

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

- ¹⁵ O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
- ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
- ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
- ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.
- ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
- ²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.
- ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Psalms 26:1-8

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. (Ps. 26:3)

- ¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.
- ² **Test me, O LORD, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.**
- ³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes;

I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ **I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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



*** Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-28**

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Service Announcements – August 30, 2026

The Neighborhood Thrift Shop - Important Updates -

Volunteer Training - 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

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. Contact Brendan Greer for more information:

bgreer@turnberrysolutions.com or (610)306-4838.

Adult Ed Class - Jerry Jordan will begin an Adult Ed opportunity every Sunday after worship beginning on September 13, 2026. The discussion will revolve around a Rick Warren book. See Jerry or Pastor Amy for more information

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

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.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS – August 30, 2026

Members Of Saint Luke's Church

Rosemarie Bliss, Spencer Brothers, Barry Isett, Dan Pulcher, Robert Pulcher, Chris Quigg, Roger Rhoads, Nancy Schodle, Ron Sekellick, David Semmens, Henry Stetler, Carol Welch, Stewart Young

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Sue Labbe & family
Aunt of Nicole Greer
Lila Lundborg
Sister of Jerry Jordan
Will Marks
Grandson Of Judy Moyer
Linda McLaughlin
Friend of Carol Langton
Jim Miller & family
Nephew of Carol Welch
Michael & Rita Natalini
Friends of Rob & Paula Bickelman
Jackie
Sister of Kay Badman

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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
Marilyn King
Mother of Brenda Foose
Dennis Ritchie
Requested by Doug & Sharon Killough
Calvin Dietrich Savage
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JoEllen Shaub
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Chris Slater
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Rick Vita
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