St. Luke Lutheran Church in Schaefferstown
24th **Sunday of Pentecost - November 7, 2021**
All Saints' Sunday/Holy Communion

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Our Guiding Story and Mission
The Road to Emmaus: Luke 24:13-35

As the Body of Christ we proclaim the Gospel by serving and doing God's will in a manner that meets the needs of our changing world.

HEALTH QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS FOR ATTENDEES:
Please Do Not Stay If You Answer Yes to the Following Questions:

1. Do you have a cough, fever or flu-like symptoms? (some flu-like symptoms could be: fatigue, chills, fever, muscle pain, cough, headache, sore throat) – if yes, please go home and call your Doctor
2. Have you had a COVID-19 test in the past 10 days? – if yes, please do not stay
3. Have you come in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the past 10 days?-if yes, please do not stay

Being Mindful of Others: Masks, Distancing, and Other Mitigation Protocols
So that we may safely worship together, please follow these steps with due diligence to mitigate the possibility of spreading illness.

Masks are strongly recommended for persons both vaccinated and unvaccinated for all indoor gatherings in the Church and Chapel.

Social distancing is still required if not a member of the same household.

Please use hand sanitizer upon arrival (dispenser is on the table by the stairway).

Please take bulletins home.

Please place Offerings in the receptacle on the table by the stairway – Thank you!!

Passing the peace will take place with gestures.

Returning to Altar Communion with a specific procedure.

Greetings and Announcements
The Prelude

Call to Gather, Confess, and Hear God's Assurance:
We gather this morning to celebrate the lives of persons we name as saints.
C: **Some of them are living, others have completed their lives here on earth.**
Some have touched us personally, others have touched and called into question the institutions and structures of our society.
C: But all have shaken our being - having been examples of lives made whole in Christ, living as both saint and sinner in their striving to reflect the light of God's mercy, justice, and peace shining on all.
God continues to send us saints.
C: Yet, in our sinfulness, we desire and bless those who shower us with kindness, but get angry at and curse those who challenge our closed mindedness and hardheartedness, and who call us out of our comfort zone to step out in faith. Have mercy as we silently ponder our sin and guilt. (Pause)

God's Word to us is a word of grace and forgiveness, a word of encouragement and assurance. God's Word is Jesus, who reveals that God the Father cherishes us and shows us mercy, accepts and forgives us because God is God and nothing can separate us from God's love alive in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn LBW 175 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!" Cry out, dominions, princedoms, pow'rs,
archangels, virtues, angel choirs: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises: "Alleluia!" Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858-1945
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Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Senior Choir Anthem: "Come Home"

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."
And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

The Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 11:32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Hymn of The Day LBW #174 "For All the Saints" (vs. 1 & 2)

For all the saints who from their labors rest, all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might; you Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
you, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All Saints Litany – Ringing of the Church Bell

Blessed are the dead who die in Christ from henceforth, that they may rest from their labors, for their works shall follow them. Let us not be ignorant, friends, concerning those who fall asleep.

C: **That we grieve not as those who have no hope; For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, those who have fallen asleep in Jesus, God will receive.**

But someone will say, "How are the dead raised?" and "In what manner of body do they come?"

C: **That which we sow is not the body that shall be, but a bare grain. But God gives it a body even as it pleases him, and to each seed a body of its own. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory.**

It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality;

C: **For if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with human hands, eternal in the heavens.**

Jesus says to all the saints of all ages, "In God's house are many rooms...and I go to prepare a place for you." Members of our congregation and others who have died since last All Saints Sunday have also heard his voice telling them:

"I have prepared a place for you, **Robert Meyer, Sr.**"
"I have prepared a place for you, **Sylvia Speicher.**"
"I have prepared a place for you, **Alvin Herr.**"
"I have prepared a place for you, **Jeanette Layser**."
"I have prepared a place for you, **Rose DiFrancesco**."
"I have prepared a place for you, **Elizabeth Herr.**"
"I have prepared a place for you, **Clifford Wike**."

