

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

- ¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;
 come to the waters; and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
- ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
 and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
- ³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
 I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
- ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
 because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

Psalm: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

- ⁸ The Lord is gracious and full | of compassion,
 slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
- ⁹ Lord, you are | good to all,
 and your compassion is over | all your works.
- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all | those who fall
 and lifts up those who | are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all wait upon | you, O Lord,
 and you give them their food | in due season.
- ¹⁶ You open | wide your hand
 and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.
- ¹⁷ You are righteous in | all your ways
 and loving in | all your works.
- ¹⁸ You are near to all who | call upon you,
 to all who call up- | on you faithfully.
- ¹⁹ You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;
 you hear their | cry and save them.
- ²⁰ You watch over all | those who love you,
 but all the wicked you | shall destroy.
- ²¹ My mouth shall speak the praise | of the Lord;
 let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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



* *Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21*

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Service Announcements – August 2, 2026

Women's Retreat Planning Meeting - We will be meeting in the Gathering Room today at 10:30.

The Neighborhood Thrift Shop meeting - A general information/planning meeting will take place Sunday, August 9, 2026 at 10:30 in the Gathering Room. Come and be part of this exciting new adventure.

Community Dinner - Our next Community Dinner is Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Bring your family, invite your neighbors, and come enjoy an evening of food and fellowship.

Book Club - The Book Club is currently reading *Heart In The Right Place* by Carolyn Jourdan. We will meet on August 23, 2026 at 10:30 to discuss it and choose our next read. Join us!

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

Save the Date – September 11, 2026: St. Luke's Annual Golf Outing, rain or shine, Hickory Valley Golf Club. Beginning with a light lunch at 11:00 a.m. and a shotgun start at noon, join us for all day fun supporting a great cause, including exciting team prizes, guaranteed winner contests, raffles, a silent auction, and more. Contact Brendan Greer for more information: bgreer@turnberrysolutions.com or (610)306-4838.

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 – August 2, 2026

Members Of Saint Luke's Church

Rosemarie Bliss, 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 <i>Sons of Chris Quigg</i>	Corey Delong, Heidi Delong <i>Friends of Jerry & Merlyn Jordan</i>	Michael & Rita Natalini <i>Friends of Rob & Paula Bickelman</i>
Gen Adams <i>Great-grandson of Judy Hunsberger</i>	Mary Doughty <i>Sister of Peggy Brendlinger</i>	Tim Overholtzer <i>Brother-in-law of Pat Stonerook</i>
Glenn Argue <i>Friend of Doug & Sharon Killough</i>	Brian & Diane Eyes <i>Friends of Barry Mertz</i>	Jim & Holly Parmer <i>Sister & brother-in-law of Gwen Semmens</i>
Chris Bean, & mother, Barbara <i>Friends of St. Luke's</i>	Joan <i>Friend of Pat & Dick Stonerook</i>	Wayne Rachel & little Dax <i>Nephew of Barry Mertz</i>
Beth & family <i>Friend of Carol & Joe Langton</i>	Dan Hogan <i>Friend of Rob Bickelman</i>	Scott Randolph <i>Friend of Rob Bickelman</i>
Angela Boyer <i>Daughter of Audrey Reinhart</i>	Ken & Marie Hunsberger <i>Stepson & his wife of Judy Hunsberger</i>	David Renninger <i>Sexton at St. Luke's</i>
Rose Brendlinger <i>Friend of Merlyn Jordan</i>	Grant & Nancy Karsner <i>Friends of Dennis & Gail Faust</i>	Dennis Ritchie <i>Requested by Doug & Sharon Killough</i>
Steve & Debbie Buckner <i>Friends of St. Luke's</i>	Kimberly (Krupp) Keim <i>Step-sister of Brenda Foose</i>	Calvin Dietrich Savage <i>Grandson of Dennis & Gail Faust</i>
Chris Campbell <i>Friend of Rob Bickelman</i>	Sandi Kelly <i>Friend of St. Luke's</i>	JoEllen Shaub <i>Cousin of Joyce Brothers and Spencer Brothers</i>
Chris & Shaina & daughter, Charlotte <i>Friends of Brendan Greer</i>	Sue Labbe & family <i>Aunt of Nicole Greer</i>	Chris Slater <i>Friend of Rob & Paula Bickelman</i>
Garrett Coyne <i>Friend of Ian Kratz</i>	Lila Lundborg <i>Sister of Jerry Jordan</i>	Wendy Speilman <i>Friend of Deneen Kratz</i>
Dawn Curran <i>Friend of Kristin Bauer</i>	Linda McLaughlin <i>Friend of Carol Langton</i>	Lauren Weaver <i>Daughter-in-law of Barry Mertz</i>
Diane Davidheiser <i>Friend of Brenda Foose</i>	Jim Miller & family <i>Nephew of Carol Welch</i>	

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).