

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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April 2, 2023—Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

The Passion of Our Lord

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](https://www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran), or on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/](http://www.youtube.com/@stlukeschaefferstownpa)
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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: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna—Gesangbuch der Hersogl

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.

P. 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.

Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** All Glory, Laud and Honor LBW 108

***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**

P. Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

Ministry of Music: Sr. Choir: Hosanna

The Passion of our Lord according to Matthew

Hymn: There is a Green Hill Far Away

MEDITATION (GOWER), C. M. FIRST TUNE JOHN HENRY GOWER, 1855-1922
Simply

1. There is a green hill far a - way, With - out a cit - y wall,
2. We may not know, we can - not tell What pains he had to bear,

Where the dear Lord was cru - ci - fied, Who died to save us all.
But we be - lieve it was for us He hung and suf - fered there.

3 He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good;
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by his precious Blood.

4 There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin,
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in.

5 O dearly, dearly has he loved,
And we must love him too,
And trust in his redeeming Blood,
And try his works to do.

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1823-95

***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

***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)

***Lord's Prayer**

P. God, remember us in your love, 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.

The Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 88



All depart in Silence.

Palm Sunday parade will arrive at St. Luke by approx. 9:15.

Our worshipping community:

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

April Worship Assistant: Mike DeLong

Today's Lay Reader: Donna Moyer

Next Sunday's Lay Reader: Richelle Deysher

Live Streaming Technician: William Hoffman

Technical Assistant: Beverly Hoffman

Ministers: The people of St. Luke Church

Passion Readers:

Narrator: Donna Moyer

Jesus: Mike DeLong

Judas: Dave Deysher

Peter: Sharon Reber

High Priest—Sarah Kneller

Pilate: Roger Bucy

Servant/witness: Steffi Gettler

The people: Phyllis Bakke

Holy Week and Easter Day Services:

Thursday, April 6—Maundy Thursday Communion—7:00 PM

1258 Newport Road, Penryn

Combined Service of both St. Luke and St. Paul

with music provided by both church musicians.

Sunday, April 9—Resurrection of Our Lord

7:00 AM Sunrise Service in the Cemetery

Light breakfast in between services

8:30 AM Holy Communion in Sanctuary

9:30 AM Coffee Hour

9:30 AM Sunday School (Children)

This week at St. Luke

Sunday, April 2—Palm/Passion Sunday

- 8:30 AM Service of the Word
9:15 AM Palm Sunday Parade arrives
9:30 AM Coffee Hour
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children/Adults)
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal

Tuesday, April 4

- 10:00 AM Band Together

Wednesday, April 5

- 9:00—2:00 PM LWR Quilting
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 6

- 10:00 AM Band Together
11:30 AM-1:00 PM Community Free Meal
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service at St. Paul Penryn

Next Sunday, April 9—Resurrection of Our Lord

- 7:00 AM Sunrise Service in the Cemetery
8:30 AM Service of Holy Communion
9:30 AM Coffee Hour
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children)

*The altar flowers are given by
Diane Thompson Kurtz in memory of loved ones.*

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Last Week—March 26

Attendance: In-person: 35 Online: 55 Offering: \$1,270

NEWS IN OUR PEWS

Beer & Bible: A monthly meeting at a local pub for dinner, drinks, and conversation—next meeting is on Thursday, April 20 at the Franklin House.

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 Thursday, April 13.

Christian Education: Sunday School meets at 9:30 in the chapel. Children's class meets weekly and is led by Faith Thunberg, Richelle Deysner, 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 at 717-273-7035 or mrgrubby@comcast.net.

Monthly Ministry Emphasis for April: Lutheran Camping Corp

Mother and Child Breakfast: Saturday May 6—contact Faith Thunberg for tickets by April 21.

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.

WELCA: Next meeting is on April 10 at 7:00 PM

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 Hehnlly, Dean Hettinger, Lilly Higgins & Family, Richard and Nancy Hollen, Christopher Johnson (D Hettinger), Landon Kreider, Delores Lesher, Richard Lesher, 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.