There are other friends and family who we know have died this year, whom we now mention in voice or heart (names) and Jesus has said to them, "I have prepared a place for you."

C: And Jesus says to each one of us, "I am preparing a place for you. I will not leave you desolate, I will come to you."

Jesus says, "The Comforter, the Holy Spirit, shall teach you all things, and bring to you remembrance of all that I have said to you."

C: **Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. So, do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."**

Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, though they be dead, shall yet be alive. And whoever believes in me shall never die."

C: **God created all people to be immortal, and made us in his divine eternal image.**

The lives of the righteous are in the hands of God, from which no evil can tear them away. They are in peace and their hope is full of immortality.

C: **For God has tested them, and found them made worthy by his Son, who is Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day LBW #174 For All the Saints" (vs. 7 & 8)

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into
heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Let us share his peace with one another.

(Share the peace with a Gesture)

Offering: Thank you for faithfully mailing your offering envelope or placing them in the container today.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come and be fed!

Distribution of Communion

All are welcome and encouraged to receive the forgiveness and community that are given in the bread and wine. Come forward as directed.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs
of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with
shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

Blessing

God, the merciful and mighty, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love–
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – send us light and truth to keep us all our days.

C: May his hand protect us, his holy angels accompany us,
and his blessing envelop us, now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn LBW #176 "For All our Saints O Lord"

For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
who followed you, obeyed, adored, our grateful hymn receive.

For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
who counted you their great reward, accept our thankful cry.

They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
learned from your Holy Spirit's breath to suffer and to do.

For this, your name we bless and humbly pray anew
that we like them in holiness may live and die in you.

To God, the Father, Son, and Spirit, ever blest,
the One in Three, the Three in One, be endless praise addressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776-1848, alt.

Sending
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and our neighbors.
C: Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

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This Week at St. Luke

This Evening	**7:00 PM Taizé Worship Service**
Monday	7:00 PM Women of the ELCA
Tuesday	10:00 AM Band Together
Wednesday	9-Noon LWR Quilting
	7:00 PM Sr. Choir
Thursday	10:00 AM Band Together

Next Sunday
8:30 AM Worship Service/Honoring Veterans
9:30 AM Sunday School

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It is easy to stay connected to all things happening at St. Luke! Check out our website at https://www.stlukelutheran.org. In addition to updates on current events, you will find links on the website to access our online worship services via Facebook or YouTube.

Or, if you prefer, you can access online services directly via Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran, or on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWKROL7HVJEgtCMksioZwoA.

The bulletin will continue to be emailed out weekly with printed copies available at Sunday worship. So whether you attend in person or tune in online, it is easy to stay connected!

We welcome your feedback--recommendations, suggestions, or improvements regarding the current online transmissions. We also need volunteers to assist with the technical aspects of livestreaming and all of the legwork and support this requires. Please send your feedback or volunteer availability to the Church Office.

OUR SERVICE TODAY is dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of all the saints of this congregation and community living among us in this life and the next who have gone before us to our eternal home since last year's All Saints Sunday, especially those named in our service today: **Robert Meyer, Sr., Sylvia Speicher, Alvin Herr, Jeannette Layser, Rose DiFrancesco. Elizabeth Herr, and Clifford Wike.**

A WARM WELCOME to our Supply Pastor the Rev. Angela Hammer and all our visitors as we come together to share this day here at St. Luke.

