

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

- ⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
- ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
- ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
- ¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
- ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord; for those who fear the Lord lack nothing. (Ps. 34:9)

- ¹ I will bless the Lord | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
- ² I will glory | in the Lord;
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.
- ³ Proclaim with me the greatness | of the Lord;
let us exalt God's | name together
- ⁴ I sought the Lord, who | answered me
and delivered me from | all my terrors.
- ⁵ Look upon the Lord | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
- ⁶ I called in my affliction, and | the Lord heard me
and saved me from | all my troubles.
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who | fear the Lord
and de- | livers them.

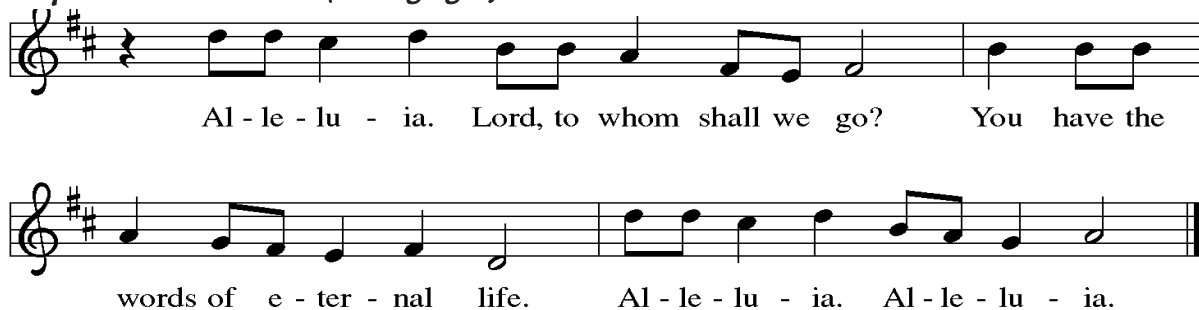
- ⁸ Taste and see that the | Lord is good;
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!
- ⁹ Fear the Lord, you saints | of the Lord,
for those who fear the | Lord lack nothing.
- ¹⁰ The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing | that is good.
- ²² O Lord, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

- ¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
- ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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



*** Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

- ¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
- ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel concludes:

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Service Announcements – October 25, 2026

The Neighborhood Thrift Shop - Regular thrift shop hours are Wednesday and Saturday 9:00 am. – 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.

St. Luke's Instagram – St. Luke's now has an account on Instagram – stlukeslutheranobelisk. It has been shared on our Facebook account. If you can follow and/or share with others it will help continue to build connections in the community.

St. Luke's Trunk or Treat - St. Luke's Trunk or Treat will take place today from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Board Game Meetup - On October 31, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. the cub scouts, Troop 73 will be having a board game event in Fellowship Hall. They will have games, but you can bring your own. Come out and support our local troop!

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.

Yoga Class – Our next yoga class will be on November 17th at 7:00 p.m. No experience necessary. All are welcome!

Community Dinner – The next community dinner will be on November 19th.

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 – October 25, 2026

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