Arriving at a large conference like Lambeth for the first time, joining hundreds of people from around the world, was a very, very confusing experience. All the delegates with divergent ideas and agendas, the sprawling campus, the myriad meetings, prayer groups, services and activities created an almost unbearable sense of chaos. Overwhelmed, I sought some symbol of unity. The pectoral crosses I saw every day became the anchor I needed to make sense of what I was experiencing. This montage is my gift to the people of Lambeth.
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 clergy and people of St. Mary’s Church in Provo. And for all people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the Church of England.

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++++ & Joanne (friends of Leslie Wood) Gabrielle++++ (daughter of Bernadette Rothman), Fred++++ (brother in law of Linda Sears) Derrell++++ (Reeves), Jayme+++ (sister of Felicia Lundie) Don++ (friend of Anne Bransford) Bob++ (Casey)

THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AROUND THE WORLD: ✩ Pray for those effected by the Coronavirus and an end to the pandemic. ✩ 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 effected 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: Diego Ize and Gail McBride today; Leslie Wood on Tuesday.

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.

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
Third Sunday of Lent A - March 15, 2020

COLLECT OF THE DAY: On this Third Sunday of the Lenten Season, we pray for the healing of our minds that the way we see and think about ourselves, others and the whole world may be changed by Love and Compassion Itself; with Jesus our Brother, Teacher and Lord. Amen.

FROM THE HEBREW TRADITION:
Our passage from the Hebrew tradition comes from the 17th chapter of the Book of the Exodus. Please read with me by reading the parts in bold print.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go ahead on the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?” Here ends the reading.

FROM THE CHRISTIAN GOSPELS:
Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
According to John. (4:5-42)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Priest: Now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper already receives wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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.

The St. Luke’s Community Prayer:
Creator God, the source and unity of all things,
You are calling us to serve humanity as agents of reconciliation,
Therefore, grant us: The wisdom to embrace disagreement as an avenue of learning, The courage to communicate directly and honestly,
The humility to seek forgiveness from those we injure by our words or deeds, The bravery to share openly with those who injure us,
The willingness to accept differences as sacred gifts, And the flexibility to embrace change as a normal part of life. In your holy name. Amen.
Quotes from: *Tightrope: Americans Reaching for Hope*
Discussed each Wednesday at 4:00 in the Church Office…..All are welcome!

“The test of our progress is not whether we add more
to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we
provide enough for those who have too little.” p. 25
Franklin D. Roosevelt - January 20, 1937

“It was a reflection of the upward mobility of the time [post-WWII] that an illiterate
man born into poverty could learn a skill, buy a farm, earn a solid living
and build a good life for his family. Yet in retrospect, the middle-class
dream was becoming more elusive in Yamhill and in the thousands of
Yamhills across America. Soon after Cindy and Kevin left for high school,
lucrative union jobs like their dad's began disappearing, especially for young
people without a high-school degree. The glove factory closed it's doors.
Sawmills closed down and farms consolidated and invested in technology,
which resulted in fewer jobs.” p. 30

“The problem is not the overall economy, which has been soaring.
In Kevin's lifetime, the US economy quintupled in size, and American
corporate profits rose tenfold. Just since 2000, private wealth in the
United States has increased by $46 trillion, or an average of $365,000 per household…..
The gains in wealth and income have gone largely to a tiny share of the population.
The people in the top 1/10 of 1% did fantastically well after 1980, those in the top 1%
did very well, those below them in the top 10% enjoyed incomes growing at the same
pace as the economy. Those in the bottom 90% all lost ground as their incomes grew
more slowly than the overall economy during the last four decades.” p. 33

“California's best public elementary schools are in Palo Alto, accessible
to anyone who can buy a house in a district where the median home price
exceeds $3 million. Next door is East Palo Alto, which is disproportionately poor
and minority, children attend inferior schools that lead to an inferior future….Liberal hypocrisy is at work here as well. Affluent liberals have not agitated
to address school funding inequity because their children benefit by attending
elite, well-funded schools.” p. 45

