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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – August 28, 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.

P: Pastor C: Congregation

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able

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

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

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

Chorus 3

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

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

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

Bridge (repeat once)

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

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 and Prayer:

P: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

C: So God seeks and saves the lost.

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

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

P: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

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

P: 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: They'll know we are Christians by our love

CCLI Song # 26997 - Peter Scholtes

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Verse 1

We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored (chorus)

Verse 2

We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land (chorus)

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love

Verse 3

We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride (chorus)

Verse 4

All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus
His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one (chorus)

Apostolic Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

Prayer of the Day:

P: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

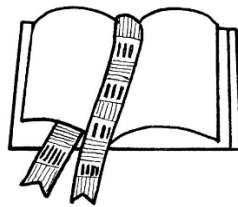
First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

**Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourteenth chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

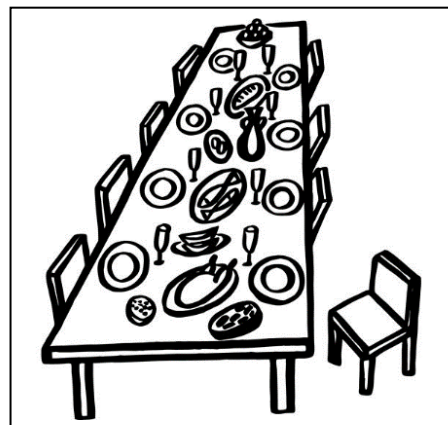
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

The Message

Please stand as you are able



Hymn of the Day: One Bread, One Body

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Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

An Affirmation of Faith:

P: Together, let us confess our faith:

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:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share his peace with one another. *(Congregation may share the peace with a gesture)*

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

Offertory Song: We Fall Down

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Verse

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

Chorus

And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy is the Lamb

Offertory Prayer:

P: As followers of Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life, let us pray like St. Francis prayed:

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.

P: 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:

P: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths yet untrodden, through perils unknown.

C: Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Song: Forever

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Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise (to verse 2)

Verse 2

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise (to pre-chorus)

Pre-Chorus

Sing praise sing praise (to chorus)

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise (to pre-chorus)

Chorus

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever, (to verse 3)

Sending

Go in peace. Love and serve your neighbor.

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
and to all our visitors who have joined us in worship today.

We hope you will join us again!

Assisting in our worshipping community today (August 28):

Supply Pastor: The Rev. Angela Hammer

Worship Assistant: Mike DeLong

St. Luke Contemporary Worship Team: Linda Holt, Emily Hold, and Todd Snyder

Assisting in our worshipping community next week (September 4):

Lay Reader: Melissa Gettler

Worship Assistant: Paula Benson

August 21, 2022

Worship Attendance: In person: 41

Online views: 63

Offering: \$1,005

This week at St. Luke

Sunday, August 28

8:30 AM

Contemporary Service

9:30 AM

Coffee Hour

5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Community Free Meal

Tuesday, August 30

10:00 AM

Band Together

Thursday, September 1

10:00 AM

Band Together

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Community Free Meal

Friday, September 2

2:30-6:00 PM

Chicken BBQ at Spang Crest

3:00-7:00 PM

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Next Sunday, September 4

8:30AM

Service of the Word/Food Bank Sunday

9:30 AM

Coffee Hour

5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Community Free Meal

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. Office Hours are M, T, & TH 9:30-4:00. Office will be open on Friday, September 2 and closed on Monday, September 5.

COVID Guidelines: 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.

NEWS IN OUR PEWS

August - Monthly Ministry Emphasis: HOINA – Homes of the Indian Nation. Thank you for your support.

Book Club: Next meeting is on Thursday, September 22nd at 7:00pm in the Chapel. We will be discussing Mercy House by Alena Dillon. All are welcome to join for an evening of lively discussion. Mercy House is also the Lebanon County Reads selection for 2022. There will be a virtual meeting with the author on Thursday, September 15th. Tickets are \$5 for either a Zoom showing at Leedy Theater at Lebanon Valley College or a Zoom viewing from your home computer. Tickets and more information are available at the local libraries. If there are any questions, please contact Richelle Deyscher.

Chicken BBQ: Friday, September 2, 2:30-6:00PM at Spang Crest (945 Duke Street, Lebanon) \$9.00 for ½ chicken, baked potato, roll and applesauce. For tickets contact Machele Bucher (717-644-5960).

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.

Diapers Needed! – We carry out God's Work with Our Hands during our annual Diaper Drive from now through Sunday, September 11. We are asking you to contribute boxes or packages of diapers in all shapes and sizes. This collection, on God's Work-Our Hands Sunday, also marks the kickoff of our Warmth for Winter program that provides blankets and warm clothing to folks in our community.

Food Bank Sunday – next Sunday – remember to bring your donations!

Lutheran Disaster Response to flooding in Kentucky: Please see green half sheet of paper on cabinets at entrance to the sanctuary for more information on how you can donate to the U.S. Flooding and other areas of Lutheran Disaster Response.

Lutheran World Relief Ingathering appeal: Our congregation can be a partner in LWR, working to meet the needs of our neighbors throughout the world. You can help by donating cardboard boxes (large enough to hold 2-4 quilts) or by making donations in an LWR envelope. Envelopes can be found on the tables as you enter the sanctuary. See Anna Mae Grubb or Sue DeLong for additional information.

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

Stay Connected: 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.

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 pick up your September newsletter today on the cabinets at the entrance to the sanctuary. Newsletters not picked up will be mailed.

Prayers for:

Those who are ill, recovering, or shut-in, especially:

John Adams, Claudia Addison, Carl "Red" Bakke, 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 (S. Hettinger), Landon Kreider, 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.

Those who are serving in the military, especially:

Timothy Beamesderfer, David Deysher, Tyler Fleagle, Shane Gettler, Steven Ginder, Matthew Plummer, Greg Rucker, and Matthew Sanders.

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.

The 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 one of the Council Members.

Psalm 112:1

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

