continue to be offered on Wednesdays from 5:10-6 PM.

WOMEN'S GET TOGETHER
Please join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. We gather to get to know and support one another. Please bring an appetizer, dessert, main or drink to share.

HOSPITALITY GROUNDS COMMUNITY GARDEN NEEDS
Would you be willing to help donate produce to the Christian Center and Peace House? For about 2 months each summer, we will be needing to harvest, wash and deliver produce to local food pantry's. This will take very little training and is a great opportunity for groups of people to bond of a good deed. This would be a great Shepherding Group activity! Would your kids or grandkids have a "team" or "club" that would want to volunteer a few hours? To offer your help or for more information, contact Aimee Altizer, aimeealtizer@gmail.com, 801-915-9059.

A COURSE IN MIRACLES
Our A Course in Miracles study group will continue to meet during the summer. Please join us at 4:00 each Wednesday in the St. Luke's library to read and discuss theory and practice of this thought system based on non-judgment and love. For information call Ann Fiery, 304-617-5714, or visit www.acim.org.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE:
WWW.STLUKESPARKCITY.ORG
It's not completely finished, but there is enough content to make it worth a visit. 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. Happy exploring!!!

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