

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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May 28, 2023—Day of Pentecost

Contemporary Service and 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.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song: Morning Has Broken

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965

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- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Lord of the universe, here in your house we seek your presence. We long for wisdom, inspiration and peace.

C: Come, Holy Spirit, shine into our souls!

P: Lord of all people, you call us your sons and daughters; you know us and love us.

We long to know where you might lead us.

C: Come, Holy Spirit, let your light shine on our way!

P: Spirit of truth, pour your light into our souls and speak to us in this moment of silence.

Sacred Silence

P: Lord, we are still caught in the ways of sin and death.
Together we confess:

C: We acknowledge that we have rebelled against you in many ways, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Help us embrace and extend your love through thoughts, words, and deeds. You make everything new, including us.

P: Jesus Christ who conquered sin and death is here among us. In him we begin anew every day, living in the glorious freedom of the children of God. (Romans 8)

C: Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness WOV 684

***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 2:1-21

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Read responsively

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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 20:19-23

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



The Message

Hymn of the Day: O Spirit of Life WOV 680

*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: As followers of Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life, let us pray like St. Francis prayed:

C: Lord make us instruments of your peace.

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that we may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

Hymn: Lord Listen To Your Children

CCLI Song # 22829—Ken Medema

Words and Music: 1973 Hope Publishing Company

Chorus

Lord listen to Your children praying
Lord send Your Spirit in this place
Lord listen to Your children praying
Send us love send us pow'r send us grace

Verse 1

Something's gonna happen
Like the world has never known
When the people of the Lord get down to pray
A door's gonna swing open
And the walls come a-tumbling down
When the people of the Lord get down to pray

Verse 2

He's gonna take over
He's gonna take control
When the people of the Lord get down to pray
He's gonna move the mountain
He's gonna make the waters roll
When the people of the Lord get down to pray

Verse 3

You're gonna know it
When the Lord stretches out His hand
And the people of the Lord get down to pray
There's gonna be a brand new song
Of vict'ry in this land
When the people of the Lord get down to pray



MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ



Pre-Communion Prayer:

P: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

***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 Pentecost:

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit,

uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

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.

The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus. It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:'. The second staff continues with 'Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.'. The third staff continues with 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The fourth staff concludes with 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

Thanksgiving at the Table:

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and
ascension, and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

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.

C. Amen.

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:** Holy is the Lord

CCLI Song # 4158039—Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio; 2003 Rising Springs Music; Vamos Publishing; worshiptogether.com songs (all Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Verse:

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He

Pre-Chorus:

And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Chorus:

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

Bridge:

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

***Sending:**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Our worshipping community:

Pastor: Rev. Angela Hammer

Minister of Music: Linda Holt

May Worship Assistant: Donna Rhodes

Today's Lay Reader: Faith Thunberg

Next Sunday's Lay Reader: Dolly Fasnacht

Live Streaming Technician: William Hoffman

Technical Assistant: Beverly Hoffman

Ministers: The People of St. Luke Church

This week at St. Luke

Sunday, May 28—Day of Pentecost

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

Tuesday, May 30

10:00 AM Band Together

Wednesday, May 31

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 1

10:00 AM Band Together
11:30 AM-1:00 PM Community Free Meal
7:00 PM Book Club

Friday, June 2

3:00—6:00 PM TEFAP Food Distribution

Next Sunday, June 4—Trinity Sunday

8:30 AM Holy Communion
Temple Talk for Articles of Agreement
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal

Recent Attendance:

May 7

In-person: 41 Online: 48 Offering: \$2,355

May 14

In-person: 37 Online: 37 Offering: \$2,105

May 21

In-person: 42 Online: 33 Offering: \$1,305

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 Bible study will occur in June.

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.

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.

Luther Acres Strawberry Festival: Saturday June 3—11:00-1:00—600 East Main Street, Lititz. Food and Raffle

Monthly Ministry Emphasis for May: Lebanon Rescue Mission

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.



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.



*Thank you to all who purchased
Geraniums for our service today:*

William and Beverly Hoffman
given to the Glory of God

Donna Moyer
in memory of Scott Moyer, Horace & Esther Behney,
Frank & Elizabeth Moyer

Dave and Richelle Deysher
In memory of our loved ones

Mike and Sharon Reber—in memory of their parents

Given by Anna Mae Grubb to the Glory of God

Given by Tom and Betsy Nolt
In memory of veterans and to honor those serving

*The altar flowers are given by Donna Rhodes
in memory of all the men and women
who have served our country.*

