



St. Luke the Evangelist (First Century)

Patron Saint of Physicians

In St. Paul's letter to the Colossians he refers to his disciple, "Luke the beloved physician" (Col 4:14). St. Luke's patronage of doctors is based on this phrase.

Luke's Gospel is a Gospel of social justice. A story in Luke 18:1-8 tells of a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people (a description in which the judge of the story even uses of himself). He is a person of power who is wearied by the cries of a widow who comes to him continually seeking justice and begging for help.

Luke's Gospel is a portrayal of Jesus as a model of social justice. In other words, social justice is linked to the common good and exercise of authority. The life and teachings of Jesus Christ call us to work for justice, peace and human rights.

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