St. Luke, Icon Painter
A History of the Tradition

Though not included in the canonic pictorial of Mary's life, the scene of Saint Luke “writing” an icon of the Virgin Mary became increasingly popular as Saint Luke gained his own devotional following as the patron saint of artists in general, and more specifically as patron saint of the Guild of Saint Luke, the most common name of local painters' guilds. The legend of Saint Luke as the author of the first Christian icons had been developed in Byzantium. By the 11th century, a number of images were attributed to his authorship and venerated as authentic portraits of Christ and the Virgin Mary. In the Late Middle Ages and the Renaissance, Luke's ascendancy paralleled a rise in status of painters themselves.

Reflection on Art and Art-making
"At the deepest level, the creative process and the healing process arise from a single source. When you are an artist, you are a healer; a wordless trust of the same mystery is the foundation of your work and its integrity."
Rachel Naomi Remen, MD
Author, "Kitchen Table Wisdom"

"Healing Art is being born as we speak. The concept is catching fire, is awakening in people's spirits… Artists, musicians and dancers are realizing their imagery has meaning… that their imagery heals them, others, their neighborhood, or the earth."
Michael Samuels, Arts and Healing Network

"The future of healthcare is a convergence of art, spirituality, and healing."
Leland Kaiser, University of Colorado
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. Francis Church in Moab.
✓ All people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the people & leaders of The Church of Mexico.

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++++ (wife of Kevin Tischner), Alexa++++ (granddaughter of Deedee Sihvonen), Gerry ++++(wife of Jim Brooks) Mildred & Tom ++++(mother and brother of Cheryl Popple) Gabrielle++++ (daughter of Richard & Bernadette Rothman) Tom+++ (brother of Joe Cordery) Kelle+++ (mother of Aimee Altizer), Aone+++ (sister of Teddi Reeves) Mary Gene++++ Scott+++ (mother & brother of Sharon Christiansen) Sandor++++ (friend of Harriet Stephens) Joan+++ (friend of Barbara Wine) Ryan+++ (son of Christy Bergin) Rick & Craig+++ (sons of Neil & Theresa Wilcox) Jeff+++ (Volmrich) Jill+++ (friend of Susan Brewer) Molly+++ (sister of Julie Crittenden) Linda+++ (friend of Shelle Jennings) Jeff++ (son in law of Maureen White) Brad++ (friend of Jim & Shelle Jennings)

THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AROUND THE WORLD:
✓ An end to terrorism and the wisdom to find a way to live together in peace.
✓ Recovery for those effected by Hurricane Matthew.
✓ An end to the conflicts in Ukraine, Syria, Iraq & Afghanistan and healing for all victims.
✓ A lasting, permanent peace between Israel & her neighbors.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED…….
✓ For our Acolytes and their families.
✓ And for those having birthdays this week: Aimee Altizer and Bernadette Rothman on Monday and Jan Hafner on Tuesday.
Collect of the Day: Gentle and compassionate Christ, you have revealed your love and concern among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the work of healing and reconciliation; with Jesus, our Brother, Teacher and Lord. Amen

The Hebrew Scriptures:
Reader: Today's reading from the Hebrew scriptures comes from the 31st chapter of the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah. In today's passage, God promises the people in exile in Babylon to cease holding subsequent generations responsible for the transgressions of previous ones: "In those days they shall no longer say, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.'" Instead, according to verse 30, "all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge." The remission of the sin of the past generations gives the survivors and their descendants an opportunity to start their lives over with God as they rebuild their homes and nation. Please read the passage with me by reading the parts in bold print…..The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals.

And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord.

In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.
The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Here ends the reading.

The Hindu Scriptures:

There is a relationship between the health of the soul and health of the body. Physical health is thus a welcome by-product of spiritual health. Please read with me from the Yajur Veda by reading the parts in bold print. Whatever defect I have of eye, of heart, of mind, or whatever excess there is, may Brishaspati remedy it.

Gracious to us be the Lord of the world.

Here ends the reading.

The Christian Gospels:

Luke 18:1-8


People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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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St. Luke’s Biography

St. Luke, the writer of the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, has been identified with St. Paul's "Luke, the beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14). Luke explains in the introduction to his gospel that his writings were inspired by close association with Paul and his companions. Luke joined Paul at Troas in the year of 51, accompanying him from Macedonia to Philippi. Luke remained with Paul to the end of his life, even during his imprisonment and sufferings, "Only Luke is with me" (2 Timothy 4:11).

Saint Luke was born a Greek and a Gentile in Antioch, Syria. He was a physician and it is believed that he may have also been a slave, as it was not uncommon in his day for slaves to be educated in medicine so the family would have a resident physician. Luke became a close companion of Paul of Tarsus and accompanied him on his missionary journeys. It is very possible that Luke provided medical assistance to Paul when he had been beaten, stoned or nearly drowned while evangelizing to the Western Roman Empire.


Luke's Christian ministry can be followed in the book of Acts. Up until the sixteenth chapter the story of Acts is written in third person, much like an historian recording facts. The voice of the narrator then changes to first person and scholars believe this is done at the time Luke first joined Paul at Troas in the year 51. The book of Acts switches back to third person and scholars believe that this reflects a period in time when Luke was not present during the events that are recorded.

It is believed that Luke lived a long life and died c. 74 in Greece. He was the first Christian physician and was venerated by the Catholic Church as the patron saint of physicians and surgeons. Saint Luke is also considered the patron saint of painters because according to tradition, he had painted images of Mary and of Jesus. This was later proven to be incorrect. Saint Luke's feast day is celebrated on October 18th.

