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Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 22, 2022

Contemporary Service

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.



Let the peoples praise you, O God (Psalm 67:3)

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song

God So Loved – by We the Kingdom

CCLI Song # 7169675

Please sing: V1, V2, C1, V3, C2, Bridge (twice), C3, C2, V4.

Verse 1

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

Bridge (repeat once)

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save (to chorus 2)

Verse 4

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world

Call to Worship

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

C: So God seeks and saves the lost.

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

C: So God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

As a father receives a returning wayward son,

C: So God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Therefore, let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

**C: Let us receive, welcome, and rejoice over one another in the name of God's love incarnate,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Opening Song: ELW 484

You satisfy the hungry heart

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997 and Text © 1977 Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.

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| 1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord,
we follow and rejoice. <i>Refrain</i> | 2 With joyful lips we sing to you
our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord,
to share this heav'nly food. <i>Refrain</i> |
| 3 Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
our oneness in the Lord? <i>Refrain</i> | 4 The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell. <i>Refrain</i> |
| 5 You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity. <i>Refrain</i> | |

Prayer of the Day

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through 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 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message

Song of the day: ELW #785

When peace like a river/It is well with my soul

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

- 1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

Refrain:

It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

- 3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

- 4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

An Affirmation of Faith (*please rise as you are able*)

C: Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. A star marked your humble birth,
And God said at your baptism,
"This is my Son, the Beloved..."

Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God.
Unlike other teachers, you taught with authority.
You healed the sick, opened blind eyes,
and called the dead to life.
The disciples saw you walking on the sea,
And they proclaimed, "Truly you are the Son of God."
They saw you transfigured on the mountain,
and heard God say, "This is my Son...listen to him!"

Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God.
You entered Jerusalem with crowds shouting hosannas.
You heard the "Hosannas" turn to "Let him be crucified!"
And you died with the centurion's witness of,
 "Truly this man was God's Son!"
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary
 saw you risen from your tomb.
Your disciples saw you and heard your command
 to make disciples of all nations.
Jesus, I believe.
 Peter speaks for me when he says,
 "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!"

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.

Offertory Song: Goodness, Love, and Mercy

CCLI Song #7117450

Verse:

Oh Lord You're my Shepherd
You make me lie in fields of green
You lead me by the still waters
You restore righteousness to me
Though I walk through the valley
I will fear no evil thing
For You are with me and You comfort me

Chorus:

Surely goodness love and mercy
Will follow wherever I go

Bridge: I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever

Offertory Prayer:

Let us pray together.

C: Lord make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

C: Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Benediction and Dismissal

Let us go into the world in Faith.

C: Trusting God to lead us, trusting people to receive us.

Let us go into the world in Hope.

C: With God's presence before us and our dreams to carry us.

Let us go into the world in Love.

C: Serving with and loving God and neighbor, loving those in whom Christ lives, and laboring on behalf of and loving those for whom the risen Jesus brings the promise of new life.

Let us go into the world.

C: We go into the world in Faith, Hope, and Love.

Sending Song:

I've got peace like a river
CCLI Song #2154963

Verse 1

I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul

Verse 2

I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul

Verse 3

I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul

Verse 4

I've got peace, love, and joy like a river
I've got peace, love, and joy like a river
I've got peace, love, and joy like a river in my soul
I've got peace, love, and joy like a river
I've got peace, love, and joy like a river
I've got peace, love, and joy like a river in my soul

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God!

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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!



Our worshiping community today:

Supply Pastor: The Rev. Angela Hammer

St. Luke Contemporary Worship Team:

Vocal: Sarah Kneller

Guitars: Linda Holt and Todd Snyder

Worship Assistant: Sue DeLong

Next week (May 29) in our worshiping community:

Lay Reader: Richelle Deysher

Worship Assistant: Paula Benson

This Week at St. Luke – May 22-29

<u>Sunday</u>	8:30 AM	Contemporary Service
	9:30 AM	Sunday School for children (no adult class today)
	5:30 PM-7:00 PM	Community Free Meal
<u>Tuesday</u>	10:00 AM	Band Together
<u>Wednesday</u>	7:00 PM	Senior Choir
<u>Thursday</u>	10:00 AM	Band Together
	11:30 AM-1:00 PM	Community Free Meal
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:30AM	Service of the Word
	9:30 AM	Sunday School for children and adults

May 15, 2022

Attendance - 41

Offering - \$1,073

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.

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.

Please keep in your prayers those who are ill, recovering, or shut-in, especially:

John Adams, Claudia Addison, Brenda Boyer, Leon Boyer, 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.

Community Free Meals: Served: Thursday: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and Sunday: 5:30 to 7:00 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.

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 this good discussion.

Help Needed: Calling both Kids and Adults for June 22 at 7:00pm. Our church will be providing an art project for approximately 20 residences at Spang Crest. They will be painting rocks for their garden and possibly the walkway. Maybe we can also provide each of them with goodie bags. All art supplies will be provided. Please contact Machel Bucher at 717-644-5960.

Congratulations and best wishes to Jonah Davis! Jonah received a call to become a pastor at Union in York. Jonah's ordination will be on Sunday, June 5 at 5:00 pm at St. Peter's, 121 North Spring Street, Middletown, PA 17057. Everyone from St. Luke is invited and requested to wear rainbow and/or blue/pink/white. A reception will follow the ordination service.

Coffee Hour is returning Starting on Sunday June 12 Coffee Hour will resume following the worship service. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Ascension of our Lord – Thursday, May 26.