

First Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

¹When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God

finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Psalm: Psalm 8

How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)

- ¹ O | Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—
² **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.**
³ When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care for them?**
⁵ Yet you have made them little less | than divine; with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
⁶ **You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**
⁷ all | flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts | of the field,
⁸ **the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**
⁹ O | Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*** 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: Matthew 28:16-20**

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Service Announcements – May 31, 2026

Congregational Meeting - A congregational meeting will be held on **June 14, 2026**, immediately following our regular Sunday service. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the use of St. Luke's investments to fund the solar energy and roofing project. Please plan to attend, as we need full involvement to achieve a quorum and ensure an accurate representation of the congregation's wishes.

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 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 31, 2026

Members Of Saint Luke's Church

Rosemarie Bliss, Joyce Brothers, Spencer Brothers, Lily Greer, Barry Isett, 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

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

Experiencing Grief

Family and friends of Barry Mertz, who died May 27, 2026.

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).