Please keep in your prayers those who are ill, recovering, or shut-in, especially:
John Adams, Claudia Addison, Brenda Boyer, Leon Boyer, Mechelle Lesher Bray, Amanda Cupernall, Alexandria (Lexxi) Ditzler, Cathy Dunkelberger, Deb Glassmoyer, Peg Griffe, Bill Gundrum, Kim Lenhart Hale, John Hassinger, Dean Hettinger, Lilly Higgins & Family, Richard and Nancy Hollen, Christopher Johnson (D Hettinger), June Kohr, Landon Kreider, Ruth Kupp, Betty Leedy, Delores Lesher, Richard Lesher, Ken Light, Donald and Sue McClure, Steven McCracken, Casey McGarvey, Dana McKinney, Maureen Marinkov, Dale Matthews, Harold (Spike) Moore, Brian Navarre, Barry and Tom Nolt, Kathy O'Roark, Gerald and Ruth Parson, George Pastore, Ronald Ream, Lance Rhodes, Al Shade, Barry Shriver, Linda Simmers, Lloyd Smith, Richard Strohl, Caitlyn, Gretta and Mike Stuber, Robert Todisco, Landis Wenger, Josephine Wenrich, Janet Wharton, Josie Williams, Eddie Wolfe, Marian Yoder, Dottie and Maggie Zartman, and Ashton Zohn.

Pray for those who are serving in the military, especially:
Timothy Beamesderfer, David Deysher, Tyler Fleagle, Shane Gettler, Steven Ginder, George Lesher, Jr., Greg Rocker, and Matthew Sanders.

Pray for congregations and ministries with whom we share mutual ministry:
The congregations and pastors of the Heidelberg Ministerium and Lebanon Conference, Agape House, Lebanon Co. Christian Ministries, Lebanon Taizé Violence Intervention Women's Shelter, Lancaster/Lebanon Habitat for Humanity, Lebanon Rescue Mission, Support Connections of Lebanon County, Our Synod Bishop James S. Dunlop and his staff, and our ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and staff.

Please be in Prayer for and with St. Luke Vision to Mission Team - Kit Ahnert, Richelle Deysher, Elaine Matternas, Judy Plummer, Scott Rights, and Todd Snyder.

St. Luke History Books are available for $20.00. Call Anna Mae Grubb 717-273-7035 or email at **mrgrubby@comcast.net.**

October 31, 2021

Attendance - 30	**Offering -** $680.00
Sunday School Attendance - 13	**Offering -** $14.00

The Monthly Ministry Emphasis for the month of November is **"Lebanon Co. Christian Ministries."** Thank you again for your continued support.

Adult Sunday School Class: If you are interested in small group discussions, please consider joining us Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the chapel basement following the Worship Service. Our current topic is an interview with Amy Jill Levine, Professor on New Testament Theology at Vanderbilt University titled The Jewishness of Jesus and Why it Matters. If this sounds interesting to you please consider joining the class for engaging conversation. All are welcome. Masks and social distancing are required.

WARMTH FOR WINTER

As part of God's Work, Our Hands and Warmth for Winter , the Women of the ELCA are collecting new pillows and blankets for community needs. If you are able to donate, please place them under the coat rack in the back of the church. Thanks so very much for your support!

Sunday, November 21 - Women of the ELCA Thankoffering/Harvest Home

Thankofferings support the total ministries of the Women of the ELCA which include programs for women and children in crisis, partnerships with LWR, Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA World Hunger, Global Missions, scholarships and grants, operations and training publications, and programs and resources for the Women of the ELCA. You will find **Offering envelopes** in the Church and Chapel for the Thankoffering. Checks should be made out to Women of the ELCA. Thank you for your support!

Folks can bring in their **food items** for placement around the altar rail and altar for Sunday, November 21. All gifts of food will go towards the Leb. Co. Christian Ministries Food Bank.

Women of the ELCA meet the second Monday of every month except June, July, and August in the chapel at 7pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the short meetings for fun, fellowship, and service. This fall we are collecting blankets and pillows for community needs and starting on Friday, November 5, 2021, we will be helping with the The Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program. If you are interested in attending meetings, helping with a project, or have any questions, please contact Faith Thunberg.

Spang Crest Christmas Donations.

The items needed are: Tissue Packs, small hand lotions, small/medium tubes of Toothpaste, Body Spray for Ladies, pens, small notebooks to write in, snack crackers, chewing gum, tic tags, and hard candy. Machelle Bucher will be collecting these items from December 1-12. A box will be placed on the table in the chapel basement.