

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Psalm: Psalm 66:8-20

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard. (Ps. 66:8)

⁸ Bless our | God, you peoples; let the sound of | praise be heard.

⁹ **Our God has kept us a- | mong the living and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**

¹⁰ For you, O God, have | tested us; you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

¹¹ **You brought us in- | to the net; you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

¹³ **I will enter your house | with burnt offerings and will pay | you my vows—**

¹⁴ those that I promised | with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;**

I will give you ox- | en and goats.

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you | who believe, and I will tell you what God has | done for me.

¹⁷ **I called out to God | with my mouth, and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**

¹⁸ If I had cherished evil | in my heart, the Lord would | not have heard me;

¹⁹ **but in truth | God has heard me and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**

²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing | love from me.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*** Gospel: John 14:15-21**

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Service Announcements – May 10, 2026

Community Dinner - Our next Community Dinner is Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 5:30 PM. The May Community Dinner is cancelled because the Fellowship Hall is needed for the annual Flea Market, which will be held May 29th and 30th. Bring your family, invite your neighbors, and come enjoy an evening of food and fellowship.

Welcome Center – Thank you to those of you who volunteered to help with the Welcome Center. The calendar is filled with volunteers until July. If you would like to help, you may sign the volunteer sheet that is on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center.

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 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The trailer has arrived. Audrey is available during her working hours (Mon. - Thu. 8 a.m. to 12 noon) to unlock the trailer. Saturday, May 16th we will need help unloading the offsite storage at 8:00 a.m., and we will unload the trailer on Sunday, May 17th at 11:00 a.m. Thank you in advance for your help!

Mother's Day Collection for the Pottstown Branch of Birthright – We are collecting diapers, sizes 2 and 3, along with baby wipes for Birthright of Pottstown. If you are able to donate, please bring your donations and place them at the foot of the wooden cross in the Sanctuary. If you would prefer to donate via a gift card, please feel free to place it in my mailbox or give to me. Gift cards are used by the staff to purchase the items needed. Thank you in advance for your donations. – Judy Hunsberger for the Mission/Discipleship Committee

Mission Support – We are excited to announce that the Buckners (Steve & Debbie) will be joining St. Luke's in worship on July 26th. We would like to collect any of the following for them to take back to Honduras:

1. One yard lengths of material (Debbie has sewing classes and they make pillow cases, aprons, and quilts)
2. Kids socks - varying sizes (she suggested the funny ones at Dollar Tree)
3. Beanie Babies for Christmas stocking stuffers
4. Individual numbers candles for birthday cakes
5. Small puzzles or board games to be used for birthday presents

Thank you for your generosity and support! Please put donations in the office if brought in before the Flea market.

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 – May 10, 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, Ron Sekellick, David Semmens, Jeff & Julene Steigelmann, Henry Stetler, Mike Way, Carol Welch, Stewart Young

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

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).