

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

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

Prelude: Rock of Ages - Thomas Hastings

Please stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness:

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

C: Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us.

We have harmed your good creation.

We have failed to do justice,

love kindness,

and walk humbly with you.

Turn us in a new direction.

Show us the path that leads to life.

Be our refuge and strength on the journey,

through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

P: Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven ✠ and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,

who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love

through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: LBW 406—Take my life, that I may be

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

- 1 Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Hymn continues on the next page

- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,

⁶buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals,

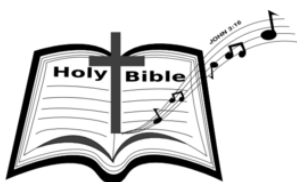
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Ministry of Music: Choir: “O God of Truth and Justice”



Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,

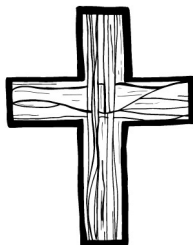
⁶who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time.⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able



P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the sixteenth chapter
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

Gospel continues on next page

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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: LBW 364— Son of God, eternal Savior

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race,
you our head, who, throned in glory,
for your own will ever plead:
fill us with your love and pity,
heal our wrong, and help our need.

Hymn continues on the next page

- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,
so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted;
freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty
held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling,
by your silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race:
by your praying, by your willing
that your people should be one,
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:
here on earth your will be done.



Apostles' Creed:

P: Let us confess our faith using the
words of the Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

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.

Offering Prayer:

P: Gracious God,

in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,

and make us ready to share with all in need;

through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C: Amen.



Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface:

P: 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:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy Holy)

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:'. The second staff continues: 'Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.'. The third staff continues: 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The fourth staff concludes: 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and
ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

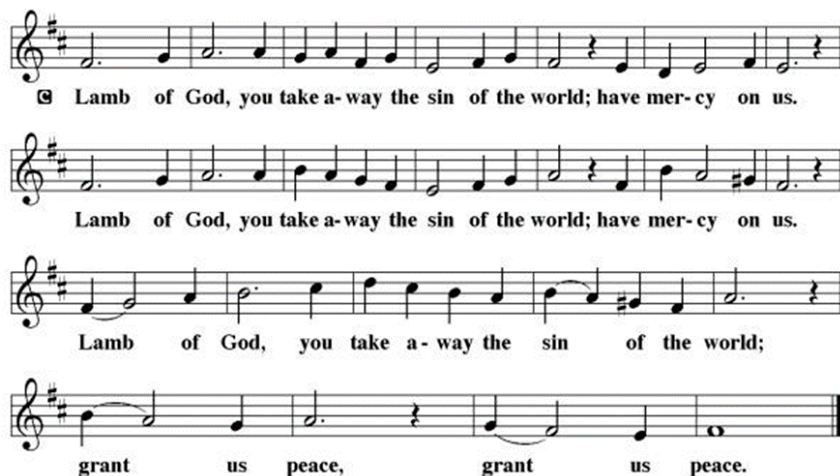
C: Amen

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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**



Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)



☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion:

P: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Please be seated

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.

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion:

P: God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing:

P: God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: WOV 763 – Let justice flow like streams

*Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926 Text © 1984 Jane Parker Huber,
admin. Westminster John Knox Press*

- 1 Let justice flow like streams
of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life,
abundant, cleansing, sure.
- 2 Let righteousness roll on
as others' cares we heed,
an ever-flowing stream of faith
translated into deed.
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight,
define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade
this world our whole life through.

Sending:

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Fugue in Am—J.S. Bach

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Welcome to St. Luke!

We are glad you have joined us today and hope you will join us again. Visitors are asked to sign the visitor book at the back of the sanctuary. For more information, please see the “News in the Pews” in this bulletin or speak to an usher.

Connect with St. Luke:

Check out our website at <https://www.stlukelutheran.org> for updates on current events and links to access our online worship services via Facebook or YouTube. You can access online services directly via Facebook at www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran, or on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWKROL7HVJEgtCMksioZwoA>.

Bulletins are emailed weekly, but are also available at in-person services.

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.

