

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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January 8, 2023—Baptism of our Lord

Service of Holy Communion

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

***Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

**For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

P: Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** God Whose Almighty Word LBW 400

***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: Isaiah 42:1-9

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalms 29 Read responsively

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel:** Matthew 3:13-17

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



The Message

Hymn of the Day: I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

WOV 770

***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.

(Congregation may share the peace with a gesture)

***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.

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,
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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved
Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed
your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, 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 aware the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take aware the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take aware the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

***Invitation to Communion:**

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

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:**

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

***Blessing:**

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod

✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

C: Amen.

***Closing Hymn:** Baptized in Water WOV 693

***Sending:**

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Our worshiping community:

Pastor: Rev. Angela Hammer **Pianist:** Dave Deysher

Today's Worship Assistant: Paula Benson

Today's Lay Reader: Richelle Deysher

Live Streaming Assistant: William Hoffman

Next Sunday's Worship Assistant: Sue DeLong

Next Sunday's Lay Reader: Nicholas Kneller

Ministers: The people of St. Luke Church

Last Week—January 1

Attendance: In-person: 50 Online: 42 Offering: \$3,475



This week at St. Luke

Sunday, January 8—Baptism of our Lord

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

Tuesday, January 10

- 10:00 AM Band Together

Wednesday, January 11

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 12

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

Saturday, January 14

- 8:30 AM Council Retreat

Next Sunday, January 15—Second after Epiphany

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

Please support your church council:

January 8—Congregational Meeting for council nominations
and election of new council members

January 14—Council Retreat

January 29—Annual Congregational meeting

February 12—Council Installation

Please note alternate office Hours this week:

Tuesday and Thursday on-site. Wednesday virtually.

NEWS IN OUR PEWS

Beer & Bible: A monthly meeting at a local pub for dinner, drinks, and conversation—January 19 at 6:30 PM. at Blue Bird Inn.

Bible Studies: 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. Next date is January 19.

Book Club: Will meet 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.

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

Monthly Ministry Emphasis for January: Miller Scholarship

Musical Arts at St. Luke: 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.

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, Lloyd Smith, Samuel Steele, 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.

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.

