

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

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April 16, 2023—Second Sunday of Easter

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/](http://www.facebook.com/)

[StLukeEvangelicalLutheran](http://StLukeEvangelicalLutheran), or on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/@stlukeschaefferstownpa](http://www.youtube.com/@stlukeschaefferstownpa)

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## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude:** Lead on, O King Eternal—E. Shurtleff & H. Smart

### Confession and Forgiveness:

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C. Amen.**

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C. Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P. Gracious God,

**C. have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

P. God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**\*Opening Hymn:** Thine is the Glory

LBW 145

**\*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 the Celebrate insert

**First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 16** Read responsively

**Ministry of Music:** Sr. Choir: God So Loved the World

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

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

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

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

**\*Gospel: John 20: 19-31**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Message**

**\*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)



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.**

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.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

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)



**C** 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.*

## \*Communion Blessing:

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

## \*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:** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!  
LBW 144

**\*Sending:**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** Proclaim the Glory of the Lord—D. Liles & N. Borop

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**Our worshipping community:**

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

**April Worship Assistant:** Mike DeLong

**Today's Lay Reader:** Faith Thunberg

**Next Sunday's Lay Reader:** Linda Holt

**Live Streaming Technician:** William Hoffman

**Technical Assistant:** Beverly Hoffman

**Ministers:** The people of St. Luke Church

**Last Week—April 9**

Attendance:

7:00 AM      In-person: 26      Online: 42

8:30 AM      In-person: 64      Online: 51      Offering: \$3,097

## This week at St. Luke

### 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

### Monday, April 17

- 6:30 PM Council Meeting

### Tuesday, April 18

- 10:00 AM Band Together

### Wednesday, April 19

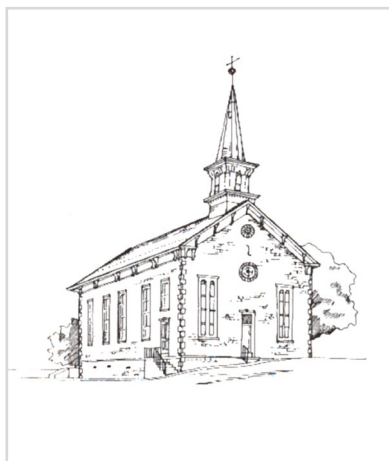
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 20

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

### Next Sunday, April 23

- 8:30 AM Contemporary Service of the Word  
9:30 AM Coffee Hour  
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children)  
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 this Thursday, April 20 at the Franklin House.

**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.

**Chicken BBQ at Spang Crest:** 945 Duke Street in Lebanon  
Friday, May 5 frp, 2:30-6:00—Cost: \$10.00 includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, roll and applesauce. Desserts available at bake sale. If anyone would like to donate items for bake sale, donations appreciated. Please call Linda Hollinger for tickets at 717-808-7338

**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.

**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 717-273-7035 or [mrgrubby@comcast.net](mailto:mrgrubby@comcast.net).

**Monthly Ministry Emphasis for April:** Lutheran Camping Corp

**Mother and Child Breakfast Buffet:** Saturday, May 6 at 9:30 at Country Fare Restaurant in Myerstown. Adults \$12.50/Age 4-12 \$8.00. Menu: Fruit, eggs, muffins, home fries, pancakes, pastries, bacon, sausage and drinks. Order tickets by April 21 by contacting Faith Thunberg

**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.

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

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

