

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Psalm: Psalm 46

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

¹ God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
² Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
³ though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.
⁶ The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R
⁷ The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
⁸ Come now, regard the works | of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
¹⁰ Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”
¹¹ The Lord of | hosts is with us;
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Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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



*** Gospel: John 8:31-36**

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

D: The holy gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

D: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Service Announcements – November 1, 2026

Community Dinner - St. Luke's Community Dinner will take place on November 19, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Hands are at the back of the church.

Yoga Class - On November 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. we will be hosting our Yoga Class. Classes are \$15 per person, per class; no experience is necessary.

The Neighborhood Thrift Shop - Regular thrift shop hours are Wednesday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. It will also be open during our Community Dinner, every third Thursday from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents to this exciting new ministry, please reach out to Joyce Brothers.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship - On Wednesday, November 25, 2026, we will be worshipping with Peace In Zion at St. Luke's.

Book Club - If you are interested in joining the Book Club or have suggestions for future titles, please contact the office. They are currently reading The Prayer Box, by Lisa Wingate. Next book club meeting will be on November 26th, 2026, after worship.

Music in Ministry - Do you like to sing? Do you play a musical instrument? You are invited to share your musical talent at Sunday Worship services. Please contact Audrey Reinhart if you are interested in participating in this ministry.

Redner's Tape - Do you grocery shop at Redner's? Using your "save-a-tape" card and turning in your receipts 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 any questions.

PRAYER REQUESTS – November 1, 2026

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