

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in “sheer silence.” God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Psalms: Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)

⁸ I will listen to what the Lord | God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

⁹ Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land. R

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

¹¹ Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.

¹² The Lord will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness shall go be- | fore the Lord
and shall prepare for | God a pathway. R

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

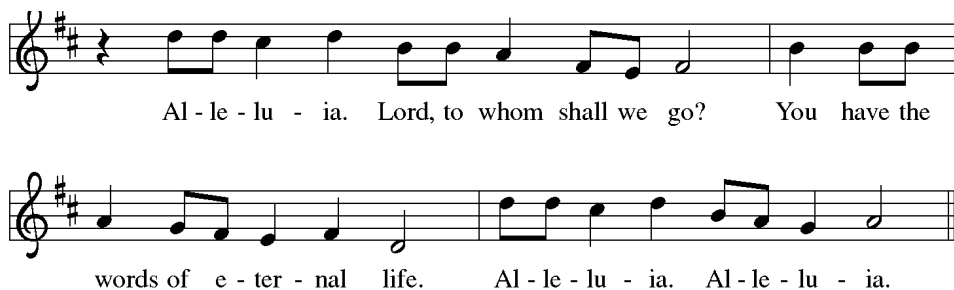
A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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



* *Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33*

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. **23** And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, **24** but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,^[a] for the wind was against them. **25** And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. **26** But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they

were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. **27** But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

28 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." **29** He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. **30** But when he noticed the strong wind, [b] he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" **31** Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" **32** When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. **33** And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Service Announcements – August 9, 2026

New Office Manager – On Monday, August 10, 2026, our new Office Manager, Tanya Taylor, will begin. Tanya will be fulfilling this new role, which encompasses much-needed communications and social media responsibilities, as well as running the front office. Please make a point of introducing yourself and welcoming her to St. Luke's!

The Neighborhood Thrift Shop meeting - A general information/planning meeting will take place today 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. There are still some hands on the bulletin board; please help if you are able. 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. August 30th and September 6th are still open for volunteers.

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 9, 2026

Members Of Saint Luke's Church

Rosemarie Bliss, Spencer Brothers, 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

Morris, Harvey <i>Cousins 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>	Marily King <i>Mother of Brenda Foose</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>	Amy Sheppard <i>Aunt of Brenda Foose</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).