

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 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 journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

C: we confess to you our faults and failings.

**Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;
we spoil rather than steward your creation;
we cause hurt though you call us to heal;
we choose fear over compassion.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
as we seek to follow in your way of life.**

Amen.

P: Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

† forgives you in Christ's name,
and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C: Amen.

***Opening Hymn: Glory Be to Jesus LBW 95**

***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 *Celebrate* insert

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 95 Read responsively

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

On page 917 in the pew Bibles

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: John 4:5-42**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



The Message

***Hymn of the Day:** My Song is Love Unknown LBW 94

***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

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 Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus LBW 107**

***Sending:**

P: Go in peace. Serve in Love.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Our worshiping community:

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

Ministers: The People of St. Luke Church
March Worship Assistant: Sue DeLong
Lay Reader: Richelle Deysher
Next Sunday's Lay Reader: Nicholas Kneller
Live Streaming Technician: William Hoffman
Technical Assistant: Beverly Hoffman

Last Week—March 5

Attendance: 43 Online views: 37 Offering: \$2,022

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 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 should be submitted to the church office today. 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.

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

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

Welcome back to St. Luke - members Earl and Barbara Hehny

This week at St. Luke

Sunday, March 12—Lent 3

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

Tuesday, March 14

10:00 AM	Band Together
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Wednesday, March 15

6:00/7:00 PM	Meal/Service at Krall's Mennonite
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 16

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

Next Sunday, March 19—Lent 4

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

Heidelberg Comm. Wednesday Evening Soup/Bread Suppers
(6PM)/Worship (7PM)

3/15 Krall's Mennonite Church—Pastor: Rev. Tom Kinter;

3/22 St. Luke Lutheran Church—Pastor: Rev. David Martin;

3/29 Trinity UMC Kleinfeltersville—Pastor: Rev. Walter Heisey

4/6 — Maundy Thursday Service at St. Paul, Penryn—7:00 PM

4/9—Easter Day:

Sunrise in the Cemetery—7:00 AM

Light breakfast in Chapel between services

Holy Communion in Sanctuary—8:30 AM

Prayers for:

Those who are ill, recovering, or shut-in, especially:

John Adams, Marilyn 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, 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 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.

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

