

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Christ the King & Thankoffering

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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!

We are glad you have joined us today. Visitors please sign the visitor book upon entering the sanctuary.

Guide to abbreviations:

P: spoken by the Pastor **C: Congregation responds**

WOV—With One voice— blue hymnal

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship—green hymnal

* stand as you are able

For more information, please see “News in the Pews” in this bulletin or speak to an usher. On our website, you can find current events and links to our online worship services via Facebook or YouTube.

Direct access to Facebook is at www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran, or on YouTube: www.youtube.com/@stlukeschaefferstownpa

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.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: O Worship the King

***Confession and Forgiveness:**

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:** Beautiful Savior—LBW 518

***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:**

Please see Celebrate insert

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

For all readings, please see the Celebrate insert

First Reading:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 46

Read responsively

Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Ministry of Music: Rejoice, the Lord is King

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 23rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel:** Luke 23:33-43

Please see Celebrate insert

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message

***Hymn of the Day:** Crown Him, with many crowns—LBW 170

***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

***Prayers of Intercession:** Please see Celebrate insert

***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.

Offering Prayer:

P: Blessed are you, Maker of all things.

As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,
now gather our gifts,
nourish us with this sacrament,
and send us to those who hunger and thirst,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

***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...

The Pastor continues

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Sanctus (Holy, Holy Holy)**

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...

The Pastor continues

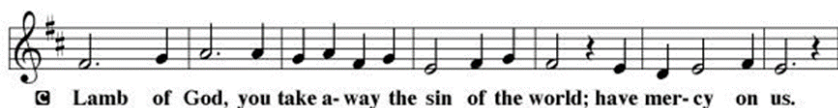
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

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)**



***Invitation to Communion:**

P: Christ spreads a table before you.

Gather here with all the saints.

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.

***Communion Blessing:**

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***Prayer after Communion:**

P: We give you thanks, most gracious God,
that you have fed us with the bread of heaven
and given us a foretaste of Paradise.
Enliven us to be your body in the world
and to serve those who are in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***Thank-offering Litany**

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SENDING

God sends us boldly into the world to share the good news

***Blessing:**

P: The God of peace,
who creates all things and calls them good,
who makes us alive in Jesus,
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Closing Hymn:** Rejoice, the Lord is King—LBW 171

***Sending:**

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: O Magnify the Lord

Our worshiping community:

Pastor: Rev. Angela Hammer

Minister of Music: Linda Holt

Today's Worship Assistant: Mike DeLong

Today's Lay Reader: Elaine Matternas

Live Streaming Assistant: William Hoffman

Next Sunday's WA: Donna Rhodes **LR:** Linda Holt

Ministers: The people of St. Luke Church

***Thankoffering Litany— St. Luke Women of the ELCA**

L: Today as we gather on Thankoffering Sunday, let us keep in mind our Savior's promise: that where two or three come together in Christ's name, he is here with us. For generations, Lutheran women have gathered to give thanks to God for all the blessings of our lives, and particularly the blessings that come to us through this community of women. Let us reflect on the blessings that come to us and the blessings we pass on through our Thankoffering.

R1: A blessing that comes to us through our community of women is the opportunity to grow in faith.

R2: A blessing that comes to us through our community of women is the opportunity to affirm our gifts.

R3: A blessing that comes to us through our community of women is our commitment to support one another in our callings.

R4: A blessing that comes to us through our community of women is our commitment to ministry and action

R5: A blessing that comes to us through our community of women is our commitment to promoting healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

R6: The blessings passed on through our Thankofferings include the work of our Women of the ELCA partnered with Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Disaster Response, the Women's Funding Network, and ministries of the larger ELCA such as ELCA World Hunger and Global Mission.

R7: Our Thankofferings are our response in gratitude to all the blessings that come to us and flow through us. Our Thankofferings make all this possible. Let us bless the Lord, and in gratitude bless the church, the society, and the world through our generosity. Let us pray: Generous God,

C: we thank you further that you entrust us with passing on your gifts to others. Grant us grace always to act with bold and fearless generosity, seeing the face of your Son in all of your beloved children throughout the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The altar flowers are given by Paula Benson to wish everyone a blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

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This week at St. Luke

Sunday.

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

Tuesday.

10:00 AM Band Together

Wednesday.

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday.

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

Friday.

Newsletter information due to the office

Next Sunday, November 27—Advent 1

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

Last Week—November 13

Attendance: In-person: 37 Online: 31
Offering: \$1,405 SS Offering: \$19.00

NEWS IN OUR PEWS

Bible Study Opportunities:

Advent Bible Study: “GROUNDED” *A Coffee Themed Devotional Journey Through Advent.* The study is “grounded” in James 5:7-10, encouraging our patience as we wait for the Lord. We will meet every Sunday during the season of Advent in the kitchen area during the Sunday School hour. This Advent resource comes with four different bags of Guatemalan coffee to enjoy while we pray and reflect together. Proceeds from the purchase of the resource 100% support the Tree4Hope school in Guatemala, a ministry of the Lower Susquehanna Synod. Though we will meet weekly, the resource offers daily prayer and reflections offering opportunities for a deeper connection with God during this time of waiting. Please see Pastor Angie for a copy of the resource.

Beer & Bible - A monthly meeting at a local pub for dinner, drinks, and conversation. Next date is December 15 at 6:30 PM. The location is to be determined.

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 December 1 and 15.

Book Club: The Book Club is next meeting on Thursday, January 26th at 7:00pm in the Chapel. We will be discussing Mrs. Lincoln’s Dressmaker by: Jennifer Chiaverini. All are welcome to join in on the discussion.

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.

Coffee Hour: Volunteers are needed for coffee hour, held on the second and fourth Sundays following worship. Please see the signup sheet in the narthex.

Community Free Meals: Volunteers are needed in November and December when it is St. Luke's turn to staff the Thursday meals. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the chapel. Thank you all for your support of the meal programs.

Covid Guidelines: Masks are recommended for those who are unvaccinated & optional if you are vaccinated. Thank you!

Musical Arts at St. Luke: Reminder that choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday evening at 7:00. Please see Linda Holt for more information.

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

November Monthly Ministry Emphasis: Lebanon County Food Bank

Poinsettias Please see order envelopes in the narthex. Orders are due next Sunday — December 4.

Theatre Trip: The Women of the ELCA at St. Luke are sponsoring a night to the Lebanon Community Theater on Dec. 8th at 7:30 to see A Christmas Story, The Musical. Adult tickets are \$20. Student tickets are \$15. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church and in the chapel. Call Faith Thunberg at 717-202-9860 for more info.

Warmth for Winter: As the temperatures start dropping, we know that many in our community will appreciate some extra warmth this winter. WELCA are asking for donations of new blankets and pillows. Collection is through November in baskets at the back of the church or leave in the chapel. We are still compiling information on needs for warm clothing and will be seeking your assistance or financial contributions for that segment of the Warmth program. Thanks to all of you for your generosity in supporting this outreach program.

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Church Council needs your help!

Please detach this slip of paper and place in the offering container with names of members that you feel would make productive council members.

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, Scott Rights, and Todd Snyder.

If you need Pastoral care, please contact the church office or one of the Council Members.

