Welcome Salt Lake Men’s Chorus!

Mark’s Gospel: A great windstorm arose and Jesus was asleep in the boat, asleep on a cushion. Waking him, the disciples said, “Don’t you care we are perishing?”

When heavy storms of life come, on some level many of us are tempted to respond like the character in Stephen King’s *Storm of the Century: An Original Screenplay*: “When his life was ruined, his family killed, his farm destroyed, Job knelt down on the ground and yelled up to the heavens, “Why god? Why me?” and the thundering voice of God answered, There’s just something about you that pisses me off.”

On some level, we too are tempted to think that that quip does describe how untrustworthy God is. Certainly the disciples’ trust and friendship with Jesus was threatened. John O’ Donohue acknowledges, “Every friendship travels at sometime through the black valley of despair. This tests every aspect of your affection. You lose the attraction and the magic. Your sense of each other darkens and your presence is sore. If you can come through this time, it can purify with your love, and falsity and need will fall away. It will bring you onto new ground where affection can grow again.”

He continues, (These events offer a) “most subversive invitation—the invitation to awaken to who you are and where you have landed.” Jesus’ subversive invitation to his followers is to awaken to what they cannot control—embrace living out of God’s presence living within them, empowering them to live from the present moment with confidence and joy.

So……How is Jesus’ invitation operating in your life?

Lynn Berryhill: A Storm is coming (Source unknown)
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 - June 24th** - Salt Lake Men’s Choir
7:45 AM  Holy Eucharist at the Chapel
10:15 AM  Choir Practice
10:30 AM  Holy Eucharist at the Church
Children’s Church School

**Tuesday - June 26th**
6:30 PM  “How Jesus Became God” Course

**Wednesday - June 27th**
4:00 PM  A Course In Miracles
5:10 PM  Tai-Chi

**Friday - June 29th**
10:00 AM  Centering Prayer

**Saturday - June 30th**
Clean Up Day

**Sunday - July 1st**
Normal Sunday Schedule

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**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THOSE SERVING TODAY:**

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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.

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**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. Paul’s Church in Vernal. And for all people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the people & leaders of The Church of the Province of Uganda and Tanzania.

**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), Judy+++ (Hanley) Alex+++ (granddaughter of Deedee Sihvonen), Jennifer+++ (Strachan) Tom+++ (brother of Joe Cordery) Sue+++ (sister of Teddi Reeves) Kaylee & Tom+++ (nephew of Barb Wine) Jerry+ (friend of Janet van Hartesvelt)

**THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AROUND THE WORLD:**
PK pray for peace between the United States, Iran, North Korea, Syria and Russia.
PK pray for the human community that we may find the wisdom to live in greater respect and harmony with our planet home.
PK For safety and recovery for all people effected by natural disasters throughout the world.
PK 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.
PK For a lasting and permanent peace between Israel and all of her neighbors.

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED………**

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

For those having Birthdays this week: Neil Wilcox today; Linda Sears on Monday; Dyan Pignatelli on Tuesday and Charleton Fiscus on Wednesday.

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

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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.
The Scriptures
Proper 7 Yr. B: June 24, 2018

The Collect of the Day:  Life presents us with hostile giants and fierce storms and we must respond. We pray for courage and faith; the courage to act assertively when our fears would urge us to run away and hide and a faith that will empower us to trust in the ultimate triumph of goodness, mercy and righteousness; with Jesus our Brother, Teacher and Lord.

From the Hebrew Scriptures:
Our first lesson comes from the 17th chapter of the First Book of Samuel. Please read with me from the Hebrew tradition by reading the parts in bold print…David said to Saul, “Let no one’s heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.” Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.” But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it.

Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.”

David said, “The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from this Philistine.” So Saul said to David, “Go, and may the Lord be with you!” Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul’s sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, “I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.” So David removed them.

Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd’s bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.” But David said to the Philistine,

“You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord’s and he will give you into our hand.”

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground. Here ends the reading.

From the Sufi Tradition:
The following parable is found in the Sufi tradition. Sufism, as we know it, developed within the cultural matrix of Islam. The Islamic revelation presented itself as the expression of the essential message brought to humanity by the prophets of all ages. Please read with me from the Sufi tradition by reading the parts in bold print…The fame of a certain lion had spread throughout the world. A certain man so wondered at this lion that he set out from afar for the jungle where the lion was in order to see it.

When he reached the jungle, having endured hardship for a year and having traversed many leagues, he saw the lion at a distance and stopped, unable to go any farther. “You have come so far for love of this lion,” he was told, “and this lion has the peculiar characteristic of not harming anyone who approaches him bravely and pets him lovingly. The lion only grows angry at those who are afraid of him. He attacks those whom he suspects of harboring an evil opinion of him. Now that you have traveled for a year and come so close to the lion, why have you stopped? Step forward!” But the man did not have the courage to take even one step forward.

“All those steps I took,” he said, “were easy. But now this one step I cannot take.”

Here ends the reading.

Form the Christian Gospels:  Mark 4:35-41
Priest:  The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark.
People:  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

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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TAI CHI: Registration is again open for two weeks for tai chi beginners. Whether you are in peak shape or haven't done much physical exercise other than lifting the remote, Tai Chi for Health and Arthritis for Fall Prevention is something you should consider, especially if you are concerned about falls and/or high blood pressure, to name just two. Registration will remain open through June 27. Classes are held at the church each Wednesday from 5:10 to 6:00. A donation of $30 is requested for six classes. We have instructors there to assist beginning students along with our continuing ones. We can accommodate for most mobility issues. If you have questions, please email Bob Casey at bob@journey4healthnow.com or call him at 740-398-0489.

WOMEN’S GATHERING: We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Please bring a drink or a dish to share. Join us! July 10 Deborah Smith (9 Spyglass Ct., Park City) August 14 Kim Svoboda (Salt Lake) Thanks! I hope we see you! Cathy Callow-Heusser, 435-757-2724

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.

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.