

## ***First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15***

*Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.*

- <sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
- <sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!
- <sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
- <sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.
- <sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.
- <sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.
- <sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.
- <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

## ***Psalm: Psalm 90:12-17***

*So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)*

- <sup>12</sup>So teach us to num- | ber our days  
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.
- <sup>13</sup>**Return, O LORD; how long | will you tarry?**  
**Be gracious | to your servants.**
- <sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love | in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad | all our days.
- <sup>15</sup>**Make us glad as many days as you af- | flicted us**  
**and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.**
- <sup>16</sup>Show your ser- | vants your works,  
and your splendor | to their children.
- <sup>17</sup>**May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be upon us;**  
**prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork.**

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16**

*We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.*

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## **\* Gospel: Mark 10:17-31**

*Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.*

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## Service Announcements – October 13, 2024

**Lutheran Disaster Relief** - We will take a second collection today and October 20<sup>th</sup> to share our abundance with our siblings in Christ suffering the effects of the hurricane in North Carolina.

**Community Dinner** – Our dinner is next Thursday, October 17 at 5:30 PM. The menu will be Chicken Meat Pie, salad, bread and desserts. Come out, meet our neighbors and have a tasty meal! See Marty Jordan for details and take a hand from the display in the narthex if you would like to contribute some ingredients.

**Blessing of the Animals** – Sunday, October 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please note the new date!

**Trunk or Treat** – We will be holding Trunk or Treat on October 26 from 5-7 PM. Come out and enjoy the food, fun and lots of candy. If you'd like to decorate a car or help in any other way, please reach out to Nicole Greer or Melissa Bleam.

**Thanksgiving Eve Choir** – We are assembling a choir for the Thanksgiving Eve Service on November 27 at 7:00 p.m. Please let Audrey know if you would like to participate.

**Bible Study Classes** - Classes continue – 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. and meet weekly. The focus will be the next week's gospel lesson.

**Welcome Center** – Volunteers are needed to host our Welcome Center on **December 1** and **December 22**. 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. Thank you so much to those who have provided for us all this year. You are so very appreciated!

**Redner's Tapes** - Do you grocery shop at Redner's? Using your "save-a-tape" card and turning in your receipt at St Luke's earns us 1% of receipt totals. It also earns you gas/food discounts. This is an easy way to help yourself and St Luke's missions. Contact Doug Killough at 610-390-7127 with questions and concerns.

## PRAYER REQUESTS – October 13, 2024

### Members Of Saint Luke's Church

Spencer Brothers, Lily Greer, Barry Isett, Mark Knepp, Barry & Linda Mertz, Merrill Mest, Robert Pulcher, Chris Quigg, Joseph Reiter, Roger Rhoads, Ruth Rhoads, Fern Richard, Nancy Schodle, Sharyn & Herb Seddon, Ron Sekellick, David Semmens, Jeff & Julene Steigelmann, Henry Stetler, Carol Welch, Stewart Young

### Friends Of Saint Luke's Church

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Ken Hunsberger, Jr

*Stepson of Judy Hunsberger*

Art Hunter

*Friend of Cars, Coffee, & Christ visitor (Karl McClelland)*

Jackie

*Sister of Kay Badman*

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Laurie Johnson

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*Friend of Linda Mertz*

Lila

*sister of Jerry Jordan*

Loraine

*Sister of Dave and Gwen Semmens*

Edie Lou Manning

*Cousin of Linda Mertz*

Marilyn

*Friend of David and Mary Imes*

Linda McLaughlin

*Friend of Carol Langton*

Nathan

*Grandson of Community*

*Dinner attendee*

Emily Neeld

*Daughter of Allison Neeld, friend of Nancy Schodle*

John N.

*Co-worker of Cindy Field*

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*Stonerook*

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*Brother-in-law of Chris Quigg*

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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).