

### **First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

*The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup> applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

### **Psalm: Psalm 49:1-12**

*My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (Ps. 49:3)*

<sup>1</sup> Hear this, I all you peoples;  
give ear, all you who dwell I in the world,  
<sup>2</sup> you of high de- I gree and low,  
rich and I poor together.  
<sup>3</sup> My mouth shall I speak of wisdom,  
and my heart shall meditate on I understanding.  
<sup>4</sup> I will incline my ear I to a proverb  
and set forth my riddle up- I on the harp.  
<sup>5</sup> Why should I be afraid in I evil days,  
when the wickedness of those at my I heels surrounds me,  
<sup>6</sup> the wickedness of those who put their trust in I their own prowess,  
and boast of I their great riches?  
<sup>7</sup> One can never re- I deem another,  
or give to God the ransom for an- I other’s life;  
<sup>8</sup> for the ransom of a life I is so great  
that there would never be e- I nough to pay it,  
<sup>9</sup> in order to live forev- I er and ever  
and never I see the grave.  
<sup>10</sup> For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- I pid they perish  
and leave their wealth to those who come I after them.  
<sup>11</sup> Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to I generation, though they had named lands af- I ter themselves.

<sup>12</sup> Even though honored, they cannot | live forever;  
they are like the | beasts that perish.

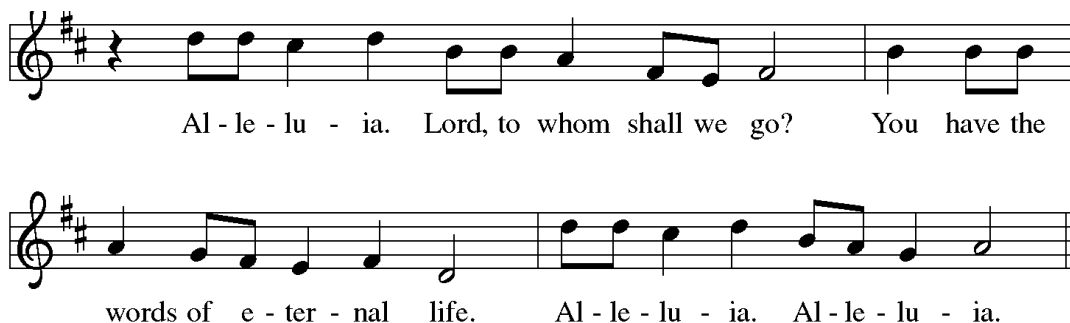
### ***Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11***

*Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

<sup>1</sup> So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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



### ***\* Gospel: Luke 12:13-21***

*In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build

larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

### Service Announcements – August 3, 2025

**The Property Committee Meeting was cancelled for the month of August.** A list of "work to complete" jobs is hanging next to the calendar across from the Pastor's office. Please feel free to complete any of the jobs listed if you have some spare time! If you have any questions, contact Paul Christman.

**School Supplies Drive** - We will be collecting supplies through August 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Welcome Center** – If you can help in 2025, please reach out to Linda Mertz ([lindamertz46@aol.com](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 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 – August 3, 2025

### Members Of Saint Luke's Church

Spencer Brothers, Lily Greer, Judy Hunsberger, Barry Isett, Barry & Linda Mertz, Merrill Mest, Judy Moyer, 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

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*Friend of Kristin Bauer*

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Brian & Diane Eyes  
*Friends of Linda Mertz*

Toni Faust  
*Sister-in-law of Dennis & Gail Faust*

Sue Alderfer Glazier  
*Friend of Linda Mertz*  
Gwen (daughter of Joelle)  
*1-year-old granddaughter of Joe & Carol Langton*

Jackie  
*Sister of Kay Badman*

Joan  
*Friend of Pat & Dick Stonerook*

Bob Kelly & family  
*Stepfather of Brendan Greer*

Lucy & Bob Kern  
*Friends of Nancy Schodde*  
Kimberly, Geri, Cathy, Jeanette  
*Friends of Chris Quigg*

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*

Michael & Rita Natalini  
*Friends of Rob & Paula Bickelman*

Tim Overholtzer  
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Smoky & Connie Panepinto  
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Laurel Powanda  
*Friend of Linda Mertz*

Robert Quigg  
*Brother-in-law of Chris Quigg*

Scott Randolph  
*Friend of Rob & Paula Bickelman*

Dennis Ritchie  
*Requested by Doug & Sharon Killough*

Calvin Dietrich Savage  
*Grandson of Dennis & Gail Faust*

Chris Slater  
*Friend of Rob & Paula Bickelman*

Wendy Spielman  
*Friend of Deneen Kratz*

Linda Thees  
*Friend of David Renninger*

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

Lee Wesner and sons  
*Friends 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).