

**Worshiping Together**  
**St. Luke Lutheran Church**  
**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

July 23, 2023

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
Contemporary Service of the Word  
9:00 AM



St. Luke 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**

\*stand as you are able

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events and links to our online worship services.

Direct access:

Facebook is at [www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran](https://www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran), or  
on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/@stlukeschaefferstownpa](https://www.youtube.com/@stlukeschaefferstownpa)

## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

### Welcome and Announcements

#### **Gathering Song:** Come Worship The Lord (Psalm 95)

CCLI Song # 17511—John Michael Talbot. 1980 Troubadour For The Lord Music (admin. in the U.S. by Music Services and elsewhere in the world by Capitol CMG Publishing).

#### Chorus

Come worship the Lord  
For we are His people  
The flock that He shepherds  
Alleluia

#### Verse 1

Come let us sing to the Lord  
And shout with joy to the Rock who saves us  
Let us come with thanksgiving  
And sing joyful songs to the Lord

#### Bridge

The Lord is God the mighty God  
The great King o'er all other gods  
He holds in His hands the depths of the earth  
And the highest mountains as well  
He made the sea it belongs now to Him  
The dry land too was formed by His hand

#### Verse 2

Come let us bow down and worship  
Bending the knee before the Lord our Maker  
For we are His people  
We are the flock that He shepherds

**Call to Worship and Prayer:**

P: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

**C: So God seeks and saves the lost.**

P: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

**C: So God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.**

P: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

**C: So God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.**

P: Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

**C: Let us receive, welcome, and rejoice over one another in the name of God's love incarnate,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**



**\*Opening Song: Lord I Lift Your Name On High**

CCLI Song # 117947—Rick Founds. 1989 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.)

**Verse 1:**

Lord, I lift Your name on high, Lord I love to sing Your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us.

**Chorus:**

You came from heaven to earth, To show the way  
From the earth to the cross, My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high

**Verse 2:**

Lord, we come before your throne,  
Bowed in humble adoration.  
We're so glad to be your own, so we sing in Exaltation.  
(Chorus)

**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 the *Celebrate* insert

**WORD**

**God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song**

For all readings, please see the *Celebrate* insert

**First Reading:** Isaiah 44:6-8

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm** Psalm 86:11-17

Read responsively

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:12-25

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

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

**\*Gospel:** Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Message**

**\*Song of the Day: Give Thanks**

CCLI Song # 20285. Henry Smith, 1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (Admin. by Integrity Music)

**Chorus**

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son

**Verse**

And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us

**Ending**

Give thanks

**\*Apostles' Creed**

P: Let us confess our faith in 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 Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

**\*Offertory Song:** You Satisfy the Hungry Heart      WOV 711

**Offertory 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.**

P: This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

**C: Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. 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 Song: Blessed Be Your Name**

CCLI Song # 3798438. Beth and Matt Redman. 2002 Thankyou Music  
(Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus (after verse 2 and 4)

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

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### Verse 3

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

### Verse 4

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

### Bridge (after Pre-Chorus—sung after verse 4)

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

### **\*Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace. Share the harvest!

**C:** Thanks be to God!

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Welcome and thank you to Rev. Elaine Dent  
for supplying as our Pastor this morning.

**Our Worshiping Community:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Angela Hammer      **Minister of Music:** Linda Holt  
**Cont. Worship Team:** Linda Holt and Todd Snyder  
**Ministers:** The People of St. Luke and St. Paul

**July Worship Assistant:** Sue DeLong

**Lay Reader:** Linda Holt      **LR for August 6:** Faith Thunberg

**Live Streaming Technician:** William Hoffman

**Live Streaming Assistant:** Beverly Hoffman

**This week at St. Luke**

**Sunday, July 23—Pentecost 8**

9:00 AM      Contemporary Service of the Word

10:00 AM      Coffee Hour

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

**Tuesday, July 25**

10:00 AM      Band Together

**Thursday, July 27**

10:00 AM      Band Together

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

**Next Sunday, July 30—Pentecost 9**

9:00 AM      Combined Service at St. Paul in Penryn

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

*Be Welcome...  
and Worship  
with Us!*

## NEWS IN THE PEWS

**Altar Flowers:** The altar flowers for today are presented by Diane Kurtz in memory of husband Bill.



**New Email:** Pastor Angie has a new email address. Please update your contact information for her. Her new work email is: [pastorafshammer@gmail.com](mailto:pastorafshammer@gmail.com)

**Coffee Hour:** Volunteers are needed for coffee hour. Please see the signup sheet in the narthex.



**Fountain Park Service:** July 23—Teen Challenge—7:00 PM—rain location St. Paul's UCC.



**God's Work, Our Hands T Shirt:** see form in back of sanctuary. Cost is covered. Due date for order is July 30th.

**God's work.  
Our hands.**

**History Books:** St. Luke History—\$20.00. Contact Anna Mae Grubb 717-273-7035 or [mrgrubby@comcast.net](mailto:mrgrubby@comcast.net).

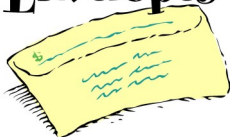


**July - Monthly Ministry Emphasis:**  
TEFAP Emergency Food Assistance

**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.



## Offering Envelopes



**Offering Envelopes:** can be mailed to the church or any St. Luke envelopes placed in a plate at St. Paul's will be given to St. Luke.

**Thursday Meal Team Workers Needed:** September and October are St. Luke's turn to staff the Thursday Free Noon Meals. Volunteers are needed, whether you can serve for one time or for all of them. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the chapel with dates and times noted. Thanks to all who are able to participate in this community outreach!

*Give*  
**THANKS**  
WITH A GRATEFUL  
**HEART** 1 Thessalonians 5:18



We are the church—together!

## *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 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 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.

