

# **St. Luke Lutheran Church**

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First Sunday in Lent—February 26, 2023  
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!*

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.

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StLukeEvangelicalLutheran](http://www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran), or on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/  
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## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

### Welcome and Announcements

#### **Gathering Song: The Faithful Love of Jesus**

CCLI Song # 5023565—Barry Dean | Don Poythress | Karen Roschelle  
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#### Verse 1

There are arms that we can lean into  
That always will receive us  
I pray that you will know the truth  
The faithful love of Jesus

#### Chorus

I pray you'll know the love of God  
The love that never leaves us  
The height the depth the width the breadth  
The faithful love of Jesus

#### Verse 2

Beneath our broken hearts and wounds  
Where no one else can reach us  
He finds a way to heal us through  
The faithful love of Jesus (chorus)

#### Bridge

A light that moves  
A hand that heals  
A voice that speaks  
A hope that's real (two times)  
(Chorus)



**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.**

**\*Opening Song: What Feast of Love—WOV 701**

**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.**

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

**WORD**

**God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song**

For all readings, please see the *Celebrate* insert

**First Reading:** Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 32** Read responsively

**Second Reading:** Romans 5:12-19

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourth chapter.  
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel:** Matthew 4:1-11

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Message

### **\*Hymn: Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)**

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#### Verse 1

One day when heaven was filled with His praises  
One day when sin was as black as could be  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin  
Dwelt among men my example is He  
The Word became flesh  
And the light shined among us  
His glory revealed

#### Chorus

Living He loved me dying He saved me  
Buried He carried my sins far away  
Rising He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming  
O glorious day (glorious day)

#### Verse 2

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree  
Suffering anguish despised and rejected  
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He  
The hand that healed nations  
Stretched out on a tree  
And took the nails for me (chorus)

### Verse 3

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer  
One day the stone rolled away from the door  
Then He arose over death He had conquered  
Now is ascended my Lord evermore  
Death could not hold Him  
The grave could not keep Him  
From rising again (chorus and O glorious day [twice])

### Bridge

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming  
One day the skies with His glories will shine  
Wonderful day my beloved one bringing  
My Savior Jesus is mine (chorus twice)

### **\*Apostles' Creed**

P: Let us confess our faith in 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 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.

**\*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.

**\*Hymn of the Day: I Could Sing of your Love Forever**

CCLI Song # 1043199—Martin Smith

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Verse

Over the mountains and the sea  
Your river runs with love for me  
And I will open up my heart  
And let the Healer set me free  
I'm happy to be in the truth  
And I will daily lift my hands  
For I will always sing  
Of when Your love came down yeah

Chorus

I could sing of Your love forever  
I could sing of Your love forever  
I could sing of Your love forever  
I could sing of Your love forever

Bridge

Oh I feel like dancing  
It's foolishness I know  
But when the world has seen the light  
They will dance with joy like we're dancing now  
(repeat chorus)



**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.**

**SENDING**

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

**Blessing**

P: God, the giver of love,  
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,  
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth  
bless you in this Lenten journey.

**C: Amen.**

## **\*Closing Song: Great is Your Love**

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### Verse 1

More than the sun more than the moon and the sky  
You are marvelous  
More than the earth spinning through the universe  
You are glorious And I point straight to You  
Yes I point straight to You

### Chorus

For great is Your glory Great is Your wonder  
Heaven and nature both agree that  
Great is Your power Great is Your splendor  
But still my heart cannot conceive  
How great is Your love How great is Your love for me

### Verse 2

You are the song and the rhythm of my life  
You are wonderful  
All I can say when I look into Your eyes  
Is You are beautiful And I point straight to You  
Yes I point straight to You

### Chorus

How great is Your love for me

## **\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve in Love.

C: **Thanks be to God!**





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**Today's worshipping community:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Angela Hammer      **Minister of Music:** Linda Holt  
**Cont. Worship Team:** Linda Holt and Todd Snyder  
**Ministers:** The People of St. Luke Church

**February Worship Assistant:** Donna Rhodes  
**Lay Reader:** Linda Holt      **Next Sunday's LR:** Steffi Gettler  
**Live Streaming Technician/Asst:** William and Beverly Hoffman

**Last Week – February 19**

**Worship Attendance:** **In-person:** 39      **Online views:** 39      **Offering:** \$1,074

## This week at St. Luke

### Sunday, February 26—Lent 1

- 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, February 28

- 10:00 AM Band Together

### Wednesday, March 1

- 6:00—8:00 PM Meal/Service at St. Paul UCC  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 2

- 10:00 AM Band Together  
10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Angie  
11:30 AM-1:00 PM Community Free Meal

Prayer Vigil—March 2-3

### Next Sunday, March 5—Lent 2

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

### Synod Assembly

St. Luke needs two members (1M 1FM) to participate in the 2023 Assembly of the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA under the theme “Created for Community”. The Assembly will be held on Friday June 2 by Zoom and Saturday, June 3rd in person at Trinity Lutheran in Camp Hill. The Day of Edification will be held on Saturday, May 20th by Zoom. Early Bird registration opens online on March 1. and closes on March 31. Final registration closes on May 15. All costs to attend including mileage to Camp Hill on June 3rd will be covered by St. Luke. Thank you for your consideration to attend this very important event. More information will follow to those attending. Please contact a member of church council if you are interested.

## NEWS IN OUR PEWS

**Beer & Bible** - A monthly meeting at a local pub for dinner, drinks, and conversation. Next date is Thursday, March 23.

**Bible Studies: Thursday morning on Zoom** - 10:00 AM online with Pastor Angie to look at the texts 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 Thursday, March 2 and March 30.

**Book Club:** Next meeting is 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 and Coffee Hour:**

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. The second and fourth Sundays is Coffee Hour. Volunteers may sign up 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.

**Happy Birthday:** Warren Hetrick is turning a 100 years old on March 16! Let's shower him with birthday cards! His address is 350 Charles Street, Lebanon, PA 17042.

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

**Monthly Ministry Emphasis for February:** Family Assist Disc Fund

### Upcoming Heidelberg Community mid-week services:

3/1 St. Paul's UCC—Pastor: Rev. Angela Hammer; 3/8 Zion United Methodist—Pastor: Rev. David Martin; 3/15 Krall's Mennonite Church—Pastor: Rev. Tom Kinter; 3/22 St. Luke Lutheran Church—Pastor: Rev. David Martin; 3/29 Trinity UMC K-Ville—Pastor: Rev.

## *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 Deysner, 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 Deysner, Elaine Matternas, Scott Rights, and Todd Snyder.

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

