

# THE CALL

The Reverend Adam S. Linton, Rector

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## Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

2374 Grant Avenue, Ogden, Utah 84401

### Rector's Reflections

Dear Friends,

November, at least for those of us living in the United States, is the Thanksgiving month. It seems like such a plain concept to us that we easily forget how central, how profound it is – addressing the heart of our spirituality. Looking up, in the N.R.S.V. unabridged concordance (which includes the Apocryphal / Deuterocanonical Books), I count two-hundred twelve instances of words like “thanksgiving” (including, for example, “thank” and “thankful”). And this, too, is the meaning, from the Greek, of our central act of worship: *Eucharist*. Such a focus does not mean that we pretend that life is always easy. Frequently it isn't. So much more than seems fair, for ourselves or others, life is painful and disappointing. We aren't called to the sort of naïve reductionism exemplified by the the character Doctor Pangloss in Voltaire's *Candide*. No, as things are, this is not “the best of all possible worlds.” We are meant for work for real betterment, of ourselves, of our communities and world. We aren't meant to settle for a status quo that ought not to be.

And yet...

Giving voice to that which we find in the Scriptures, that which we meet in Christ, returning to take a look at our Eucharistic Prayers, we find:

“It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord...” (Rite One, Prayers I and II, *B.C.P.*, pages 333 and 341),

and

“It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty...” (Rite Two, Prayers A and B, *B.C.P.*, pages 361 and 367).

Giving thanks, “at all times, and in all places,” and, “always and everywhere.” Sounds rather broad, doesn't it? How do we hold this together? Perhaps a realization that the basis for our gratitude isn't a matter of happenstance – not of things just accidentally going our way (for a change). Perhaps, it's a recognition of a deeper providence at work, at the heart of things; even in the midst of all the “stuff.” From

the beachhead of grace that God has established, God is continuing to work – in us and through us: a trajectory of sovereign mercy bearing us to the fulfillment of divine purpose.

Now, it isn't a matter of passivity for us, just sitting back as though we were mere audience. God's work, perfectly accomplished, revealed in Jesus Christ, bears us into “the work...given us to do.” We aren't working on our own, though. In Christ, our endeavors once again manifest God's. And because of this, thanksgiving becomes not only possible, but our duty and authentic joy, as well. It's how we see things as they really are and truly are becoming.

Therefore, in the words of Saint Paul:

“All that is true, all that is noble, all that is just and pure, all that is lovable and attractive, whatever is excellent and admirable – fill your thoughts with these things.” (Philippians 3:8, *Revised English Bible*)

Blessings,

Adam †

#### Rector's Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 9:30am - 4:30pm

Friday is Fr. Adam's usual day off. Always feel free to contact him in the event of a hospitalization or a pastoral emergency at the office (392-8168) or at home (605-1883).

#### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00am - noon, 1:00pm to 4:00pm  
Fridays the office will close at 3:00pm.

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## Will You Be My Neighbor?

It's very dark when I get up in the morning. Some of you may know what I'm talking about. If you are also rising before the roosters, I hope it's by choice. For me, well it's a different story. The alarm rings and I want to smash it with a hammer. Fortunately for the alarm clock, I have not yet begun keeping a hammer by the bed. Though, now that I think of it...

One of the reasons I hate getting up in the dark is because it's obvious as I look out the window that everyone else on my street is still asleep. I usually take a quick glance at the darkened houses and feel sorry for myself. It's my own momentary pity party. Not a single light glimmers – at least not until the other morning.

The house across the street was recently bought by a couple with several young children. They moved in about a month ago. No wait, maybe six or seven weeks ago now. That's the problem. I have not met them. I don't know how many children they have. I don't know the family's last name or any first names. I have not introduced myself.

I want to be the kind of neighbor who could at least be able to nod a greeting across the street when I'm working in the yard, or remind little Johnny-Billy-Frankie-Erving-whatever his name- to "be careful crossing the street," or "look both ways."

I want to take some gingerbread with lemon sauce, or cookies from the oven and greet this family. Let them know that their neighbor welcomes them. How long can the two houses go with no contact and not have their children believe they have "Boo Radley" as a neighbor?\*

When Christ was asked, "Who is my neighbor?" he answered with the beautiful parable about the good Samaritan. I don't want to wait until my new neighbor is in trouble to show that I know how to *be* a neighbor.

So, as I look at the light I wonder, is everything alright? Is someone sick and coming to the end of a feverish sleep? Is someone up early to rush to the airport? I look away. My object is not to pry. My object is to care enough to act.

