

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

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August 27, 2023  
13th Sunday after Pentecost  
Contemporary Service of the Word



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](http://stlukelutheran.org)), you can find current 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: Jesus Messiah

CCLI Song # 5183443—Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves. 2008 Rising Springs Music; Vamos Publishing; worshiptogether.com songs; Wondrously Made Songs.

#### Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

#### Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

#### Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing

#### Bridge

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world

#### Ending

Jesus Messiah  
Lord of all  
The Lord of all  
The Lord of all



**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: Holy Roar**

CCLI Song # 7117455—Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram. 2018 Capitol CMG Paragon; S. D. G. Publishing; Fellow Ships Music; So Essential Tunes

Verse 1

From the earth to the sky

Let it rise let it rise

From the dark into light

Now alive now alive

We are here to lift You up

Here to sing a song of love

Here to give You God what You are worthy of

Chorus 1

A holy roar

Reaching for heaven

Our praise poured out

With a reckless abandon

Our worship God

Is wholly Yours

(We are wholly Yours)

*Song continues on next page*

## Verse 2

Here we stand here we wait  
Have Your way have Your way  
Ev'ry hand in this place  
God we raise God we raise  
We are here to lift You up  
Here to sing a song of love  
Here to give You God what You are worthy of

## Bridge

Forever worthy  
Forever worthy  
Forever worthy is the Lamb who was slain

## Chorus 2

Hear this (to You a) holy roar  
Reaching for heaven  
Our praise poured out  
With a reckless abandon  
Our worship God  
Is wholly Yours  
(We are wholly Yours)

## Ending

All the earth a holy roar  
We're lifting up a holy roar

## **\*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: Isaiah 51:1-6**

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 138** Read responsively

**Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8**

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

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

**\*Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Message**

**\*Hymn: One Bread, One Body** WOV 710

**\*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.

**Recent Graduates and Backpack Blessing:**

P: The 2022 graduate within our congregation is: David Dysher

P: If present, please come forward and all students returning to school.

Let us ask God, the source of all wisdom and knowledge, to bless this graduate and all who seek to continue their academic journeys as students and teachers.

For students as they begin this school year that the Spirit of God may grant them the gifts of wisdom and understanding, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: For teachers, that they may share their knowledge with gentleness, patience, and concern for their students, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

For those who seek knowledge of the things of this world, that they may always pursue God's wisdom, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

For parents, the first teachers of their children, that their faith and love may be an example to us always, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: Lord God, your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways. Look upon them and bless them in their endeavors. Let these graduates and students enjoy their tasks, and take delight in new discoveries. Help them recognize that all of life is a classroom. Give them the desire to learn and do all things well. Grant that these, your baptized children, follow the example of Jesus Christ, who is for us the way, the truth, and the life, forever and ever. Let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: All these things we ask you nurturing God in the power of Jesus.

**C: 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:** The Rock  
CCLI Song # 4195724, Michael Neale, 2003, 2007 Integrity's Praise! Music

Verse 1

Your powerful hand is upon me  
To live in the light of Your Word  
Fear turns to faith in the arms of Your grace  
In Your love I'm so secure

Verse 2

The winds and the waves may be raging  
So on You I will fix my eyes  
Storms have no choice  
At the sound of Your voice  
I know that Your peace will be mine

Chorus

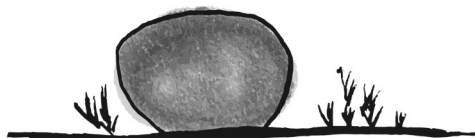
('Cause) You are the Rock that I will stand on  
You are the Hope I hold on to  
You are my Source of life my Source of strength  
I will build my life on You

Verse 3

Your Presence is ever around me  
Like the sun pouring out of the sky  
No greater love under heaven above  
To You I abandon my life

Bridge

My Rock my Fortress  
Defender and Guide  
My Hope my Shelter



**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:**

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 Song:** Forever

CCLI Song # 3148428; Chris Tomlin. 2001 Rising Springs Music; Vamos Publishing; worshiptogether.com songs

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord  
Our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

