

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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April 9, 2023—Resurrection 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.

Our worshipping community:

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

April Worship Assistant: Mike DeLong

Today's Lay Reader: Richelle Deysher

Next Sunday's Lay Reader: Faith Thunberg

Live Streaming Technician: William Hoffman

Technical Assistant: Beverly Hoffman

Ministers: The people of St. Luke Church

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: He is Exalted—Twila Paris

Gospel of Light: John 1:1-13

P: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

P: Let us pray. Eternal Lord of life, through your Son you have bestowed the light of life upon all the world. Sanctify this new fire and grant that our hearts and minds also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, and to feast at the heavenly banquet, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The paschal candle is lighted, and these words are spoken:

P: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and mind.

C: Thanks be to God!

The Call to Worship

P: Jesus is risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The Angel said, "Why do we look for the living among the dead?"

C: The Lord is going before us.

P: Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you."

C: The Lord is going before us. There we will see him.

P: Behold his hands and his side.

C: The Lord is risen indeed!

P: Remember how he told us that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.

C: We will not sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

P: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

C: Jesus is risen and comes to us each and every day! Alleluia!

***Opening Hymn:** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today LBW 151

***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 First and Second Lesson and Psalm readings, please see the Celebrate insert

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Read responsively

Ministry of Music: Sr. Choir: Alleluia, He is Risen

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: John 20:1-18** (this Gospel is not printed in Celebrate)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message

Hymn of the Day: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LBW 143

***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: Generous God,

in this meal you offer your very self.

We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

In the breaking of this bread

reveal to us the Risen One.

In the pouring of this wine

pour us out in service to the world;

through Christ our Lord.

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 for Easter:**

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus, consisting of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***Eucharistic Prayer:**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for
the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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 a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

***Invitation to Communion:**

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

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.

***Prayer after Communion:**

P: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

***Blessing:**

P: The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: Amen.

***Closing Hymn: Christ is Risen! Alleluia! LBW 131**

***Sending:**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Great is the Lord—Michael and Deborah Smith

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Last Week—April 2

Attendance: In-person: 31

Online: 50

Offering: \$1,300

This week at St. Luke

Sunday, April 9—Resurrection of Our Lord

7:00 AM Sunrise Service in the Cemetery

(light breakfast between services)

8:30 AM Holy Communion in Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 11

10:00 AM Band Together

Wednesday, April 12

9:00—2:00 PM LWR Quilting

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM Cemetery Board

Thursday, April 13

10:00 AM Band Together

10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study

11:30 AM-1:00 PM Community Free Meal

Next Sunday, April 16—Easter 2

8:30 AM Holy Communion

9:30 AM Sunday School (Children/Adults)

5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal

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.

Book Club: Next meeting is on Thursday, June 1st at 7:00PM in the Chapel. We will be discussing *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. All are welcome, please contact Richelle Deysher for additional information.

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.

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

Monthly Ministry Emphasis for April: Lutheran Camping Corporation

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.

Thank you to our Easter Lily Sponsors

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Given by Karen and Doug Stump	In memory of Janice P Miller

*The altar flowers are given by Dale Zartman
in memory of Dottie Zartman*

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, 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 Rucker.

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, Women's Shelter, Lancaster/Lebanon Habitat for Humanity, Lebanon Rescue Mission, Support Connections of Lebanon County, St. Paul's Penryn, 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.