The weekend is coming. There's a gingerbread mix in my cupboard and lemons in the fridge. Maybe it's time this Boo Radley came out.

What about you? Any new faces in our parish you don't recognize? Names you don't know? Find someone you don't know at coffee hour next week. Introduce yourself – and don't be afraid to re-introduce yourself several times. It takes a little time to get to know someone. We belong to this community. Let's be good neighbors.

Blessings  
Claudia †

\**To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee

## Sunday School

### November 13 – Children's Eucharist

The readings will be as follows. We ask for the older children to help with the New and Old Testament readings. Practicing beforehand will help him/her feel more confident if asked to help.

Psalm 90:1-8,12  
Zephaniah 1:7,12-18  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-10

### November 27 - Christmas Pageant

During Sunday school, the teachers will be assigning roles for the Christmas Pageant. The script and music will be sent home that day so that your child can begin practicing.

## Episcopal Youth

### November 13 -

All Jr. and Sr. High youth and their families are invited to a potluck meal right after the 10:30 service. Please bring a side dish or a desert. A main dish will be provided. The meal will be followed by a trip to the Thai Buddhist Temple in Layton. We will get a tour of the temple and have an opportunity to ask questions. We will compile a partial list of questions before we go, so give some thought to what you want to know about this faith tradition.

### November 27 -

All Jr. and Sr. High youth are invited to a meal followed by a showing of the movie "Saved". This is a very well done movie about inclusion, personal journeys and many other themes that relate to the lives of youth.

**Note** - The youth from St. Peter's in Clearfield have been invited to both events. This is an opportunity to connect with folks that we share commonalities with. I thought this would be a great way to create ties to other Episcopal parishes that, like us, have a small Jr. and Sr. High group.

Good Shepherd has received  
\$149,104 in pledges for 2006.  
Our goal is \$154,000.  
Thank you for your support.

## Adult Sunday School

“Dealing with the Bible; Letting the Bible Deal with Us”

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd  
Sundays, 9:30 to 10:15am, Tuttle Hall

**November 6:** Hebrew Scriptures, Part I: Torah

**November 13:** Hebrew Scriptures, Part II: Prophets [with Small Groups]

**November 20:** Hebrew Scriptures, Part III: Writings [with Small Groups]

**November 27:** Surprise Session

## Study Groups

All are welcome to join us as we discuss Salman Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses* – a highly controversial work of fiction which forced him into exile after Iran's political and religious leader the Ayatollah Khomeini passed down a death sentence, alleging the work blasphemes the Koran and the prophet Muhammad. Though the edict has been lifted, the book is banned in many Muslim countries, and Rushdie claims his life remains in danger.

Study Groups meet on Tuesdays at 7:00pm or on Thursdays after the mid-day Eucharist. The sessions are interchangeable, and we hope you'll join us for some lively discussion. Copies of the book are available for purchase in The Attic.

November 1 & 3: Chapter VI, “Return to Jahilia”

November 8 & 10: Chapter VII, “The Angel Azrael”

November 15 & 17: Chapter VIII “The Parting of the Arabian Sea” and Chapter IX, “A Wonderful Lamp”

November 22 & 24: **NO STUDY GROUPS**

November 29 & December 1: The Poetry of John Donne

“Love God not only in spiritual transfigurations, when he visits thy soul with glorious consolations, but even in his inward eclipses, when he withholds his comforts, and withdraws his cheerfulness, even when he makes as though he loved thee not, Love him. Love him all the way, to his end, and to thy end too, to the laying down of thy life for him.”

*John Donne*  
(1572-1631)

## The Episcopal Church Women's Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, October 29

10am to 3pm

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

featuring

Hand-Made Gifts & Baked Goods

The Tea Room

What-Not, Why-Not Treasure Adventure

Halloween Costume Contest at Noon

Magic Show

Donations of hand-crafted goodies of all sorts are welcome anytime prior to Saturday. Those with “white elephant” new or gently used items for the Treasure Adventure should drop them off in the foyer, or contact Jan Shanklin (782-2241). If you know of anyone who would like their own table, please contact Linda in the church office. Bring the family, your friends and neighbors, and come join the fun!

## Angels' Pantry

The Angels' Pantry was established to provide groceries for members of the parish who need temporary assistance and are referred by the clergy. In the past, we have had an overwhelming response to our requests for donations of non-perishable items. As a result, we have been able to help many individuals and families.

