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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

Contemporary 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

Gathering Song: Come Worship the Lord

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Chorus (twice), Verse 1, Verse 2, Bridge, Chorus, Alleluia (3x)

Chorus

Come worship the Lord
For we are His people
The flock that He shepherds
Alleluia (repeat chorus)

Verse 1

Come let us sing to the Lord
And shout with joy to the Rock who saves us
Let us come with thanksgiving
And sing joyful songs to the Lord

Verse 2

Come let us bow down and worship
Bending the knee before the Lord our Maker
For we are His people
We are the flock that He shepherds

Bridge

The Lord is God the mighty God
The great King o'er all other gods
He holds in His hands the depths of the earth
And the highest mountains as well
He made the sea it belongs now to Him
The dry land too was formed by His hand

Please stand as you are able

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.



To facilitate page turns, the service continues with the opening song found on the next page.

Opening Song: Christ Be Our Light

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- 1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see. *Refrain*

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

- 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*
- 3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*
- 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*
- 5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*



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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;

⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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: Goodness, Love and Mercy

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Verse, Chorus 3x, Verse, Chorus, Bridge 4x, Chorus

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



An Affirmation of Faith:

P: Together, 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

Prayers of Intercession:

P: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

P: O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment (*local authorities may be named*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill (*especially*). Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place (*those who plan and lead worship may be named*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

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Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: 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)

*Be Welcome...
and Worship
with Us!*

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

Offertory Song: Kindness

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Verse 1 (2x), Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus

Verse 1

Open up the skies of mercy
And rain down the cleansing flood
Healing waters rise around us
And hear our cries Lord let 'em rise

Chorus

And it's Your kindness Lord
That leads us to repentance
Your favor Lord is our desire
And it's Your beauty Lord
That makes us stand in silence
And Your love
Your love is better than life

Verse 2

We can feel Your mercy falling
You are turning our hearts back again
Hear our praises rise to heaven
And draw us near Lord meet us here



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: Awesome God

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Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, chorus (twice)

Verse 1

When He rolls up His sleeves
He ain't just puttin' on the ritz
Our God is an awesome God
There is thunder in His footsteps
And lightning in His fists
Our God is an awesome God
And the Lord wasn't joking
When He kicked 'em out of Eden
It wasn't for no reason
That He shed His blood
His return is very close
And so you'd better be believin'
That our God is an awesome God

Chorus

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom pow'r and love
Our God is an awesome God

Verse 2

When the sky was starless
In the void of the night
Our God is an awesome God
He spoke into the darkness
And created the light
Our God is an awesome God
Judgment and wrath
He poured out on Sodom
Mercy and grace
He gave us at the cross
I hope that we have not
Too quickly forgotten
That our God is an awesome God

Sending

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.

Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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COVID GUIDELINES: 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

Today's altar flowers are giving by Betsy Nolt
in honor of her sister Becky's birthday.

Today's worshipping community:

Pastor: Rev. Angela Hammer

Minister of Music: Linda Holt

Cont. Worship Team: Linda Holt, Sarah Kneller, and Todd Snyder

Worship Assistant: Donna Rhodes

Lay Reader: Linda Holt

Live Streaming Asst: William Hoffman

Ministers: The people of St. Luke Church

Next Sunday: Worship Asst: Paula Benson **Lay Reader:** Janet Zerbe

Last Week -September 18

Worship Attendance: In-person: 32 **Online views:** 23 **Offering:** \$1,280

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.

This week at St. Luke

Sunday, September 25

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

Tuesday, September 27

10:00 AM Band Together

Wednesday, September 28

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 29

10:00 AM Band Together
11:00 AM Newsletter collating
11:30 AM-1:00 PM Community Free Meal

Saturday, October 1

9:00 AM Coffee/Bible Study Lititz Springs Park
5:00 PM Meet and greet Pastor Hammer

Next Sunday, October 2

8:30 AM Holy Communion
LWR Ingathering
Blessing of the Quilts
Food Bank Sunday
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children/Adults)
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal
7:00 PM Taizé

NEWS IN OUR PEWS

Bible Study Opportunities:

Thursday morning on Zoom - 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. Upcoming dates are October 6 and 27.

Beer & Bible - A monthly meeting at a local pub for dinner, drinks, and conversation at 6:30 PM. October 20 at Blue Bird Inn 2387 Cornwall Rd.

Saturday Morning Coffee and Bible - This Saturday, October 1, 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).



Christian Education:

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

Community Free Meals:

Volunteers are needed in November and December 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.

Food Bank Sunday:

October 2—remember your food donations for the first Sunday each month.

Lutheran World Relief Ingathering:

Thank you to the individuals who so kindly provided boxes for our quilts. We have almost 100 quilts to pack into those boxes, labels and tape securely. Volunteers are needed on these dates to ensure that our quilts and others get to those most in need in the United States and abroad:

Tuesday, October 4 - 11:00 AM—pack the quilts

Friday, October 7—12:00-2:00 PM—load boxes from St Luke, St. James, and St. Mark onto the truck. Please meet at St Luke chapel at noon.

Saturday, October 8—7:15-10:00 AM—loan boxes from our truck to the 18 wheeler at Bergstrauss Lutheran in Ephrata. Please meet at the Plain and Fancy parking lot at 7:15 AM. See Anna Mae Grubb or Sue DeLong for additional information. Ingathering is next Sunday and some quilts will be on display at the worship service. Be sure to come and see how we have been doing God's work with our hands!

Musical Arts at St. Luke

Thank you to the contemporary ensemble for assisting in worship today. If you are interested in becoming involved in the musical arts at St. Luke, please see Linda Holt. Reminder that choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday evening at 7:00.

Meet and Greet Pastor Angela Hammer:

Please join us this coming Saturday, October 1 at 5:00PM in the Chapel. Let's give Pastor Hammer and her family a warm and wonderful welcome to St. Luke.

September - Monthly Ministry Emphasis:

Domestic Violence Shelter. Thank you for your support.

Thank you:

Friends and family wish to extend our deepest love and sympathy to our Aunt Shirly, who passed away on September 10. She was surrounded by family at her bedside in Falon, NV. Thank you to the members of St. Luke for your kind thoughts and remembrances. Sincerely, George and Delores Leshner

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 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.

