

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Psalm: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)

- ¹Let God arise, and let God's ene- | mies be scattered;
let those who | hate God flee.
- ²**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive | them away;**
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the pres- | ence of God.
- ³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God;
let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.
- ⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who | rides the clouds;**
I Am is that name, rejoice | before God!
- ⁵In your holy habita- | tion, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;
- ⁶**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into freedom;**
but the rebels shall live in | desert places.
- ⁷O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,
when you marched | through the wilderness,
- ⁸**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the | God of Sinai,**
at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.
- ⁹You sent a bountiful | rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance | when it languished.
- ¹⁰**Your people found their | home in it;**
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the poor.
- ³²Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth;
sing praises | to the Lord.
- ³³**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient heavens;**

you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.

³⁴ Ascribe pow- | er to God,

whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is | in the skies.

³⁵ How wonderful you are in your holy places, O | God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! | Blessed be God!

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

**** 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 17:1-11***

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 17th 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 17, 2026

Solar Panels - We gathered on Wednesday, May 13th, to hear a presentation from Exact Solar. We will continue to explore adding this feature to the Fellowship Building. All are welcome and encouraged to participate in these information/discussion sessions. Invitations will come via email as meetings are scheduled. See Pastor Amy or Bob Gehringer for more information.

Thrift Store - There will be a meeting on Thursday, May 21st at 6:00 PM to discuss the Thrift Store. This is especially important as we will be discussing how to pack up remaining items following the Flea Market. Please join us.

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. Audrey is available during her working hours (Mon. - Thu. 8 a.m. to 12 noon) to accept donations. We will unload the trailer after worship today. Thank you in advance for your help!

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.

Book Club - The Book Club has chosen our next book, *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, by Shelby Van Pelt. We will meet on June 28, 2026, after worship, to discuss this very popular book. Join us - all are welcome.

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.

Mission Support – We are excited to announce that the Buckners (Steve & Debbie) will be joning 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 17, 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

Lois Brownell
Sister of Doug Killough

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

Diane Davidheiser
Friend of Brenda Foose

Corey Delong, Heidi Delong
Friends of Jerry & Merlyn Jordan

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).