

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

August 20, 2023

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Communion

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**

WOV—With One voice— blue hymnal

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship—green hymnal

* stand as you are able

On our website (stlukelutheran.org), you can find current events and links to our
online worship services.

Direct access:

Facebook is at www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran, or on YouTube:
www.youtube.com/@stlukeschaefferstownpa

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: My Faith Looks Up To Thee LBW 479**

***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 First and Second Lesson and Psalm readings, please see the Celebrate insert

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 67

Read responsively

Ministry of Music: Hymn of Heaven

Kaitlynn and Kaylinda Weaver, vocal duet

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: Matthew 15:[10-20], 21-28**

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

***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*)

C: Amen.

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

***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)**

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.

***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.

P: 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:

C: 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)**



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.

Music during the distribution: "In the Morning".

***Communion Blessing:**

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***Prayer after Communion:**

P: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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:** Faith of our Fathers LBW 500

***Sending:**

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Welcome and thank you to Rev. Cliff Eshbach
for supplying as our Pastor this morning.

Our worshipping community:

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

Ministers: The People of St. Luke and St. Paul

August Worship Assistant: Mike DeLong

Today's Lay Reader: Nicholas Kneller **Lay Reader for August 27:** Donna Moyer

Live Streaming Technician: William Hoffman **Technical Assistant:** Beverly Hoffman

Recent Attendance:

August 6

In person: 54

August 13

In person: 49

This week at St. Luke

Sunday, August 20—Pentecost 12

9:00 AM Joint Service of Holy Communion at St. Luke

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

Monday, August 21

6:30 PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 22

10:00 AM Band Together

Thursday, August 24

10:00 AM Band Together

11:00 AM Newsletter collating

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

Next Sunday, August 27—Pentecost 13

8:30 AM Contemporary Service of the Word

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

Reminder: The service times next week return to: 8:30 St. Luke 10:30 St. Paul

Due to John's August seminary class schedule, office hours this week are:
8/23, 8/24, 8/26 – in office.

NEWS IN OUR PEWS

Annual Lecture Series: Congregation Beth Israel Annual Lecture Series presents Shelby Van Pelt, author of *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, the 2023 Lebanon County Reads selection. The lecture will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 8:00PM. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at any Lebanon County Library. If anyone is interested in attending and would like to purchase a ticket please contact Richelle Deysher.



Book Club: Next meeting is on Thursday, September 21st at 7:00pm in the Chapel. We will be discussing *Small Mercies* by Dennis Lehane. All are welcome to join us for a great book discussion.

Coffee Hour: Volunteers are always welcome! Please see sign up in narthex.



Friends of Spang Crest Kauffman's Chicken BBQ: Friday, September 1, 2023 from 2:30-6:00 PM. Price is \$10.00 for half chicken, baked potato, applesauce, roll and butter. Baked goods will be available for sale. Contact Linda Hollinger at 717-808-7338 for tickets.



God's work.
Our hands.

God's Work, Our Hands: Sunday, September 10 we will kick off our annual Diaper Drive and Warmth for Winter. Please bring packages of diapers to church on September 10. These will be distributed through Lebanon County Christian Ministries. More information about Warmth for Winter will be coming soon.

Graduates and Blessing of the Backpacks—Sunday August 27. We will recognize recent graduates and bless backpacks for students returning to school. Recent graduates, please contact the church office by Wednesday with your name, school, degree and future plans.

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

Ministry Emphasis for August: HOINA—Homes of the Indian Nation



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

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!



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 Hennly, 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 Deysler, Tyler Fleagle, Shane Gettler, Steven Ginder, Matthew Plummer, Greg Rucker.

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 Deysler, Elaine Matternas, Scott Rights, and Todd Snyder.

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