

November 30, 2025 Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Psalm: Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." (Ps. 122:1)

¹I was glad when they | said to me,
"Let us go to the house | of the Lord."

²Now our | feet are standing
within your gates, | O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem is built | as a city
that is at unity | with itself;

⁴to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the Lord.

⁵For there are the | thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the | house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:
"May they pros- | per who love you.

⁷Peace be with- | in your walls
and quietness with- | in your towers.

⁸For the sake of my kindred | and companions,

I pray for | your prosperity.
⁹ Because of the house of the | Lord our God,
I will seek to | do you good.”

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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



Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 24th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Service Announcements – November 30, 2025

Bible Study with Trinity Lansdale - On December 3, 2025, we will be hosting the Bible Study group from Trinity as we did in the spring. Join us for an opportunity to explore the Word, meet new people, and enjoy lunch. We will begin at 10:00.

Training Sessions for Facebook Live - Our Weekly Service via Facebook Live is an important Mission to the church, weekly we have over 100 views of our service. We could use a few more volunteers to set up the Facebook Live Mission. A training session will be held December 7th and December 14th after the Service, in the Church. This should only take a few minutes. Handouts will be provided. If you are interested in participating in this, but cannot make the Dec 7th or 14th times, please see Clark Van Buskirk and he can work alternative times with you.

Christmas Tree Decorating - Please join us on December 14th after the service when we will be decorating the church Christmas Tree. Grab a snack at the Welcome Center and join in this fun activity and help celebrate the season enjoy the fellowship!

Community Dinner - Our next dinner is Thursday, December 18th at 5:30 p.m. This month's dinner will be Turkey Breast, mashed potatoes, corn, Salad, Bread, Dessert. 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. Also, if this is a ministry you would be interested in working in, please reach out to Marty Jordan or Sharon Killough.

Book Club – We've chosen our second book and our next meeting date! Our next book for discussion is The Last Lecture, by Randy Pausch and Jeff Zaslow. When a professor is retiring from Carnegie Mellon University, they are allowed a "last lecture." It is an honor given to mark the end of a career. Randy Pausch had his career cut short by terminal cancer, so his last lecture was unusual. Unusual, but worthy of your time. We will meet today at 10:30 to watch a video of the actual lecture as well as discuss the book. Join us!

Christmas Poinsettias - Envelopes for ordering your Christmas Eve Poinsettias are now available. Each 6" pot is \$7.75. They are available in red or white, and you can take them home after the Christmas Eve worship service. Orders will be accepted until next Sunday, December 7th.

Offering Envelopes – Envelopes are in your mailbox, if you haven't received them. If you need 2026 envelopes, please contact Peggy Brendlinger at 610-310-6407.

Welcome Center - We have filled all the Welcome Center Host slots for all Sundays through the end of 2025. There are new sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for 2026. Please consider helping and volunteering to provide snacks for the church. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS – November 30, 2025

Members Of Saint Luke's Church

Rosemarie Bliss, Spencer Brothers, Lily Greer, Barry Isett, Barry Mertz, Merrill Mest, Judy Moyer, Dan Pulcher, Robert Pulcher, Chris Quigg, Roger Rhoads, Nancy Schodde, Herb Seddon, Ron Sekellick, David Semmens, Jeff & Julene Steigermann, Henry Stetler, Carol Welch, Stewart Young

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Gen Adams

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Hunsberger

Glenn Argue

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Killough

Chris Bean, & parents Russell &

Barbara

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Friend of Carol & Joe Langton

Andry Boeno

Friend of the Way family

Angela Boyer

Daughter of Audrey Reinhart

Rose Brendlinger

Friend of Marilyn Jordan

Bry

Friend of the Knepp family

Lorie Carroll

Mother of Paula Bickelman

Chris & Shaina & daughter,

Charlotte

Friends of Brendan Greer

Louie Cimino

Friend of Deneen Kratz

Garrett Coyne

Friend of Ian Kratz

Dawn Curran

Friend of Kristin Bauer

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Judy & Don Fenstermacher

Friends of Chris Quigg

Geri, Cathy

Friends of Chris Quigg

Sue Alderfer Glazier

Friend of Barry Mertz

Jack

Friend of David & Gwen

Semmens

Jackie

Sister of Kay Badman

Joan

Friend of Pat & Dick

Stonerook

Ken & Marie Hunsberger

Stepson & his wife of Judy

Hunsberger

Grant & Nancy Karsner

Friends of Dennis & Gail Faust

Lucy & Bob Kern

Friends of Nancy Schodde

Sue Labbe & family

Aunt of Nicole Greer

Lila Lundborg

Sister of Jerry Jordan

Linda McLaughlin

Friend of Carol Langton

Jim Miller & family

Nephew of Carol Welch

Michael & Rita Natalini

Friends of Rob & Paula

Bickelman

Tim Overholtzer

Brother-in-law of Pat

Stonerook

Smoky & Connie Panepinto

Friends of St. Luke's

Jim & Holly Parmer

Sister & brother-in-law of

Gwen Semmens

Laurel Powanda

Friend of Barry Mertz

Stacey Pucci

Neighbor of Chris Quigg

Wayne Rachel & little Dax

Nephew of Barry Mertz

Scott Randolph

Friend of Rob & Paula

Bickelman

Linda Richert

Cousin of Chris Quigg

Dennis Ritchie

Requested by Doug & Sharon

Killough

Calvin Dietrich Savage

Grandson of Dennis & Gail

Faust

Chris Slater

Friend of Rob & Paula

Bickelman

Pat Smith

Mother of Pr. Amy

Wendy Spielman

Friend of Deneen Kratz

Lauren Weaver

Daughter-in-law of Barry 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, Corey Stonerook, Philip Washington

Prayer Ministry: Gwen Semmens is the Prayer Ministry Coordinator. Please call Gwen (215-872-1046) or send an email (hawksmer@comcast).