

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 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.

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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: Partita on Crimond (The Lord's My Shepherd)
Gordon Young

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: The King of Love My Shepherd Is LBW 456

***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: Acts 2:42-47

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

Read responsively

Ministry of Music: Sr. Choir: Savior Like a Shepherd, Lead Us

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: John 10:1-10**

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

The Message

***Hymn of the Day:** We Walk by Faith and not by Sight

WOV 675

***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.

***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: 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:** On Our Way Rejoicing LBW 260

***Sending:**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen one!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Savior Like a Shepherd, Lead Us—William Bradbury

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Our worshiping community:

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

Ministers: The People of St. Luke Church

April Worship Assistant: Mike DeLong

May Worship Assistant: Donna Rhodes

Lay Reader: Melissa Gettler

Next Sunday's Lay Reader: Elaine Matternas

Live Streaming Technician: William Hoffman

Technical Assistant: Beverly Hoffman

Last Week—April 23

Attendance: 28 Online views: 45 Offering: \$580

NEWS IN OUR PEWS

Bible Study-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 May 4.

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 from, 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.

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 the musical arts at St. Luke, please see Linda Holt. Reminder that choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM.

Pentecost Geraniums: Pentecost is May 28. Envelopes for orders are in the narthex. Cost of a 6" potted plant is \$7.00. Orders are due this Thursday, May 4.

This week at St. Luke

Sunday, April 30—Easter 4

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

Tuesday, May 2

10:00 AM Band Together
11:00 AM Worship and Music Meeting

Wednesday, May 3

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 4

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

Next Sunday, May 7—Easter 5

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



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, 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.