We now need items to re-stock the pantry. We appreciate donations of nutritious non-perishable items with a reasonably long shelf life. Items especially needed are: canned chili, canned soups, cereal, oatmeal, individually boxed raisins, powdered milk, coffee, tea, cocoa, sugar, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, other pastas, canned fruits and vegetables, tuna or other canned meats, peanut butter, jelly or jam, and any other items a family or individual might need. Both family-size and small items for single individuals are appreciated.

If you would like to donate any items, please mark them for the Angels' Pantry and bring them to the church. If you have items you would like picked up, please call the church office at 39268, Nancy Mikesell at 782-4381, or Sherrie Bangert at 475-7176. Donations of cash to be used for perishable items are always appreciated. Thank you again to all of you who always support us so generously.

## Youth Confirmation Begins

Congratulations to all who are beginning their journey towards Confirmation. Monday night classes will meet every other week from 5:30pm to 6:45pm. The November schedule is as follows:

November 7: "The Story of Anglicanism," Part 1  
November 21: "The Story of Anglicanism," Part 2

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## A Message from Fr. Adam

My dear friends,

I would like to express my profound appreciation to all of you for the wonderful Twenty-fifth Ordination Anniversary you gave to me and to Deacon Pete. It was a delightful occasion – and I was more deeply touched than I can possibly express adequately.

It is truly a blessing to serve the people of this wonderful parish.

Thank you so very much.

Adam †

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## November Acolyte Schedule

Thank you for your service as an acolyte. If you cannot attend the time scheduled, please try to find a replacement and give either Steve or Barbara a call to inform us of this change.

### November 6

**8:00** John Kunkel  
**10:30** **Server:** Haylee Hennessy  
**Crucifer:** Alex Bray  
**Clergy Cross:** McKenzie Bray  
**Torches:** Shayn Moss, Zachary Bray,  
Alexx Unsworth, Sarriya Hill

### November 13

**8:00** Bonnie Taylor  
**10:30** **Server:** Ethan Roberts  
**Crucifer:** Rachel Hargis  
**Clergy Cross:** Taryn Kelly  
**Torches:** Tori Skiver, Tiffany Arnett  
Nolan Peters, Madaline Gale

### November 20

**8:00** Dan Johnston  
**10:30** **Server:** Daniel Wilde  
**Crucifer:** Robert Fairchild  
**Clergy Cross:** Natalie Fairchild

**Torches:** Melissa Fairchild, Katie Payne  
Samantha Macarelli, Andrea Arnette

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### November 27

**8:00** David Seiter  
**10:30** **Server:** Kelly Garner  
**Crucifer:** Sarah Guyon  
**Clergy Cross:** Betsy Guyon  
**Torches:** Shyanne Thornsbery, Brianna Thornsbery  
Katie Payne, Riley Kaye Thomas

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## Children in Worship - Part One

(The Early Years)

### LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

(Mark 10:14b)

Children are valued and nurtured here as full members of our Good Shepherd Family. There is so much for our youngest members to experience and learn in worship. They may not "understand" things in the same way as adults, but their experience in church is equally as valuable. The young child already knows and loves God. If brought to church regularly, they grow to know and love God's house. We can help them know that this is a place where they are loved, accepted and needed.

We have childcare available for infants and toddlers during worship, but that doesn't mean they have to be there the whole time, or at all. Being together in formal worship is one way that parents, grandparents, older siblings and the whole community can be involved in the spiritual nurture of our children. Sometimes parents experience Sunday morning worship as a special time of family togetherness, which may not have been possible during the week. And sometimes, they are tired of family togetherness and need a refueling break. But it is good for all of us, regardless of age, to spend some time together in God's house, gathered around our Father's table. Here are some suggestions that may help us relax and appreciate the children who are present. Truly, the kingdom of Heaven does belong to them.

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### Suggestions for Parents

Though Sunday morning can be hectic, allow time to get settled. Take children to the bathroom before the service begins.

Collect books and materials from the children's box in the back of the church and feel free to bring a favorite stuffed animal, picture book, coloring supplies or other quiet toys. It

might help to sit in the *first* rows of the church. Children who can see will feel a part of the activity. It is sometimes helpful to seat a child next to a willing adult friend.

Introduce your child (and yourself) to people nearby.

Go over the order of worship before the service begins to identify what will be happening. Explain special events ahead of time and feel free to answer questions that “can’t wait” in a whisper. Help older children find hymns, scripture readings and prayers and then mark them. Feel free to bring special bookmarks or ribbons from home.

Share the hymnal and bulletin with an older child at her/his eye level. You may wish to bring your own books along so that you can outline words with your pen for young readers or non-readers who pick up repetitive words.

Allow children to participate in the offering by putting something in.