The gospel of Luke focuses on on the poor and oppressed, encouraging tenderness and compassion for the less fortunate. The story of Lazarus and the Rich Man who ignored him is told in Luke's gospel, as is the parable of the Good Samaritan. The Gospel of Luke stresses the importance of evangelizing to the Gentile. In the Gospel of Luke we hear Jesus praising the faith of Gentiles such as the widow of Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian (Lk.4:25-27), and we hear the story of the one grateful leper who is a Samaritan (Lk.17:11-19). And it is only in the gospel of Luke that the beatitude is used "blessed of the poor" instead of "Blessed are the poor in spirit."
The Feast of St. Luke the Physician

Prelude
A Reading for the Book of James:
Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

Processional Hymn: The Prayer of St. Francis  Worship Booklet (WB) p. 6  Please Stand
Opening Acclamation: WB p. 13
A Litany for Healing:
Priest: Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;
Response: Hear us, O Lord of life.
Priest: Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;
Response: Hear us, O Lord of life.
Priest: Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
Response: Hear us, O Lord of life.
Priest: Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
Response: Hear us, O Lord of life.
Priest: Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;
Response: Hear us, O Lord of life.
Priest: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;
Response: Hear us, O Lord of life.
Priest: You are the Lord loves each of us more than we can know:
Response: You have declared your love and mercy among the peoples.
Priest: With you, O Lord, is the well of life:
Response: And in your light we see light.
Priest: Hear us, O Lord of life:

The Gloria: WB p. 14  Please Remain Standing
Collect of the Day: The Weekly Magazine (WM) p. 3  Please Remain Standing
Scripture Passages: WM p. 3  Please Be Seated
Gospel Hymn: WB p. 15 vs. 1 & 2  Please Stand
The Gospel Passage:
Gospel Hymn: vs. 3
Sermon:
A Time of Silence

An Alternative Expression of Faith:  WB p. 17

The Origami Prayer Cranes are Raised:
Priest:  We raise these cranes as a confession of our needs and our hopes.
Response:  Hear, O Lord, the deepest cries of our hearts.

Prayers of the People:  WB p. 18

A Public Service of Healing:
Following the St. Luke’s Community Prayer, members of the congregation are invited to come forward to meet with any of the four Prayer Ministers standing near the Table of the Lord. You may ask for prayer for yourself concerning any issue troubling you or another. After you have shared your concern(s), the Prayer Minister will touch either your hands, shoulder or head and say something like the following:

(Your Name), may the Holy Spirit who lives in and through and all around you guide you into the path of healing and wholeness. May your deepest hopes be realized. I anoint you, in the Name of all that is Sacred, that you may be healed, now and forever. Amen

Your Prayer Minister will then make the sign of the cross on you forehead with oil as a reminder of the Sacred Love that indwells all living beings and makes us whole.

The Peace:
Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Eucharist:  WB p. 22

Our Post-Communion Prayer:
Divine Love, we thank you for feeding us with your loving presence symbolized in the Body and Blood of Jesus. We pray that each and every human being may be comforted in their suffering and made whole. When they are afraid, give them courage; when they feel weak, grant them your strength; when they are afflicted, afford them patience; when they are lost, offer them hope; when they are alone, move us to their side; In the name of Jesus, our Brother, Teacher and Lord. Amen.

The Blessing
Recessional Hymn:  Great is Thy Faithfulness  WB p. 38
Dismissal:
Our Annual Pledge Drive
(“The St. Luke’s Poker Run”)
in Support of Our 2017 Operating Budget
STARTS TODAY!!!

What is an “operating budget?”
It’s the family’s bills: utilities, insurance, maintenance, salaries and benefits, supplies, etc. Just like your household, St. Luke’s has bills to pay each month….about $35,000 each month. Our operating budget does not include the money we need for our community outreach missions. We try to raise that money during our Annual Lenten Campaign for missions.

What is the St. Luke’s Poker Run?
It’s our fun way of getting everyone involved in the financial support of their parish church and its operations and ministries.

What is our participation goal?
100%, that is, our goal is to have every household in our parish submit a 2017 Estimated Giving Card during our Poker Run - October 16th through November 13th. An”Estimate of Giving” reflects your intention and your best guess for 2017.

Why should you participate?
Because St. Luke’s is your parish community. Because our congregation makes a difference in the lives of people in our town, state, nation and world. Because Summit & Wasatch Counties would be diminished if our parish became too financially impaired to carry out our work.

How much do we need?
We will need about $270,000 in operating budget donations from our parish households during 2017. We have other sources of funding that help out (such as the many 12 Step Groups and other congregations who use our buildings), but the bulk of our operating funds come from our parish’s approx. 110 households.

I know you get a hundred requests for a donation each week from all kinds of non-profits. It can be exhausting. I just ask that you remember that the ongoing health, success and well-being of our parish church depends on each of us to do our part. If you are already tithing, I hope you will continue… If you are currently giving 2 % of your income, I hope you will try to allocate 3% for St. Luke’s during 2017… If you are currently giving 5%, please commit to 6% for next year… etc. Your generosity will be deeply appreciated.

With Gratitude,
Charles+
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.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE:
WWW.STLUKESPARKCITY.ORG
We are still working on a few sections, 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!!!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
We are doing the Priscilla Shirer study "Breathe-Making Room for the Sabbath". We have a total of 7 books and will bring them to the 1st session. If we need more later they are available at Lifeway in SLC or on Amazon. Hope to see you there!

WOMEN'S GET TOGETHER
Please join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Come and enjoy the fellowship. We gather to get to know and support one another.

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.

TAI-CHI
Tai Chi will meet on Wednesdays at 5:10. However, registration is closed until next round. Many thanks to those who have shown interest.

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

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