

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

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September 3, 2023

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Communion



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

**Prelude:** Be Thou My Vision

Flautists: Emily Holt and Wendy Schmehl

### Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be God,

the one who forms us,

✠ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

**C: Steadfast and faithful God,  
you have revealed the ways of justice,  
yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused,  
known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;**

**in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ,

God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.

God's compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn: God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens**

**LBW 463**

**\*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**

The scriptures are printed on the Celebrate insert

**First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21**

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 26:1-8** Read responsively

**Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21**

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

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

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

**\*Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Message**

**Hymn of the Day:** The King of Love My Shepherd Is LBW 456

**\*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 power, God of plenty,  
all things belong to you.  
We bring your gifts to the table,  
that all might be fed.  
Form us into the body of your Beloved,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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,

## \*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)**

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us." The second staff continues the melody with the same lyrics. The third staff continues with the lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;". The fourth staff concludes with the lyrics: "grant us peace, grant us peace." The music ends with a double bar line.

**\*Invitation to Communion:**

P: Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

**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:** Grace Greater Than Our Sin

**\*Communion Blessing:**

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

**C: Amen.**

**\*Prayer after Communion:**

P: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.

Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied.

In Jesus' name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**\*Blessing:**

P: The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn:** Leaning on the Everlasting Arms WOV 780

**\*Sending:**

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** On Christ, the Solid Rock I Stand

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**Our worshipping community:**

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

**Ministers:** The People of St. Luke

**September Worship Assistant:** Sue DeLong

**Today's Lay Reader:** Dolly Fasnacht    **Lay Reader for September 10:** Richelle Deysher

Attendance—August 27      In person: 29      Online: 34      Offering: \$990

Office will be closed on Labor Day, but open Wed-Fri this week.

**This week at St. Luke**

**Sunday, September 3—Pentecost 14**

8:30 AM      Service of 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

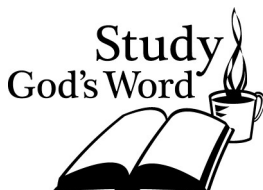
**Saturday, September 9**

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



**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 this **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.

## 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 at the Franklin House.



**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.



**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 September:** Domestic Violence Shelter

**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.

**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 717-677-821 QR codes are located on the table in the narthex.

## *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, 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.

