

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

- ¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
- ² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
- ³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
- ⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
- ⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
- ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalms: Psalm 138

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your
steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above
all things.
- ³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
- ⁴ All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth. R
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

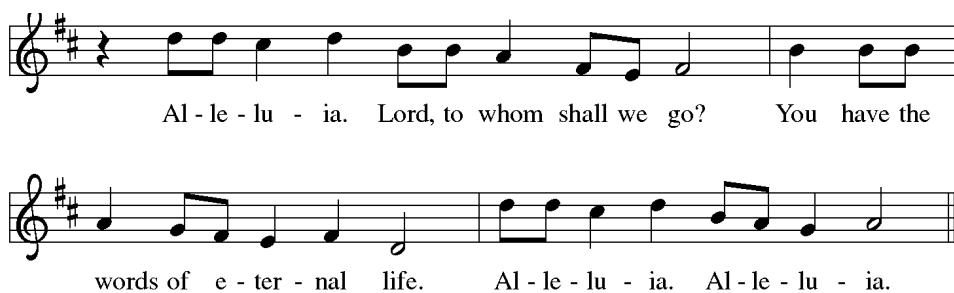
⁸ You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. R

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness

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



** Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20*

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father

in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Service Announcements – August 23, 2026

Community Dinner - Our next Community Dinner is Thursday, September 17, 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 30, 2026 at 10:15 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. September 6th and September 13th 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.

Vaccine Clinic – On September 26, 2026, Skippack Pharmacy will be at St. Luke's offering flu and COVID vaccines for the public. They will be here during the opening of the Thrift Shop and Community Days.

Yoga Class – We're starting a new ministry at St. Luke's. On September 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. we will offer our first one-hour yoga class. Classes will be offered every 4th Thursday of the month at \$15 per person, per class. This is open to the public so invite your friends and family!

The Neighborhood Thrift Shop - Important Updates -

Volunteer Training - August 23, 2026, 10:15 a.m. or September 13, 2026, 10:15 a.m.

Soft Opening - September 16, 2026, 9:00 – 1:00
 September 17, 2026, 4:00 – 7:00 (Community Dinner)
 September 19, 2026, 9:00 – 1:00

Grand Opening - September 26, 2026, 9:00 – 1:00

Sewing & Quilting Group - On Wednesday, September 9, 2026 the Sewing and Quilting Group will be meeting in Fellowship Hall from 6:00PM – 8:30PM.

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 23, 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
Cousins 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 Marilyn Jordan

Steve & Debbie Buckner
Friends of St. Luke's

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

Marily King
Mother of Brenda Foose

Dennis Ritchie
Requested by Doug & Sharon Killough

Calvin Dietrich Savage
Grandson of Dennis & Gail Faust

JoEllen Shaub
Cousin of Joyce Brothers and Spencer Brothers

Chris Slater
Friend of Rob & Paula Bickelman

Wendy Spielman
Friend of Deneen Kratz

Amy Sheppard
Aunt of Brenda Foose

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).