Verse 2

With a mighty hand  
And an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

Pre-Chorus

Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever forever

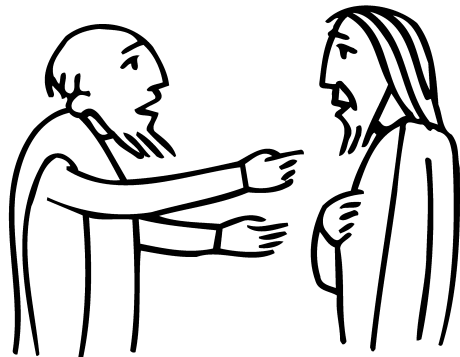
Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God  
We will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

**\*Dismissal**

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

**C:** Thanks be to God!



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### **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 Church

**August Worship Assistant:** Mike DeLong

**Lay Reader:** Donna Moyer      **Next Sunday's LR:** Dolly Fasnacht

**Live Streaming Technician/Assistant:** William Hoffman and Beverly Hoffman

### **Last Week – August 20**

**Worship Attendance:** In-person: 52    Online views: 48

### **New office hours:**

Due to John's new seminary class schedule, the office will be open on  
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

*WELCOME BACK PASTOR ANGIE!*

*The altar flowers are given to welcome back Pastor Angie.  
We appreciate you!*

## This week and beyond at St. Luke

### Sunday, August 27—Pentecost 13

8:30 AM Contemporary Service of the Word  
9:30 AM Coffee Hour  
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal

### Tuesday, August 29

10:00 AM Band Together  
11:00 Worship and Music

### Thursday, August 31

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

### Friday, September 1

2:00-6:00 PM Spang Crest BBQ  
3:00-6:00 PM TEFAP

### Next Sunday, September 3—Pentecost 14

8:30 AM Holy Communion  
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal

### Tuesday, September 5

10:00 AM Band Together

### Wednesday, September 6

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, September 7

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

### Saturday, September 9

9:00 AM Saturday Morning Text Study at St. Luke

### Sunday, September 10—Pentecost 15

8:30 AM Service of the Word —God's Work, Our Hands  
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal

## 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.

### **Bible Studies:**

**Thursday morning ZOOM Bible Study:** September 14 & 28 at 10:00 AM.

**Beer & Bible:** Thursday, September 21 at 6:30 PM. Location to be determined.



**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.

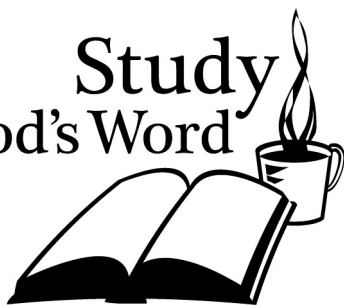
**History Books:** St. Luke History—\$20.00. Contact Anna Mae Grubb 717-273-7035 or [mrgrubby@comcast.net](mailto:mrgrubby@comcast.net).

**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](mailto:pastorafshammer@gmail.com)



**Study  
God's Word**



**NEW – Saturday morning theology and text study.**

This will be a combined time of learning and discussion with members of the Penryn congregation. We will meet the first Saturday of the month, rotating our meeting location and our topics of discussion. Join us **Saturday, September 9 at 9:00am at St. Luke.** Our topic this session will be “Why Confession is Important”. Bring a breakfast snack to share. Coffee and drinks will be provided.

**Party with a purpose**—Saturday, September 30 from 5:00-8:00 PM at Camp Kirchenwald Enjoy dinner and live entertainment plus silent and live auctions as well as giveaways. The evening is free, all we ask is a donation at the end of the night in the amount of your choice. This year's focus is a fleet of new mountain bikes! Thanks to the Elizabethtown Mountain Bike Team, camp has great new trails on which to ride, but our aged and well used bikes are not up to the challenge. Help us get kids on bikes to enjoy the new trails! This is an adult event. Childcare is provided, please let us know if you would like to utilize this service. Questions? Call 717-677-8211.

Scan this QR code to register for the event.



Cannot attend but would still like to donate?  
Scan this QR code to contribute to the fundraiser.



### 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!



**Yes, you can sing!** That means you can join the choir and share your musical gifts. Choir rehearsals resume on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 PM. Contact Linda Holt for more information.



## *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 Deysner, 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 Deysner, Elaine Matternas, Scott Rights, and Todd Snyder.

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

