



St. Luke Lutheran Church in Schaefferstown

3rd Sunday of Easter - May 1, 2022

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 covid or flu-like symptoms? (symptoms could be: fatigue, chills, fever, muscle aches, cough, headache, sore throat) – **if yes, please go home and call your Doctor**
2. Have you tested positive for covid in the past 10 days? – **if yes, please do not stay**
3. Have you been exposed to covid 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 optional for any person who is fully vaccinated.

Masks are encouraged for any person unvaccinated or has received 1 dose of a 2 dose vaccine.

Social distancing will remain if not a member of the same household.

(Will relax if covid numbers continue to decline)

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 remains the same.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude "O, Jesus Thou Art Standing" - Virginia Carrington Thomas

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Holy Trinity, One God: the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our Light and our Salvation

C: Amen.

Let us pause for self-examination and come into the revealing, yet healing light of God. God of grace and glory, you have brought us through the night of sin and into the light of Jesus' resurrection.

C: Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God. Make us alive in Christ. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin. Pour over us your refreshing love and restore us to servant living, through Jesus Christ, our risen, living Lord. Amen.

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne. The sacrificial, unmerited love of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. We have forgiveness and freedom from sin in his righteousness. He graces us with eternal life for servant living. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

C: Thank you Jesus. Amen.

The Opening Hymn WOV #674 "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen"

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain

Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain

Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain

City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

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Prayer of the Day

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

Senior Choir Anthem: "The Lamb"

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain." Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Holy Gospel According to John

C: Glory to you O Lord

Gospel: John 21:1-19

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience. After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message

Hymn LBW #363

“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
 Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
 but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.

In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
 Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
 and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
 till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

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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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 WOV #675 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:

That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and our neighbors.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Praise Ye the Father” - Charles Gounod

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Supply Pastor: The Rev. Angela Hammer
Lay Reader: Donna Moyer

Minister of Music: Linda Holt
Worship Assistant: Mike DeLong

Thank you for joining us!

We wish to extend a warm welcome our Supply Pastor: The Rev. Angela Hammer and to all our visitors as we come together in worship. We hope you will join us again!

This Week at St. Luke

<u>This Evening</u>	5:30-7:00 PM	Comm. Free Meal
	7:00 PM	Taizé Service
<u>Tuesday</u>	10:00 AM	Band Together
<u>Wednesday</u>	7:00 PM	Sr. Choir
<u>Thursday</u>	10:00 AM	Band Together
	11:30-1:00 PM	Comm. Free Meal
<u>Friday</u>	3:00-6:00 PM	TEFAP
	2:30-6:00 PM	Spang Crest Chicken Bar-B-Que

Next Sunday (Mother's Day)

8:30 AM Worship Service: Blessing of Mother's, Graduates, and Fields
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 5:30-7:00 Comm. Free Meal

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April 24, 2022 (Easter 2): Attendance - 34

Offering - \$1,060

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented by Dale Zartman and Family in Memory of Dottie Zartman.

Call Committee Survey Reminder: Just a reminder that the survey is due back by May 6. Please complete at your convenience and return using the pre-addressed stamped envelope provided to you or drop off in the box in the narthex following the Sunday worship service. Thank you for your help in this most important matter.

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!

Stay connected! If you haven't viewed the St. Luke website recently, please go to <https://www.stlukelutheran.org> and check it out. In addition to updates on current events, you will find links 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>. (Or just type St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church, Schaefferstown PA in the search box.)

We welcome your feedback—on the livestreaming, the Facebook page, the website, in-person worship, or any other aspect of our Christian journey here at St. Luke. Please direct any comments to the church office.

Church Office Hours **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30 - 4:00**

We welcome John C. Brewster - Administrative Secretary and Bookkeeper.

Please stop by to meet John and welcome him to 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 Leshner Bray, Amanda Cupernall, Alexandria (Lexxi) Ditzler, Cathy Dunkelberger, Henry Fasnacht, 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, Betty Leedy, Delores Leshner, Richard Leshner, Ken Light, Donald and Sue McClure, Steven McCracken, Casey McGarvey, Dana McKinney, Maureen Marinkov, 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, 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 Leshner, Jr., Matthew Plummer, 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.

If you are in need of Pastoral care please leave a message on the answering machine or contact one of the Council Members.

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

The Monthly Ministry Emphasis for the month of May will go towards **"The Lebanon Rescue Mission."** Thank you again for your continued support.

Parents of **graduating students**, please let the church office know (717) 949-3375 if your children are graduating from high school, college or a trade school. Also, what their future plans might be or future job placement.

Community Free Meals Our meal program is back! Meals will be served as follows:

Thursday: 11:30 am to 1 pm and Sunday: 5:30 to 7 pm

Partners with St. Luke in the Thursday meals are members of the Heidelberg Community Church group – Zion Methodist, St. Paul's UCC, Trinity Methodist-Kleinfeltersville, Krall's Mennonite, and Heidelberg Church of the Brethren. And we are welcoming volunteers from Friedens Lutheran Church in Myerstown to our Sunday meal teams. Further details will follow. Please note that there will be no meal served on Easter Sunday (April 17) this year.

Adult Sunday School Topic: A podcast with American Christian author, Philip Yancey and Dr. Wojciech Szezerba, President of the Evangelical School of Theology in Wroclaw, Poland. The title of the podcast is Christianity in an Age of Anxiety. All are welcome to join us for good discussion.

Book Club will be reading "The Personal Librarian", A Novel, by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray. We will meet on Thursday, May 5th at 7:00pm in the Chapel. All are invited to join us. If you have any questions please call Richelle Deysher.

Friends of Spang Crest Spring Chicken Bar-B-Que by Kauffman. Located at Spang Crest in Lebanon, this coming Friday, May 6, 2022 from 2:30-6:00pm. Cost is \$9.00 includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, roll and applesauce. Contact Machele Bucher for tickets.

Mother and Child Luncheon Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 11:30am at the Country Fare Restaurant . Please join us for fun, fellowship, games, and door prizes. There will be a limited menu from which you may choose. Everyone pays for what they order at the Country Fare so no money will be collected in advance. Please sign up in the chapel, the back of the church, or contact Faith Thunberg by May 10th. Please come! Everyone is welcome!