

# **St. Luke Lutheran Church**

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Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2023— 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!*

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](http://www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran), or on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/@stlukeschaefferstownpa](http://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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**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: Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer LBW 343**

**\*Prayer of the Day: Please see Celebrate insert**

**WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

For all readings, please see *Celebrate* insert

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 119:1-8**

Read responsively

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the fifth chapter

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

**\*Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Message**

**\*Hymn of the Day:** Songs of Thankfulness and Praise LBW 90



**\*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.

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

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**

**SENDING**

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



## Installation of Council Members and Officers

P: The following persons have been elected to serve as members of St. Luke Congregation Council here among us and are asked to come forward as their offices and names are read.

**President:** Sharon Reber;

**Vice President:** Anna Mae Grubb;

**Financial Sec:** Richelle Deysher;

**Treasurer:** Michael DeLong;

**Secretary:** Kate Kurtz

### **Elders**

Melissa Gettler, chair

Sharon Reber

Anna Mae Grubb

### **Trustees**

Sarah Kneller, chair

Jake Werner

Kate Kurtz

### **Worship Assistants**

Donna Rhodes, chair

Susan DeLong

Michael DeLong

P: In Holy baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of His Church. Through Word and Sacrament, you have been nurtured in faith. I ask you, together with all who are here gathered, to confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we are baptized.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

P: St. Paul writes: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all.  
(1Cor. 12:4-7)

P: Members of St. Luke Congregation Council and appointed leaders, you have been entrusted with positions of leadership in this congregation. You are to ensure that this household of faith reflects Jesus in whose Name we gather. You are to work faithfully, respectfully, and humbly together to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation, and that God's will is done in this community and in the whole world. You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving, that the One Lord Who empowers you is glorified. You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been called?

**C: Yes, by the help of God.**

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P: Children of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**C: Yes, by the help of God.**

P: I now declare you installed as officers of this congregation. God bless you with His Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful stewards of God's gifts and servants of Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

**\*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: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

LBW 448

**\*Sending:**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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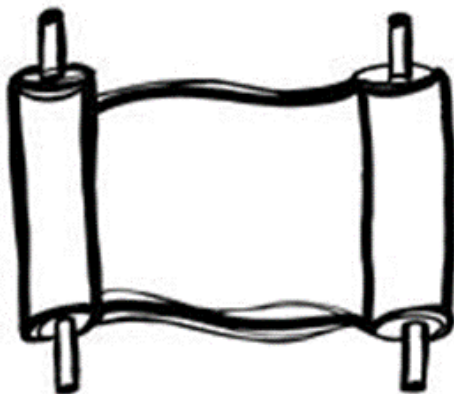
**Our worshipping community:**

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

**February Worship Assistant:** Donna Rhodes  
**Today's Lay Reader:** Faith Thunberg  
**Next Sunday's Lay Reader:** Elaine Matternas  
**Live Streaming Technician:** William Hoffman  
**Technical Assistant:** Beverly Hoffman  
**Ministers:** The people of St. Luke Church

**Last Week—February 5**

Attendance: 42    Online views: 35    Offering: \$3,120





## NEWS IN OUR PEWS

### **Bible Study Opportunities:**

**Thursday morning on Zoom** - 10:00 AM 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. Upcoming date is February 16.

**Beer & Bible** - A monthly meeting at a local pub for dinner, drinks, & conversation at 6:30 PM. Join us on Thursday, February 16.

**Book Club:** Book Club will be held on Thursday, March 30th at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. We will be discussing *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson. All are welcome to come and join in the discussion. If anyone has any questions please call Richelle Deysher.

**Christian Education Opportunities:** The children's class is led by Faith Thunberg, Richelle Deysher, and Sarah Kneller and meets weekly. The 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 in the narthex.

**Easter Lilies:** Cost is \$7.00 per plant. All orders must be submitted to the church office by Sunday, March 12. Order envelopes are on the cabinet at the entrance to the sanctuary. Please write clearly on envelope.

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

**February - Monthly Ministry Emphasis:** Family Assistance  
Discretionary Fund

**Souper Bowl of Caring:** February 12 – thank you for bringing your donations of cans of soup.

**St. Luke History Books:** \$20.00. Contact Anna Mae Grubb  
717-273-7035 or [mrgrubby@comcast.net](mailto:mrgrubby@comcast.net).

## This week at St. Luke

### Sunday, February 12—Epiphany 6

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

### Monday, February 13

7:00 PM WELCA

### Tuesday, February 14

10:00 AM Band Together

### Wednesday, February 15

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, February 16

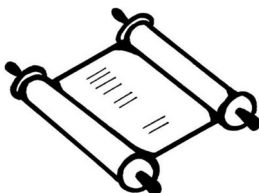
10:00 AM Band Together  
10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study  
11:30 AM-1:00 PM Community Free Meal  
6:30 PM Beer and Bible

### Next Sunday, February 19—Transfiguration of our Lord

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

### Wednesday—February 22—Ash Wednesday at St. Luke

7:00 PM  
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion



## *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 Griffie, Bill Gundrum, Kim Lenhart Hale, John Hassinger, Earl Hehnlly, 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, Landon Rhodes, Al Shade, Barry Shriver, 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.

### **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.

Contact the church office if you are in need of pastoral care.