Children learn “worship etiquette” by participation. Please feel free to whisper to children to teach. Point things out – yes, you can point in church. Tell them what’s happening next. Talk with them about the service and explain a little of what is happening. Help them catch your enthusiasm and happiness about being in church.

You might want to talk at home about what people/events might need our prayers and help the children to pray in church or to offer names during the prayers of the people.

Talk about worship at home during the week: “Do you remember the story we heard in church?”; “We can pray a part of the prayer we used in church last Sunday.” Help them memorize phrases and shorter parts of the service, such as “and with your spirit”, or the Lord’s Prayer.

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### **Relax! Your Family is Important Here!**

Remember that it isn’t in the nature of children to sit for long. If we are sensitive to our youngest members’ abilities and needs we can help make worship a wonderful experience for all. Children can sit, move around or kneel on the floor and use the pew for a desk. The exchange of “the peace” is a good time to let them get some major wiggling out of their system.

Make whatever ground rules you need ahead of time: e.g., no flying objects, whacking of siblings, or outdoor voices (except when singing).

Bring your children to the fellowship time after service. It gives them a chance to experience yet another way of being here. Everyone loves snacks, and making new friends.

It isn’t easy growing up in a family. In most of them (including this One), it is well worth the effort.

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### **Suggestions for Good Shepherd**

Remember the commitment we made as a parish community to the children in our midst:

**“Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?”** (Holy Baptism, BCP p. 303)

During the peace, greet children as well as their parents. Hand offering plates to children, not over their heads.

Children often feel invisible in a sea of big adults – take time to greet them before and after the service.

Offer children materials from the “children’s box”.

Remember that the sounds of children aren’t extra; they are part of the whole.

When children participate in the service, take it as seriously as they do. Focus on what it is that they are offering, not on their smallness or cuteness.

Understand when parents need to take younger children to the Nursery and then return to the service.

Have patience with the learning process; we are all children of God. Remember we were all young once.

Compliment parents and children who have participated during the liturgy.

Continue your fellowship with children and their families at Coffee (and Juice) Hour.

Watch for the next installments in the Children in Church series: Part 2 – The Middle Ages, and Part 3 – They are Taller than the Priest, Now What? After 26 years of Parenting in the Pews, I am still enthusiastic about it... well, most days.

– Lori Linton

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## **Diocesan Convention 2005**

I was born into the front row of a small Episcopal church in southern Illinois. My parents were hyper-active members, enlisted volunteers in every aspect of church life. Their humble beginnings in the ranks, as reliable providers of side-dishes for the parish pot-luck, launched them into ever-more challenging roles over the years. They served on committees, they formed committees, they were elected to the Vestry, they taught Sunday School. They were lay readers and Senior Wardens, Junior Wardens and ECW Presidents. They served on search committees and new-building design committees. They became comfortable when inviting the priest over for dinner.

They willingly accepted these responsibilities with pure hearts and creative minds, until the year the Diocese was in the midst of a search for a new Bishop, the Standing Committee was not speaking to the Search Committee, or to each other, and our parish, also searching for a priest, was

coming to blows over which color to paint the walls of the janitor's closet in the new building addition. With more than 40 churches in the diocese, my father was one of only a handful of representatives from anywhere other than the huge Cathedral Church in Springfield (far away) on the Diocesan Council, and his tales of the free-for-all that was Convention that year are still alive, thirty years later.

I am delighted and quite relieved to report that my first experience as a delegate to our Diocesan Convention is quite another sort of tale. There was a stronger sense of community and cooperation in those rooms that weekend than I've ever encountered among a large group of people. I came away refreshed, inspired, and *included* – not only in the greater Episcopal community, but in our collective role in the whole community.

The opening Lay Ministry workshops laid a foundation for the increasingly open dialogue between our parishes that flourished throughout the weekend. Workshop discussions included the challenges and responsibilities of our church in the community, reaching out to youth and young adults, recognizing and expanding our collective role in the greater community, and the need for international partnership and companionship.

A memorable analogy: We're all in the same boat, our arms are open to all who wish to join us in our boat, but together with those we reach, we must collaborate on how not to capsized. I liked that idea.

The spirit of collaboration is alive and well, and I think the unofficial conversation was as constructive as the directed discussion. The willingness of our parishes to share ideas, resources, and provide support and encouragement for one another was prevalent around the coffee pot during breaks – trading information, mixing and matching needs and resources, more personally, but with the larger view more clearly in focus.

Thanks for the experience. I met many wonderful people from all over the place, and I learned many new and wonderful things – not the least of which was how one turns a convention center into "Holy Eucharist for Some Hundreds" and how exceptionally moving it is, when those hundreds raise their voices, as one, to sing (in Spanish, no less) unto the Lord. I am blessed to be among the Utah Episcopalians.

