

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

June 11, 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

***Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

**For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

P: Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”

God’s mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** Come Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

LBW 475

***Prayer of the Day:**

Please see Celebrate insert

Presentation of New Members

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Roger and Jeannie, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

P: Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

New Members: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us welcome the siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

P: We give you thanks for our new members, Roger and Jeannie whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith.

Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others.



WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

For all readings, please see *Celebrate* insert

First Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:6

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 50:7-15

Read responsively

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the ninth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message

***Hymn of the Day:** Have No Fear, Little Flock LBW 476

***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.**

SENDING

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

***Blessing:**

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C: Amen.

***Closing Hymn:** My Faith Looks up to Thee LBW 479

***Sending:**

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Our worshipping community:

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

June Worship Assistant: Mike DeLong
Today's Lay Reader: Richelle Deysher
Next Sunday's Lay Reader: Anna Mae Grubb
Live Streaming Technician: William Hoffman
Technical Assistant: Beverly Hoffman
Ministers: The people of St. Luke Church

June 4: Attendance in person: 37 Online: 41 Offering: \$2,730

Welcome to St. Luke: Roger and Jeannie Bucy.

June 25—10:30 AM—Combined Service at St. Paul Penryn
Pastor Emmanuel Mchomvu will be presiding

July 9—9:00 AM—Combined Service and breakfast at St. Luke

*The altar flowers are given by
Dean and Sue Hettinger in memory of their
granddaughter Jess and in honor of her birthday.*

This week at St. Luke

Sunday, June 11—Pentecost 2

8:30 AM Service of the Word
9:30 AM Coffee Hour and Agreement Q&A
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal

Monday, June 12

7:00 PM WELCA

Tuesday, June 13

10:00 AM Band Together

Thursday, June 15

10:00 AM Band Together

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

Next Sunday, June 18—Pentecost 3

8:30AM Holy Communion

9:30 AM Coffee Hour and Agreement Q&A

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

NEWS IN OUR PEWS

Thursday morning on Zoom - 10:00 AM 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. Upcoming date is June 29.

Beer & Bible - Gather for drinks & conversation at 6:30 PM. Join us on Thursday, June 15 at St. Paul Penryn in "The Backyard."

Book Club: Next meeting is on Thursday, July 20th at 7:00pm in the Chapel. We will be discussing *Lessons In Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. All are welcome, please contact Richelle Deysher for additional information.

Coffee Hour: Volunteers are needed for coffee hour, held on the second and fourth Sundays following worship. Please see the signup in the narthex.

Disaster Response Review: Pastor Glenn Beard and those who participated in the most recent disaster response mission trip will be gathering to tell their stories and show photos from their trip on Sunday, June 11th, in the Community Room at Luther Acres, 600 E. Main Street, Lititz, beginning at 6:30 PM

June - Monthly Ministry Emphasis: Spang Crest

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Raffle for Barnstormers Tickets: Raffle—Sunday, June 18.

Musical Arts at St. Luke: Please contact Betsy Nolt if you have a musical gift that you would like to share at a worship service during the summer months.

June - Monthly Ministry Emphasis: Spang Crest

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

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.

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