“Something is wrong with America's tax structure in which the working poor
pay taxes so the federal government can make a payment to an e-commerce giant….
[Amazon paid zero in federal income taxes in 2018 despite profits of $11.2 billion]
…..owned by the worlds richest man….. Only about 6% of the tax returns of those
with income of more than $1 million are audited, along with 7/10 of 1 percent
of business tax returns. Meanwhile, there is one group that the IRS scrutinizes
rigorously: the working poor with incomes below $20,000 a year who receive
the Earned Income Tax Credit.” p. 47
Every Dollar You Donate Goes Directly to Support All of the Following St. Luke’s Missions and Mission Partnerships

St. Luke’s Community Garden
Suzanne Pretorius - Coordinator
suzanneelainepretorius@gmail.com
An opportunity for St. Luke’s members and non-members to grow vegetables and community connections.

Flourish Bakery
The Rev. Aimee Altizer - Director
aimealtizer@gmail.com
Provides an on-the-job training opportunity for those who are recovering from addiction and/or incarceration. Graduates are qualified to find work in the culinary field.

Hope Alliance Partnership
Don Wood - Coordinator
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Hope Alliance conducts vision clinics locally and internationally to provide eye-glasses and visual aids to the poorest of the poor. Members of St. Luke’s can volunteer to help with these clinics.

The Project for Deeper Understanding
The Rev. Charles Robinson - Chair
pastor@stlukespc.org
The Project conducts community forums in response to divisive issues. The goal is for all participants to practice listening to and learning from those with different points of view in a safe and respectful context.

The Better Angels Project of Summit County
The Rev. Charles Robinson - Chair
pastor@stlukespc.org
The mission of the Better Angels Project is to provide multiple opportunities throughout the year for people on opposite sides of the political divide and/or specific issues to meet for mutual listening and learning.

Utahn for Religious Scholarship
The Rev. Charles Robinson - Chair
pastor@stlukespc.org
Utahn for Religious Scholarship works to bridge the divide between religious scholars and the people in the pews. The public is invited to attend lectures and panel discussions involving religious scholars throughout the calendar year.

Homeless Ministries
Katherine Martz - Coordinator
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Theresa McMillan - Coordinator
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Each year, the people of St. Luke’s attempt to help the poor, homeless and destitute in a number of ways: (1) preparing and serving meals at one of the Road Home shelters in SLC, (2) purchasing Christmas gifts for homeless children and (3) collecting winter survival supplies to help men, women and children survive on the streets in frigid temperatures.

Camp Tuttle
Ed Turner - Coordinator
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St. Luke’s provides summer camp scholarships for children in need. A scholarship allows a child to have a week of life-changing experiences at our local Episcopal camp.

Episcopal Community Relief and Development
Mary McEntire - Coordinator
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Episcopal Community Relief and Development provides emergency aid and support for disaster victims around the globe.

St. Elizabeth’s Partnership
The Rev. Charles Robinson - Liaison
pastor@stlukespc.org
The people of St. Luke’s seek to befriend and support the people of St. Elizabeth’s for the sake of friendship, mutual learning and the healing of past injustices.

Christian Center Partnership
Linda Dugins - Coordinator
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St. Luke’s supports the work of this vital social service agency in Park City and seeks to partner with it whenever possible.

Please give generously. Make your check to St. Luke’s and write “Missions Fund” on the memo line…or….use your cell phone by using your Text Message App: Send the message “Give” to this number: 385-219-4489 and follow the instructions from Tithely. Thanks you so much!
KEEPING EACH OTHER VIRUS-FREE AT CHURCH - RECOMMENDATIONS and INFO FROM THE RECTOR:

In times like these our mantra should be "Facts over Fear; Reason over Emotion." In other words as we live through the next few weeks and months, let's think and behave rationally based on what the scientists are telling us and with kindness and compassion for others based upon what our faith is calling us to do.

(1) To help with the facts, here is a link to the Summit County Health Department's webpage on the Coronavirus.......  
https://summitcountyhealth.org/coronavirus

There's a ton of good information there.

(2) Our St. Luke's Community will gather this Sunday for worship, prayer and mutual support. While it is possible that we may need to cancel services at some point in the future, we are not there yet. We have always held services during Flu Season and according to the Summit County Health Dept., the risk of infection with the Coronavirus in our area is low.