Our worshiping community today:

Pastor: Rev. Angela Hammer **Minister of Music:** Linda Holt

Worship Assistant: Mike DeLong **Lay Reader:** Richelle Deysher

Live Streaming Assistant: William Hoffman

Next Sunday's Worship Assistant: Donna Rhodes

Next Sunday's Lay Reader: Linda Holt

Last Week -September 11

Attendance: in-person: 35 **Online:** 20 **Offering:** \$770

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The altar flowers are given in memory of Dottie Zartman's birthday by George and Sandy Smith and the McAllister family.

This week at St. Luke

Sunday, September 18

8:30 AM Holy Communion
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children and Adults)
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal

Monday, September 19

6:30 PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 20

10:00 AM Band Together
11:00 AM Worship/Music Meeting

Wednesday, September 21

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 22

10:00 AM Band Together
10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Angie
11:00AM-7:00PM Blood Drive at Millcreek Lutheran
11:30 AM-1:00 PM Community Free Meal

Friday, September 23

newsletter submissions due to office

Next Sunday, September 25

8:30 AM Contemporary Service
9:30 AM Coffee Hour
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children)
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal

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

Bible Study Opportunities:

Thursday morning on Zoom - This Thursday 9/22 at 10:00 AM online with Pastor Angie to look at the texts coming up for the Sunday lectionary. A ZOOM link will be emailed out the week of each study. Contact the church office to be added to the email invitation

Beer & Bible - A monthly meeting at a local pub for dinner, drinks, and conversation at 6:30 PM. Upcoming dates are 9/22 at Mt Gretna Craft Brewery 2701 Horseshoe Pk, Palmyra and 10/20 at Blue Bird Inn 2387 Cornwall Rd, Cornwall

Saturday Morning Coffee and Bible study - join Pastor Angie at Lititz Springs Park one Saturday morning a month at 9:00 AM for coffee and a bible (like beer and bible, just with coffee). Next date is October 1.

Blood Drive—Thursday, September 22

Millcreek Lutheran Church 221 N. Sheridan Road, Newmanstown 11:00-7:00PM. All will receive a \$5 Rutters gift card and t-shirt. To make an appointment: 717GiveBlood.org or 800-771-0059.

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 Deysher.

Christian Education Opportunities:

Sunday School meets at 9:30. The children's class is led by Faith Thunberg, Richelle Deysher, and Sarah Kneller and meets every week in the Chapel. The Adult class is led by Scott Rights and meets on the first, third, and fifth Sundays.

Community Free Meals:

Served: Thursday: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and Sunday: 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Thank you to the Heidelberg Community Churches for helping. Volunteers are needed in November and December. Those are the months when it is St. Luke's turn to staff the Thursday noon meals. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the chapel. Please check the dates and sign up for those Thursdays when you can pitch in. Thank you all for your support of the meal programs.

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 still make donations in an LWR envelopes that can be found on the tables as you enter the sanctuary. See Anna Mae Grubb or Sue DeLong for additional information. Check upcoming bulletins for where help will be needed the first weekend of October.

Meet and Greet Pastor Angela Hammer:

Saturday, October 1 at 5:00 in the Chapel.

Please alert the church office by September 25 with the number attending from your family.

September - Monthly Ministry Emphasis:

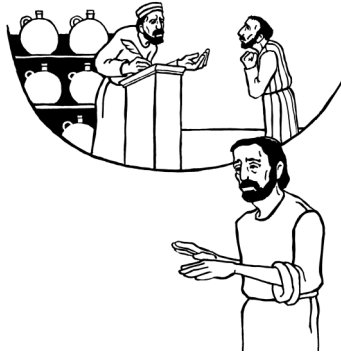
Domestic Violence Shelter. Thank you for your support.

St. Luke History Books:

\$20.00. Contact Anna Mae Grubb 717-273-7035 or mrgrubby@comcast.net.

Warmth for Winter:

Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions of diapers and accessories to kick off our Warmth for Winter program this year. The diapers have been delivered to Lebanon County Christian Ministries for distribution. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for more details coming in October regarding the collection of blankets, pillows, and warm clothing.



Psalm 113

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

²**Let the name of the LORD be blessed,
from this time forth for-evermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the LORD be praised.

⁴**The LORD is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the LORD our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

⁶**but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**

⁷The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸**enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**

⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

Prayers for:

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, Earl Hehnly, Dean Hettinger, Lilly Higgins & Family, Richard and Nancy Hollen, Christopher Johnson (D 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 Rocker, 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.

