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Third Sunday after Pentecost – June 26, 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.

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able

Gathering Song ELW #798 Will you come and follow me

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| 1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me? | 2 "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me? |
| 3 "Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me? | 4 "Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?" |
| 5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me. | |

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: Holiness (Take My Life)

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Holiness, holiness is what I long for

Holiness is what I need

Holiness, holiness is what You want from me

Chorus:

Take my heart and form it.

Take my mind, transform it.

Take my will, conform it to Yours, to Yours, O Lord.

Righteousness, righteousness, brokenness

Final Chorus:

Take my heart and form it.

Take my mind, transform it.

Take my will, conform it to Yours, O Lord.

To Yours, to Yours, O Lord.

To Yours, to Yours, O Lord.

To Yours

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.

Please be seated

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.

Please stand as you are able

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.

Jesus 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. Whoever 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.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But 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. Peace, 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. You 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. And 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.

Please be seated

The Message

Please stand as you are able

Song of the day: Breathe

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This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me

And I I'm desperate for You
And I I'm lost without You

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe

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: Holy is the Lord

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We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

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.



Benediction:

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: Lord of all hopefulness (Tune name is SLANE, Be thou my vision WOV 776)

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- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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 to our Supply Pastor, Rev. Angela Hammer.
Welcome to all our visitors as we come together in worship. We hope you will join us again!

Supply Pastor: The Rev. Angela Hammer

Minister of Music: Linda Holt

Our worshiping community today:

St. Luke Contemporary Worship Team: Vocal: Sarah Kneller Guitars: Linda Holt and Todd Snyder

Worship Assistant: Sue DeLong

Assisting in our worshiping community next Sunday, July 3:

Lay Reader: Anna Mae Grubb

Worship Assistant: Donna Rhoades

This Week at St. Luke – June 26 – July 3

<u>Sunday</u>	8:30 AM	Contemporary Service
	9:30 AM	Coffee Hour
	5:30 PM-7:00 PM	Community Free Meal
<u>Tuesday</u>	10:00 AM	Band Together
<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 Holy Communion
	9:30 AM	Coffee Hour

Request from the church office: Please be sure to communicate all activities and events to the church office, so the information published in the newsletter and in the weekly bulletin is accurate.

June 19, 2022

Attendance - 48

Offering - \$1,560

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented by Sarah Kneller in remembrance of her grandmother, Bertha Hollinger's birthday.

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.

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), 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 contact the church office or a council member.

St. Luke History Books: \$20.00. Contact Anna Mae Grubb 717-273-7035 or email mrgrubby@comcast.net.

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, Heidelberg Church of the Brethren, and Friedens Lutheran Church in Myerstown to our Sunday meal teams.

Vacation Bible School: VBS coming up at Friedens from July 10-13 for ages potty trained through going into 6th grade. We are also seeking adult helpers. Volunteers need to have up-to-date clearances. If you are interested in joining the VBS crew please let Nicky Snyder know as soon as possible, 717-644-5188 or ballet06grad@hotmail.com.

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.

Thank you – Thanks to everyone who helped at Spang Crest with our rock painting project this past week. There were 18 residents. Everyone had a great time, Machele Bucher!

July / August Newsletter – Please pick up your July/August newsletter this morning before or after the service. Newsletters that are not picked up will be mailed. Thank you!