Here is what the Center for Disease Control says about those who are at a Higher Risk:  
"Early information out of China, where COVID-19 first started, shows that some people are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. This includes:

- Older adults
- People who have serious chronic medical conditions like:
  - Heart disease
  - Diabetes
  - Lung disease

"If a COVID-19 outbreak happens in your community, it could last for a long time. (An outbreak is when a large number of people suddenly get sick.) Depending on how severe the outbreak is, public health officials may recommend community actions to reduce people’s risk of being exposed to COVID-19. These actions can slow the spread and reduce the impact of disease.

"If you are at higher risk for serious illness from COVID-19 because of your age or because you have a serious long-term health problem, it is extra important for you to take actions to reduce your risk of getting sick with the disease."

Each of us will make our decisions about going to the grocery store, the health spa, yoga classes and Sunday worship services based upon our particular circumstances and our tolerance for
risk. Rightly so..... Do what you think is best, but try to not exaggerate or over-react because of Fear. Fear will take over your life if you allow it to do so.

(3) For those who come to St. Luke's on Sunday, we will be taking these steps to keep each other safe........

+ If you are sick, please stay at home until you are symptom-free. This may be the most important thing you can do to help others.

+ There will be hand sanitizer on the Baptismal Font and throughout the building. Signs will be posted asking you to please use it. As soon as you enter St. Luke's, please sanitize your hands either with the alcohol-based hand sanitizer or with soap and water in the bathroom. (Please bring your own pocket-purse size hand sanitizer with you and use it liberal throughout the morning.)

+ As weird as it feels, let's avoid shaking hands and hugging one another until this crisis has passed. Waving and "elbow bumps" are good substitutes.

+ By order to the Bishop, Holy Communion will be with bread only. We will not offer the chalice until this crisis is over. Those serving Communion will sanitize their hands prior to touching the bread.

+ No water in the Baptismal Font.

+ Coffee Hour will be without food items for the time being. This is simply to reduce the number of items that may be touched by several different people. We will offer coffee, tea and bottled water during Coffee Hour until the crisis has passed.

(4) With respect to all St. Luke's small-group gatherings (classes, book studies, shepherding groups, etc.), it will be up to each group-leader and each group to decide if they want to meet. Let common-sense and the facts from the scientific community be your guides.

Wednesday's Beer & BS Discussion Group will continue to meet. If the situation becomes much worse, we will reevaluate and possibly cancel our group meetings until the crisis passes.

(5) Communications from St. Luke's will be duplicated in the "Weekly Magazine," the weekly e-newsletter and the church's website. We will also share appropriate info through the greeting messages of the office telephones. We will do our best to stay in touch with everyone as we make our way through this time of uncertainty.

(6) If you become isolated in your home due to illness or fear of exposure and you need someone to visit the grocery store for you or run some other important errand, please contact Charles+ at pastor@stlukespc.org or 435-901-2131.

FINALLY, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Charles+, pastor@stlukespc.org or Beckie beckie@stlukespc.org or 435-649-4900 Ext. 12 in the Church Office.
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.

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.

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 "The Universal Christ" by Richard Rohr. Please join us for coffee, fellowship and a lively discussion! For more info please call Ann Deyo, anniedeyo@aol.com, 435-640-8258.

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! PCHS senior, John Reko, will be picking up our donations and making regular deliveries to the Christian Center. Thanks for supporting this important ministry!

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Our spring session will begin at a later date yet to be determined this year. Stay tuned for more information.

WOMEN'S GATHERING:
We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30. Bring a drink or appetizer to share.

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.

A COURSE IN MIRACLES - NEW DAY AND TIME
Our Study Group for "A Course in Miracles" will begin meeting again on Monday, March 30, at 4:00, in the St. Luke's Library. ACIM is a course in spiritual psychotherapy focusing on Love and Forgiveness. There is a Text, Workbook, and other Supplements we read and discuss during our one-hour meetings.

If you are interested in joining us, contact Ann Fiery at 304-617-5714 for more information.

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!

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