– *Betsy Guyon*

(Congratulations to Billie Wilson, newly elected member of the Diocesan Council, and to Mark LeTourneau, elected to serve on the Standing Committee. I would encourage you to visit the Diocesan website ([www.episcopal-ut.org](http://www.episcopal-ut.org)), and refer to the Convention page. There you will find reports to Convention from commissions, committees and ministries, as well as a complete look at the Five-year Plan, and more.)

## News from the St. James Youth

The Sr. High Youth Group at St. James (Midvale) sold raffle tickets at Diocesan Convention this year. We held the raffle to raise money for Camp Hobe, a cancer camp for children diagnosed with or in remission from cancer. It is a great organization associated with the Utah Cancer Foundation and located in Tooele. The total the youth group will be able to give Camp Hobe is \$1,245. We would like to thank you all for your support and helping us make such wonderful things happen.

– St. James' Youth

## The Attic

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Wednesdays 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Thursdays Noon - 1:00pm

## Utah Episcopalians Freely Give to Disaster Relief

Utah Episcopalians have donated more than \$60,000 to help victims of natural disasters in the United States and around the world. That total jumps to nearly \$90,000 when Africa, AIDS orphans, hunger and other relief giving is added.

"This is a wonderful example of the generosity of our members across the diocese," said the Rt. Rev. Carolyn Tanner Irish. "At our annual diocesan gathering this month we collected more than \$6,000 during our Convention Eucharist. That's the highest amount gathered at any such occasion in my memory," said Bishop Irish.

The convention offering was added to a hurricane recovery fund established by the bishop that now totals more than \$20,000.

"We will send some of that money to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), the relief agency of the Episcopal Church USA, and some to a fund that will help rebuild Gulf Coast churches," said the bishop.

ERD reported donations from Utah Episcopalians by mid-September of \$21,278 for hurricane relief and \$25,241 for South Asia tsunami relief. Total donations from Utah this year through September 15 were \$66,375 to ERD. The separate diocesan hurricane recovery fund totaled \$20,539 by mid-October.

“Those numbers don’t include any contributions for Pakistani earthquake relief response or those our members have made to the Red Cross or other agencies,” said Bishop Irish. “With only about 5,000 members in our diocese, raising more than \$80,000 to help our brothers and sisters around the world is both stunning and humbling.”

The Episcopal Church in Utah has 21 congregations in the state and one in Northern Arizona.

### ***November Birthdays...***

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP)*

1. Glenna Hard, Brenda Ruffier
2. Mary Bauter
3. Nancy Mikesell
4. Darlene Nelson
6. Jack Neale, Alexandra Sword
7. Lori Linton, Betty Wood
12. Lori Merchell
14. Vern Bergstrom, Jack Mauterer
17. Georgette LeTourneau
18. Matthew Hales
21. Jan Shanklin
22. Jessica Bauter, Zorka Divich, Cecile Lloyd
23. Carolyn Anderson, Bonnie Taylor
24. Tim Wilson
29. Laura Johnston

### ***November Anniversaries...***

*Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. Amen (BCP)*

5. Nancy Groshart (Ordination to the Diaconate, 1992)
8. Rich & Kristin Bauter
10. Robert & Diane Fairchild
21. Nathan & Amy Ellis, Robert & Linda Garner

Many thanks to all who contributed to this addition of *The Call*, on time and in delightful fashion. Please note the deadline for December will be:

### **Sunday, November 20 this includes EVERYTHING Advent & Christmas are Important and it's BEFORE Thanksgiving**

The editor apologises for shouting, but she'd hate to leave anything out. She, too, is having a houseful for Thanksgiving, however, and has just two days to prepare and deliver the news, before becoming a slave first to her vacuum cleaner, then to the delights of the kitchen and the fine music and conversation therein.

Thanks in advance, Betsy.

### **A Prayer for Rescue, Recovery, Rebuilding**

O gracious God,  
We will never understand the sorrows of  
the world, but by your grace we will not  
turn away from them.  
Renew and sustain in us the spirit of love  
that crosses miles.  
Cheer and encourage those who labor to  
help the injured, the homeless, the hungry  
and those in despair.  
Bless and soften the hearts of those who  
would take advantage of tragedy for their  
own profit, that they may come to know  
where true joy is to be found.  
Unite us in prayer with all those who look  
for help, and use us to come speedily to  
them with the things that they need.  
We ask these things  
in your own most holy Name. Amen.