

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm: Psalm 24

They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation. (Ps. 24:5)

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

²**For the LORD has founded it up- on the seas
and established it up- on the rivers.**

³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

⁴**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸**Who is this King of glory?**

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰**Who is this King of glory?**

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,

coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a}Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

* *Gospel: John 11:32-44*

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Service Announcements – November 3, 2024

Lutheran Disaster Response – Next week, November 10, 2024, we will be offering a Faith Formation hour presentation by Julia Frank, Director of Community Outreach for Lutheran Congregational Services and Liberty Lutheran. Julia will be sharing with us how Lutheran congregations have responded to the recent hurricanes and how they are responding every day to people in need in our own community. Please join the conversation as we hear how our contributions have impacted others and how we can continue to be of service.

Vaccine Clinic November 10th - Skippack Pharmacy will be offering a free vaccine clinic at St. Luke's on November 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. They will be giving free Moderna COVID and/or flu vaccines to anyone over the age of 12. Please feel free to invite any friends or family to attend this event.

Diakonia Class - The first class is drawing to an end and the second class, The Old Testament, will begin on November 16th. This free class will run on five Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - noon. See Pastor Amy for more details.

Donation to Lutheran Disaster Response – St. Luke's donated \$2,044.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response for the hurricane victims.

Golf Outing Profit – The profit from St. Luke's Annual Golf Outing totaled \$17,713.23. Thank you to all who helped with this fundraiser.

2025 Offering Envelopes – Please remember to check your mailbox for your new 2025 offering envelopes.

Community Dinner – Our dinner is Thursday, November 21 at 5:30 PM. The menu will be Chili, rice, 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.

Thanksgiving Eve Service – We will have a joint service with our friends from Peace in Zion UCC on November 27 at 7:00 PM. Pastor Amy and Rev. Bob Fogal from Peace in Zion will lead the service, with Rev. Bob delivering the message. There will be a period of fellowship after the service in the Fellowship Hall. Please come out and start your Thanksgiving celebration in worship.

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 22**. If you can help, please reach out to Linda Mertz (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!

Order Your Poinsettias – Envelopes are available in the narthex and the mailroom to order your poinsettia plants to decorate the church on Christmas Eve.

PRAYER REQUESTS – November 3, 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

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Gen Adams

Great-grandson of Judy Hunsberger

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Friends of David & Gwen Semmens

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David Bates, Melissa Pisano

Brother and sister-in law of Brenda Foose

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Andry Boeno

Friend of the Way family

Rose Brendlinger

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Lorie Carroll

Mother of Paula Bickelman

Louie Cimino

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Garrett Coyne

Friend of Ian Kratz

Donna

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Sister of Peggy Brendlinger

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Friend of Marty & Laurie Jordan

Paul Fogle

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Sue Alderfer Glazier

Friend of Linda Mertz

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Stepson of Judy Hunsberger

Art Hunter

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

Jackie

Sister of Kay Badman

John & Cindy

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Cousin of Julie Kinzel

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Stepfather of Brendan Greer

Lucy & Bob Kern

Friends of Nancy Schodle

Linda Keyser

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Kimberly, Geri, Cathy, Jeanette

Friends of Chris Quigg

Sue Labbe & family

Aunt of Nicole Greer

Lauren

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

Tim Overholtzer

Brother-in-law of Pat

Stonerook

Laurel Powanda

Friend of Linda Mertz

Lucille Powell

Friend of Nancy Schodle

Robert Quigg

Brother-in-law of Chris Quigg

Bill Rhoads

Husband of Ruth Rhoads

Calvin Dietrich Savage

Grandson of Dennis & Gail

Faust

Wendy Speilman

Friend of Deneen Kratz

Stephanie

Friend of Gwen Semmens

Harry & Nancy White

Friends of St. Luke's

Kathy Wolper

Friend of Linda Mertz

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).