

### **First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18**

*On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in “sheer silence.” God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.*

<sup>9</sup>At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

<sup>11</sup>He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

### **Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13**

*I will listen to what the Lord God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)*

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD<sup>l</sup> God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their <sup>l</sup> hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>Truly, your salvation is very near to <sup>l</sup> those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell <sup>l</sup> in our land.

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have <sup>l</sup> met together;  
righteousness and peace have <sup>l</sup> kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness shall spring up <sup>l</sup> from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look <sup>l</sup> down from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed <sup>l</sup> grant prosperity,  
and our land will <sup>l</sup> yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go be- <sup>l</sup> fore the LORD  
and shall prepare for <sup>l</sup> God a pathway.

### **Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15**

*A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.*

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

"The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

### ***Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33***

*Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.*

**P:** The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

## Service Announcements – August 13, 2023

**Welcome Center** - If you would like to serve as a Welcome Center host, please reach out to Linda Mertz ([lindamertz@aol.com](mailto:lindamertz@aol.com) and 484-447-2024) to get on the list. We are now scheduling for the fall Welcome Center hosts, starting with September 3, 2023, through the end of the year.

**Missions Committee** - On Sunday, August 20, our missionaries from Honduras, Debbie & Steve Buckner, will be visiting us during the Praise service. The mission committee has collected a suitcase full of “Beanie Babies” for them to take back with them for the children at “God’s littlest lambs” children center. Steve has advised us that they could also use toothbrushes, toothpaste and multi-vitamins for the kids. We are asking for congregational help in providing these items. There is a collection box located in the old counting room for you to place your donated items. We thank you all for your generosity and support of our Missionaries.

**Altar Guild:** St. Luke’s is creating a new Altar Guild. They will help prepare the altar for communion, now that we are gathering again at the altar rail. They will be preparing the bread and wine and cleaning and resetting the altar ware after each communion service. If you would be willing to serve, please reach out to Dennis Faust or Pastor Amy.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Back to School Swapping** will be held in the Fellowship Hall on August 13 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Bring new or gently used school items to help lower back to school costs or come and shop/swap. Items needed are clothes (pre-school through high school), school bags, lunch bags, ear buds, folders/notebooks, pens/pencils, crayons, markers, calculators and highlighters. Please reach out to Dr. Candice Love ([stlukesfaithformation23@gmail.com](mailto:stlukesfaithformation23@gmail.com)) or Allyson Breidor ([awelch307@yahoo.com](mailto:awelch307@yahoo.com)) with questions.

**Community Dinner:** The next Community Dinner is August 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. It remains takeout only and the line forms early. The menu this month is oven baked chicken, mac & cheese, applesauce, with chocolate chip cookies for dessert. There are hands on the bulletin board in the narthex if you’d like to contribute some of the ingredients to help make the meal. We are trying to bring the Community Dinner back into the Fellowship Hall in September. That will require about 10 extra volunteers. If you would be willing to help, please reach out to Marty Jordan.

You may visit the church website at [www.stlukeslutheran.church](http://www.stlukeslutheran.church) for more information.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS – August 13, 2023

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*Friend of Mary & David Imes*  
Marie Hunsberger  
*Daughter-in-law of Judy Hunsberger*  
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*Friends of St. Luke's*  
Bob Kelly & family  
*Stepfather of Brendan Greer*  
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*Friend of Nancy Schodle*  
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### Persons In Military Service

*Joseph P. Breidor, John P Carmelo, IV, Lt. Darby Driscoll, Capt. Ian Driscoll, Ens. Leah Duff, Jared Kirk, JD & his Unit, Trey Knepp, Greg Kunkle, Dan Marchiano, Andrew Matsko, Guy Row, Kevin Row, Preston Schoenly*  
Person in Peace Corps – *Jonathan King (nephew of Cindy Fields)*

Prayer Ministry: Gwen Semmens is the Prayer Ministry Coordinator. Please call Gwen (215-872-1046) or send an email (hawksmer@comcast).