

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

⁹The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. (Ps. 25:4)

¹To I you, O Lord,
I lift I up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be I put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph I over me.

³Let none who look to you be I put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame I who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your I ways, O Lord,
and teach I me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your I truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all I the day long.

⁶Remember, O Lord, your compas- I sion and love,
for they are from I everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and I my transgressions; remember me
according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- I ness, O Lord.

⁸You are gracious and up- I right, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners I in your way.

⁹You lead the low- I ly in justice
and teach the low- I ly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast I love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your I testimonies.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*** Gospel Acclamation (all singing...)**



*** Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he

saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Service Announcements – July 13, 2025

Community Dinner - Our next dinner is Thursday, July 17th at 5:30 p.m. This month's dinner will be meat loaf, baked potato, red beets, salad, bread and desserts. If you have never attended our Community Dinner, this is an excellent opportunity to experience this ministry of fellowship with our neighbors. Please join us.

Sundaes on Sunday - Join us for Sundaes at the Pastor's house in Skippack on July 27th, drop in from 2-6 pm. It will be a time of fellowship, sundaes, beverages and snacks, plus the pool will be open! The Pastor's address using GPS is - 1077 Abbey Lane, Collegeville. (Abbey Lane is across from Creamery Tire.)

Outdoor Service – Our next Outdoor service is scheduled to be July 27. Please bring a lawn chair and join us! Hopefully the weather will cooperate.

School Supplies Drive - We will be collecting supplies through August 10th, when the supplies will be delivered to the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry for distribution. This is to help local families who are struggling to provide their children with the tools needed to start the school year prepared for success. Please consider demonstrating your love of your neighbor by bringing in typical supplies: pencils, pens, paper, rulers, anything you can think of. Please bring donations to the foot of the cross by August 10th.

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. We need volunteers for the second half of 2025. Thank you to all who signed up for the first half of 2025!

Feed My Starving Children - St Luke's will be sending crews to participate in the next *Feed My Starving Children* event on September 19th & 20th at Berean Bible Church in Pottstown. The work packing session times have not been established yet, but they usually last about 2½ hours. If you are interested in joining a food packing team, please let Marty Jordan (610-547-3104) know and he will get you registered. Once more information is available, we will provide an update. This is a fun event to participate in and a very worthy mission opportunity. Last year we sent about 15 people to pack food. Let's send more this year!

PRAYER REQUESTS – July 13, 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 Schodde, 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

Beth
Niece of Brenda Foose

Andry Boeno
Friend of the Way family

Rose Brendlinger
Friend of Marilyn Jordan

Bry
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Lorie Carroll
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Garrett Coyne
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Dawn Curran
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Toni Faust
Sister-in-law of Dennis & Gail Faust

Sue Alderfer Glazier
Friend of Linda Mertz

Jackie
Sister of Kay Badman

Chris & Shaina & daughter,
Charlotte
Friends of Brendan Greer

Bob Kelly & family
Stepfather of Brendan Greer

Lucy & Bob Kern
Friends of Nancy Schodde

Kimberly, Geri, Cathy, Jeanette
Friends of Chris Quigg

Joan
Friend of Pat & Dick Stonerook

Sue Labbe & family
Aunt of Nicole Greer

Lila Lundborg
Sister of Jerry Jordan

Linda McLaughlin
Friend of Carol Langton

Maureen
Friend of Judy Hunsberger

Judy McNally
Cousin of Ginny Craig

Barb Moritz
Cousin of Doug & Sharon Killough

Tim Overholtzer
Brother-in-law of Pat Stonerook

Smoky & Connie Panepinto
Friends of St. Luke's

Laurel Powanda
Friend of Linda Mertz

Robert Quigg
Brother-in-law of Chris Quigg

Dennis Ritchie
Requested by Doug & Sharon Killough

Calvin Dietrich Savage
Grandson of Dennis & Gail Faust

Wendy Speilman
Friend of Deneen Kratz

Linda Thees
Friend of David Renninger

Lauren Weaver
Daughter-in-law of Barry & Linda Mertz

Sandy Wesner
Friend of Barry & 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, Corey Stonerook, Philip Washington

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).