

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

Psalm: Psalm 130

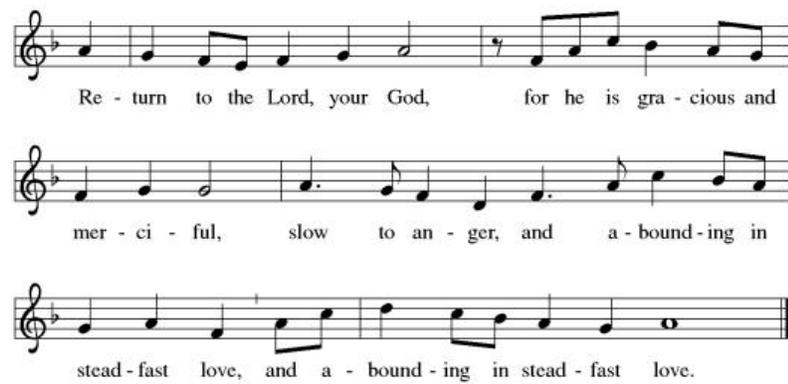
- ¹Out | of the depths I cry to | you, O Lord;
²**O Lord, | hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.**
³If you were to keep watch | over sins, O Lord, | who could stand?
⁴**Yet with you | is forgiveness, in order that you | may be feared.**
⁵I wait for you, O Lord; | my soul waits; in your word | is my hope.
⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,
more than those who keep watch | for the morning.**
⁷O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is | steadfast love;
with the Lord there is plen- | teous redemption.
⁸**For the Lord shall | redeem Israel from | all their sins.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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



* *Gospel: John 11:1-45*

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

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

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When 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.”³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”³⁵ Jesus began to weep.³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.³⁹ Jesus 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.”⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.⁴² I 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.”⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”⁴⁴ The 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.”

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Service Announcements – March 22, 2026

Lenten Devotions – Please join us for our Lenten Devotional series. It begins with a simple soup supper at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall, then we proceed to the Chapel. Rob Lawlor, a Christian artist, brings his paintings and shares his interpretation of scripture through art. After the discussion, we close with a short devotion/prayer. Come out for the fellowship and learning.

Community Dinner - Our next Community Dinner is Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 5:30 PM—this one will be extra special! Our April meal will be a pizza party dinner will be hosted by the Upper Frederick Volunteer Fire Department. Enjoy a close-up look at a real fire truck outside and explore fire gear displays inside. It’s a great opportunity to meet and support the dedicated volunteers who help keep our community safe. Bring your family, invite your neighbors, and come enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and appreciation. Freewill offerings will be collected to support the fire company.

Welcome Center - Men & Women of St Luke’s: We need volunteers for the following dates please: April 12th, May 3rd, May 10th, May 31st, June 7th, and June 14th. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center. Thank you to all who have and will volunteer.

Good Friday Prayer Vigil - Sign-up and commit to be in prayer on Good Friday. You can participate in the sanctuary, the chapel, or the comfort of your home. Our goal is to have the congregation of St. Luke's be in continuous prayer from noon to 3:00 p.m. on Good Friday. Prayer request cards are available in the narthex.

Spaghetti Dinner for Troop 105 - March 28, 2026, in Fellowship Hall. Seating starts at 5 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m. Reservations are requested to be sent in a week in advance to ScoutmasterTroop105@outlook.com. \$15 per person, \$10 for seniors and children. Let's support our local youth!

Spring Clean-Up Day – Join us as we give our beloved church home a spring cleaning inside and out on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

Flea Market - This year's Flea Market is scheduled for Friday, May 29th and Saturday, May 30th. Hours for both days will be 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Please get this on your calendars; more information will be forthcoming.

Easter Flowers – We are selling Easter plants to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Available for purchase are: white lilies (\$10.50), Chrysanthemums (\$8.00), tulips (\$9.00), hyacinths (\$9.00), and daffodils (\$9.00). The deadline for orders is today. Fill out the form (found in the narthex and in the mail room) and place it in the offering plate with payment, or mail it to St. Luke's.

Redner's Tapes - Do you grocery shop at Redner's? Using your "save-a-tape" card and turning in your receipt at St Luke's earns us 1% of receipt totals. It also earns you gas/food discounts. This is an easy way to help yourself and St. Luke's missions. All receipts must be originals, not reprints or copies. Contact Doug Killough at 610-390-7127 with questions and concerns.

PRAYER REQUESTS – March 22, 2026

Members Of Saint Luke's Church

Rosemarie Bliss, Joyce Brothers, Spencer Brothers, Lily Greer, Barry Isett, Barry Mertz, Merrill Mest, Judy Moyer, Dan Pulcher, Robert Pulcher, Chris Quigg, Roger Rhoads, Nancy Schodle, Herb Seddon, Ron Sekellick, David Semmens, Jeff & Julene Steigelmann, Henry Stetler, Mike Way, Carol Welch, Stewart Young
(Extra prayers are requested for Herb Seddon.)

Friends Of Saint Luke's Church

Aaron, Brandon
Sons of Chris Quigg

Gen Adams
Great-grandson of Judy Hunsberger

Glenn Argue
Friend of Doug & Sharon Killough

Chris Bean, & mother, Barbara
Friends of St. Luke's

Beth & family
Friend of Carol & Joe Langton

Angela Boyer
Daughter of Audrey Reinhart

Rose Brendlinger
Friend of Merlyn Jordan

Bry
Friend of the Knepp family

Chris Campbell
Friend of Rob Bickelman

Chris & Shaina & daughter,
Charlotte
Friends of Brendan Greer

Garrett Coyne
Friend of Ian Kratz

Dawn Curran
Friend of Kristin Bauer

Mary Doughty
Sister of Peggy Brendlinger

Brian & Diane Eyes
Friends of Barry Mertz

Jackie
Sister of Kay Badman

Joan
Friend of Pat & Dick Stonerook

Dan Hogan
Friend of Rob Bickelman

Ken & Marie Hunsberger
Stepson & his wife of Judy Hunsberger

Grant & Nancy Karsner
Friends of Dennis & Gail Faust

Kimberly (Krupp) Keim
Step-sister of Brenda Foose

Sandi Kelly
Friend of St. Luke's

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

Jim & Holly Parmer
Sister & brother-in-law of Gwen Semmens

Wayne Rachel & little Dax
Nephew of Barry Mertz

Scott Randolph
Friend of Rob Bickelman

David Renninger
Sexton at St. Luke's

Dennis Ritchie
Requested by Doug & Sharon Killough

Calvin Dietrich Savage
Grandson of Dennis & Gail Faust

Chris Slater
Friend of Rob & Paula Bickelman

Wendy Speilman
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, Greg Kunkle, 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).