

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word amid the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶ Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷ But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.”

⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

Psalm: Psalm 71:1-6

From my mother's womb you have been my strength. (Ps. 71:6)

¹ In you, O LORD, have I | taken refuge;
let me never be | put to shame.

² In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free;
incline your ear to | me and save me.

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe;
you are my crag | and my stronghold.

⁴ Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor.

⁵ For you are my hope, | O Lord GOD,
my confidence since | I was young.

⁶ I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you
have | been my strength; my praise shall be al- | ways of you.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

*** Gospel: Luke 4:21-30**

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter.

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

²¹ Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³ He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴ And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

Service Announcements – February 2, 2025

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

Field Trip Opportunity - On Wednesday, February 19, 2025, our Bible Study class will be replaced with a trip to Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale. In recognition of our national celebration of Black History Month, the Racial Justice Ministry committee at Trinity has developed an exhibition of "Lutherans in Black History." This exhibit, arranged throughout the sanctuary at Trinity, will be on display for us to explore. In addition, Trinity's Pastor Fowler has invited us to join their regular Bible Study class that morning. We will arrive for Bible Study at 10:00, visit the exhibit and then go to lunch together afterward. Please consider joining us. To participate in Black History month, learn about important figures in our history, and recognize the diversity among our siblings in Christ, will be a valuable lesson for us all.

Fundraiser for Steeple Repair Fund: Dry Mix Jars - The Discipleship Committee, in conjunction with the Missions Committee, took orders for Dry Soup Jars and Cookie Mix Jars. Proceeds will go towards the Steeple repair fund. If you ordered jars, you may pick them up next week, February 9th. Thank you for your support!

Souper Bowl of Caring - Missions/Discipleship Committee is holding a Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive until February 9th. Between now and then, please bring any non-perishable food supplies and leave them at the foot of the cross in the Sanctuary. After February 9th, the gathered food will be delivered to our friends at the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry. Items in short supply: juice, canned peas, baked beans, canned pasta, cookies, and tomato products. Thanks for supporting this food drive and being a blessing to others!

Community Dinner – Our next dinner is Thursday, February 20th at 5:30 PM. On the menu: Lasagna, salad, bread, and dessert. 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.

Church Steeple - When you give to the Building Fund on your church envelope this money is going to help offset the cost of the church steeple. - Thank you

Welcome Center – If you can help in 2025, please reach out to Linda Mertz (lindamertz46@aol.com and 484-447-2024) or sign-up in the Welcome Center.

Women's Retreat - Good news! The Women's Retreat for 2025 has been booked! The dates are October 3-5, 2025. We are going to Cambridge, Maryland. Please watch for additional information in your email. If you do not receive an email and are interested, please let Charlotte know! Looking forward to this time together. Charlotte, Brenda, Deneen & Eve

PRAYER REQUESTS – February 2, 2025

Members Of Saint Luke's Church

Spencer Brothers, Lily Greer, Barry Isett, Barry & Linda Mertz, Merrill Mest, Robert Pulcher, Chris Quigg, Roger 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

Gen Adams

Great-grandson of Judy

Hunsberger

Glenn Argue

Friend of Doug & Sharon

Killough

Dan Bair

Friend of Marty & Laurie

Jordan

Dennis Barchak

Cousin of Judy Hunsberger

Matt Beam & family

Friends of Sharon Killough

Andry Boeno

Friend of the Way family

Rose Brendlinger

Friend of Merlyn Jordan

Lorie Carroll

Mother of Paula Bickelman

Louie Cimino

Friend of Deneen Kratz

Garrett Coyne

Friend of Ian Kratz

Dawn Curran

Friend of Kristin Bauer

Donna

Friend of Jen Christman

Mary Daugherty

Sister of Peggy Brendlinger

Mark & Sharon Egleston

In need of prayer

Toni Faust

Sister-in-law of Dennis & Gail Faust

Mike Fili

Friend of Marty & Laurie

Jordan

Sue Alderfer Glazier

Friend of Linda Mertz

Jackie

Sister of Kay Badman

Laurie Johnson

Cousin of Julie Kinzel

Chris, Shaina Jones & baby daughter Charlotte Jones

Friends and co-workers of

Brendan Greer

Bob Kelly & family

Stepfather of Brendan Greer

Lucy & Bob Kern

Friends of Nancy Schodle

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

Lorraine

Sister of Dave and Gwen Semmens

Edie Lou Manning

Cousin of Linda Mertz

Linda McLaughlin

Friend of Carol Langton

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

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

Gail Wyatt

Cousin of Audrey Reinhart

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).