

## ***First Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15***

*This portion of the Ten Commandments instructs the Israelites to keep the sabbath. The Israelites are to rest, and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.*

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

## ***Psalm: Psalm 81:1-10***

*Raise a loud shout to the Lord of Jacob. (Ps. 81:1)*

<sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to | God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the | God of Jacob.  
<sup>2</sup>**Raise a song and | sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, | and the lyre.**  
<sup>3</sup>Blow the ram's horn at | the new moon,  
and at the full moon, the day | of our feast;  
<sup>4</sup>**for this is a stat- | ute for Israel,  
a law of the | God of Jacob.**  
<sup>5</sup>God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the | land of Egypt,  
where I heard a voice | I did not know:  
<sup>6</sup>**I eased your shoulder | from the burden;  
your hands were set free from the grave- | digger's basket.**  
<sup>7</sup>You called on me in trouble, and I de- | livered you;  
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the wa- | ters  
of Meribah.  
<sup>8</sup>**Hear, O my people, and I will ad- | monish you:  
O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!**  
<sup>9</sup>There shall be no strange | god among you;  
you shall not worship a | foreign god.  
<sup>10</sup>**I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the | land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide, and | I will fill it.**

## ***Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12***

*When we carry out God's ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.*

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in

every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

**\* Gospel: Mark 2:23 – 3:6**

*Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.*

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



## Service Announcements – June 2, 2024

**Car Wash!** – Our Boy Scouts will be hosting a car wash in St. Luke's parking lot on June 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 A.M. Please come and support these young people who support us throughout the year.

**Opportunities to serve** – We are currently looking for people of all ages who are able to give of their time and talents in the following areas:

- Christian Education Committee
- Communications Workgroup
- Communion Assistant
- Greeters

Please talk to Pastor Amy if you are able to serve.

**Women's Retreat** – We have reserved the house for the Retreat!! Mark your calendars!! This year we will be in a rural setting instead of the beach. We'll be out near Harrisburg at the same house used in 2022. The dates are October 11–13, 2024. More details on costs to come. Please join us – the more the merrier.

**Welcome Center** – Volunteers are needed to host our Welcome Center. If you can help, please reach out to Linda Mertz ([lindamertz46@aol.com](mailto:lindamertz46@aol.com) and 484-447-2024) or sign-up in the Welcome Center. June 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> are still open. Thank you so much to those who have provided for us all this year. You are so very appreciated!

**Community Dinner** – Our next dinner is Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. The meal will be ham, macaroni & cheese, green beans, salad, bread, and desserts. If you can help by contributing ingredients for this meal, there are hands on the bulletin board in the narthex. Join us - as a guest or a volunteer! Come out and meet our neighbors! See Marty Jordan for details.

**Outdoor Worship Services** – We will have Sunday Worship services outside on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, July 28<sup>th</sup>, and August 25<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Bring your own chair!

**Golf Tournament** – Mark your calendars – St. Luke's Golf Tournament will be held Friday, September 6, 2024, at Hickory Valley Golf Club. Tell your friends!

**Vacation Bible School** - St. Luke's is again joining with St. James Limerick to offer VBS. This year, VBS will be at St. James, July 8-11, 6:00-8:30 pm. Tell your friends and neighbors! Volunteers are needed - please talk to Pastor Amy.



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## PRAYER REQUESTS – June 2, 2024

### Members Of Saint Luke's Church

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*Sister of Doug Killough*

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*Aunt of Nicole Greer*

Lauren

*Friend of Linda Mertz*

Lila

*sister of Jerry Jordan*

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*Cousin of Linda Mertz*

Marilyn

*Friend of David and Mary Imes*

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*Friend of Carol Langton*

Nathan

*Grandson of Community*

*Dinner attendee*

Emily Neeld

*Daughter of Allison Neeld, 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).