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The Holy Trinity – June 12, 2022

Service of the Word

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Please stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

**Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.**

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: ELW 522 Come though almighty King

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt

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| 1 Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days. | 2 Come, thou incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword;
our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless,
and give thy word success,
and let thy righteousness
on us descend. |
| 3 Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art,
now rule in ev'ry heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r. | 4 To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be
hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore. |

Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
"To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,

before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.”

Ministry of Music: Sarah Kneller

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Please stand as you are able

The Holy Gospel according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 16:12-15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

[Jesus said,] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

The Message

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day: LBW #165 Holy, Holy, Holy

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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.

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

Offering Prayer:

God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.

C: 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)

Prayers of Intercession

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

One God, giver of life, you established peace through your Son and gave your church the hope of sharing in your glory. Enliven us by your Spirit to speak and act in love for the sake of the world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Creator of all, you rejoice in creation and have given humankind responsibility for the works of your hands. Instill in everyone your Spirit of care for the earth, especially in areas threatened by ecological devastation (*areas may be named*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Loving Redeemer, you delight in the human race. Move the hearts of world leaders to seek wisdom, speak truth, and care for all endangered by poverty, prejudice, or violence. Further the work of international collaboration and peacemaking. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Abiding Comforter, you call out to all who live. Restore severed relationships and protect children who lack trustworthy caregivers. Grant hope to those who are experiencing fear, pain, or grief (*especially*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Holy Three, you are community and you create community. Build up ministries that support those who are isolated or lonely. Give endurance as we nurture vital relationships in our congregation and beyond. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Holy God, we remember your saints for their strong faith and witness, even unto death (*especially the Emanuel Nine, whom we commemorate this week*). Console grieving families. Stir up in us the resolve to end the sin of white supremacy and pursue the courageous path of justice. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping as we pray:

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

Blessing

The God of peace,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: LBW #169 Father, most holy

Text: Latin hymn, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936, alt.

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| 1 Father most holy, merciful, and tender;
Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;
Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender,
light never waning. | 2 Trinity blessed, unity unshaken;
goodness unbounded, very God of heaven,
light of the angels, joy of those forsaken,
hope of all living. |
| 3 Maker of all things, all thy creatures praise thee;
all for thy worship were and are created;
now, as we also worship thee devoutly,
hear thou our voices. | 4 Lord God Almighty, unto thee be glory,
one in three persons, over all exalted!
Glory we offer, praise thee and adore thee,
now and forever. |

Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Thank you for joining us!

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

Thank you to Sarah Kneller for sharing her gift of music in our service today.
Please contact Betsy Nolt if you have a musical gift that you would like to share at worship services during the summer months.

Assisting in our worshipping community today:

Worship Assistant: Sue DeLong

Lay Reader: Richelle Deysher

Pianist: Dr. David Deysher

Soloist: Sarah Kneller

Assisting in our worshipping community next Sunday, June 19:

Worship Assistant: Paula Benson

Lay Reader: Dolly Fasnacht

This week at St. Luke

<u>Sunday, June 12</u>	8:30 AM	Holy Trinity - Service of the Word
	9:30 AM	Coffee Hour
	5:30 PM-7:00 PM	Community Free Meal
<u>Tuesday, June 14</u>	10:00 AM	Band Together
<u>Wednesday, June 15</u>	9:00 AM -2:00 PM	LWR Quilting
<u>Thursday, June 16</u>	10:00 AM	Band Together
	11:30 AM-1:00 PM	Community Free Meal
<u>Next Sunday, June 19</u>	8:30AM	Holy Communion/Confirmation
	9:30 AM	Coffee hour
	5:30 PM-7:00 PM	Community Free Meal

Our worship and service last week - June 5, 2022

Attendance - 42

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Offering - \$2,932

Offering - \$86

COVID GUIDELINES ARE STILL BEING FOLLOWED - Please use common sense when you are not feeling well.

Be mindful of others so that we may continue to safely worship together. Masks are recommended for those who are unvaccinated & optional if you are vaccinated. Thank you for caring for your church family.

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 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 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), 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 need Pastoral care, please leave a message on the answering machine or contact one of the Council Members.

Coffee Hour – Volunteers are needed for coffee hour, please see the signup sheet in the narthex.

Band Together - Correction from the June newsletter: Bands exercise classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 AM-11 AM in the chapel, not outside. Social distancing is the norm, and masking is optional.

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

June - Monthly Ministry Emphasis: Spang Crest 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. Further details will follow.

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.

Leadership Training Camp 2022 - Youth in grades 9-12, who exhibit gifts for leadership, are eligible for our annual Leadership Training Camp (LT Camp) at Camp Nawakwa, July 10-15, 2022. Young leaders must be recommended by a pastor, youth leader, or congregational leader. All first-year LT's attend at NO cost to the family or to the congregation, thanks to generous grants by the Lamb's, Grant's, William's and other camp alumnus. Designed to help young people recognize their gifts, and grow in discipleship, participants are challenged to utilize their gifts for Christian leadership in home, school, and congregational settings. Participants are surrounded by other young leaders and have opportunity to grow in Christian community, while putting their leadership and faith into practice with their peers. This year's camp is the launch of our Leadership Academy, that affords LT Alumni a chance to gather year-round with their peers and adult mentors from across our synod for continuing education and real world leadership practice. To learn more, or to download the recommendation form to nominate a young person from your church, visit: <https://www.lss-elca.org/faith-formation/leadership-training-camp/>. Registration closes on June 27.



Sunday, June 12, 2022 - The Holy Trinity



Introduction

“O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God’s love and hope to our neighbors.

Drawn into Relationship, Guided into Truth

The doctrine of the Trinity invites us to consider how a God constituted by relationship—the Father with the Son, the Son with the Spirit, the Spirit with the Father—draws us into that relationship with God and one another. Gradually or suddenly, through the work of the Spirit, we come to know our belonging to the Father and to Christ’s body.

In such loving relationships, truth is discovered. But people cannot bear the truth all at once, so discipleship and faith formation are gradual processes of listening for the Spirit’s voice. Christian practices such as worship, learning, and service are occasions for people of all ages to be “guided into truth.” Such practices are rooted in baptism, in which God draws us into a lifelong relationship in which we grow into truth and love over time—guided by the Spirit, accompanied by Jesus, and having peace with the Father.

In Romans, we hear the truth of how love originates and grows in us: Poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, God’s love gives us a hope that will never disappoint. Christian community offers the delightful opportunity to experience one’s own growth in hope, faith, and love, and to witness others’ growth as they too are drawn more deeply into relationship with the triune God. Trinity Sunday offers the delightful opportunity to celebrate that growth.

