

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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June 18, 2023—Third Sunday after Pentecost

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.

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 forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** Lord, You give the great Commission
WOV 756

Blessing of Fathers and Men Who Nurture Children

On this Father's Day, let us recognize that examples of men fathering children vary. There are those who father children in the usual way, those who adopt, those who assume guardianship, those who foster, and those who nurture children as neighbors, as Scout Leaders, as well as teachers in our schools and Sunday Schools. May the men please rise that we may thank God for you and ask his continued blessings on you.

Let us pray. Gracious God, in love you have given us the gift of men who father us. Grant to each of them your power and grace. Strengthen them in their fathering with kindness and understanding, with compassion and joy. Endow them with wisdom and knowledge so that they might teach their and other children how to live and how to love; how to seek and pursue that which is right and true; how to turn away from all that is hurtful and wrong. Deepen their own faith that they might instill in their children a love for you that will sustain and keep them their whole life long. We ask this in Jesus' name:
C: Amen.

***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: Exodus 19:2-8a

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 100 Read responsively

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

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 9:35-10:8 [9-23]**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



The Message

Hymn of the Day: What Wondrous Love is This LBW 385

***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: God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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:

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.
You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor,
one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus (Holy, Holy Holy)



Eucharistic Prayer:

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

P: The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath.

C: We praise you, O God.

P: Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness;
out of exile;
into the future.

C: We bless you, O God.

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner;
among the poor;
with us now.

C: We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table,
and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.


Blessing, praise, and thanks to you,
holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

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: All people are called to Christ's table.

Come, eat what is good.

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: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

***Blessing:**

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed

✠ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C: Amen.

***Closing Hymn:** Stand up, stand up for Jesus LBW 389

***Sending:**

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Our worshipping community:

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

Ministers: The People of St. Luke Church

June Worship Assistant: Mike DeLong

Lay Reader: Anna Mae Grubb

Next Sunday's Lay Reader: Service at St. Paul Penryn

Live Streaming Technician: William Hoffman

Technical Assistant: Beverly Hoffman

The altar vases are presented by Donna Rhodes in memory of her husband Alfred.

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.

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 sign up in the narthex.

Fountain Park Services— 7/16—Brothers in Grace and 7/23 Teen Challenge—7:00 PM—rain location St. Paul's UCC.

June - Monthly Ministry Emphasis: Spang Crest

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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.

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

This week at St. Luke

Sunday, June 18—Pentecost 3

8:30 AM Holy Communion
9:30 AM Coffee Hour and Agreement Q&A
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal

Monday, June 19

6:30 PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 20

10:00 AM Band Together

Wednesday, June 21

9:00-2:00 PM LWR Quilting

Thursday, June 22

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

Next Sunday, June 25—Pentecost 4

10:30 AM Combined Service at St. Paul Penryn
Pastor Emmanuel Mchomvu will be presiding
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal

July 9—9:00 AM

Special combined service, meeting, and breakfast at St. Luke

Last Week—June 11

Attendance: In-person: 37 Online: 36 Offering: \$1,755

Prayers for:

Those who are ill, recovering, or shut-in, especially:

John Adams, Marilyn Adams, Claudia Addison, Brenda 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 Lesher, 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 Bishops: James S. Dunlop and Elizabeth Eaton and their 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.

